

# July Diary 2009

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## Vicar's July jottings

For some time I've been receiving information from Simon Guillebaud in Burundi (some of you have heard him speak at New Wine). You can read all about our July programme in the diary that follows (including St Saviour's Centenary and the visit of Jon & Jo Parsons from Turning Point), but these excerpts from Simon's latest letter brought a lump to my throat and a challenge to my heart – I wonder if you will feel the same...

*I've just preached my last sermon in Burundi. The journey's over - but Burundi still beats in my blood! I'm not prone to nostalgia or excessive introspection, but my sermon on Abram's call allowed me briefly to look back at the incredible joy of living dangerously for Jesus in this precious land. It's just over a decade ago that I arrived, having left behind family, friends, career, security, etc. I'd had most of my money stolen in Rwanda, got mugged on my first day by street kids, didn't know where I'd work, listened to regular shooting and grenades/ shells going off, and with only a few hundred dollars in the world was believing and acting on what God said to Abram: "Leave (everything) and go (where) I will show you." Well, true to His Word, He showed me alright*

*I never thought I'd reach the age of thirty. I never thought I'd have the chance to get married and make babies. Friends died. I nearly did - many times. And if I had, I'd be celebrating right now and having a whole lot more fun than even this 'life to the full' that I am currently enjoying.*

*My biggest lesson? Everything's a gift. My roaring untamed Saviour Jesus; my faithful, fun and feisty wife Lizzie; my gorgeous two and a half children, our supportive families and friends; Burundian brothers and sisters who raise the bar to what is possible if we embrace a costly cross; freedom to be who we are created to be; health, daily bread, education; your prayers and financial support; hope - both now and eternal. The list goes on. But I encourage you to take stock right now, because grateful people make happy people, and yet most of us spend way too much time moaning about how hard our lot in life is.*

*The Lord continues to do incredible things in Burundi, and it's such a privilege and joy to be a part of. He has truly done 'immeasurably more than all I could ask for or imagine' over the last decade, and long may it continue. It blows my mind to review what has happened (just the fact that we are now living in peace, however fragile it is), and all glory goes to Him.*

*If you want to experience 'The Adventure of Calling', like Abram, you have to COME: **C**laim God's promises / **O**bey God's instructions / **M**aintain faith in God's leading / **E**mbrace risks for God's glory.*

*So, if you COME to Jesus, "if you abandon everything to Him, and come when He says, "Come," then He will continue to say, "Come," through you. You will go out into the world reproducing the echo of Christ's "Come," That is the result in every soul who has abandoned all and come to Jesus. Have I come to Him? Will I come now?"*

*Here's to reproducing that echo!*

Nick Grew

Date & Day	Time	Details	Venue
1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	1.45-2.45pm	Intercessors for Healing	Holy Trinity Upper Room
	7.30-9.00pm	Lighthouse	Holy Trinity Church Hall
	8.00pm	Wardens Meeting	Trinity House
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	12noon	'Not So Young'	Kings House Coffee Shop
	1.15-2.45pm	Parent & Toddler Group	Holy Trinity Church Hall
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Coffee Room

<b>5<sup>th</sup>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>
<b>Trinity 5</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Family Service: Brownie's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>
	<b>9.45am</b>	<b>20:20 Church</b>	<b>St Saviour's Church</b>
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Evening Hour: F &amp; W – Brian Appleton</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>

6 <sup>th</sup> Monday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
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7 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	8.00pm	Monthly Prayer meeting led by Nick Grew	Holy Trinity Church
8 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	1.45-2.45pm	Intercessors for Healing	Holy Trinity Upper Room
	7.30-9.00pm	Lighthouse	Holy Trinity Church Hall
9 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	1.15-2.45pm	Parent & Toddler Group	Holy Trinity Church Hall
11 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Coffee Room
	3.30-5.30pm	<b>Messy Church</b>	<b>St Saviour's Church/Hall</b>

<b>12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY</b> <i>Trinity 5</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>United Hands Free : Jon &amp; Jo Parsons -</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>
		<b>Turning Point Trust followed by extended coffee time in HT Hall</b>	
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>

13 <sup>th</sup> Monday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	8.00pm	PCC Meeting	Holy Trinity Church Hall
14 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	8.00pm	Men's Curry Club	Khyber Pass, Knaphill
15 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion : Mark 5:21-43	St Saviour's Church
	1.45-2.45pm	Intercessors for Healing	Holy Trinity Upper Room
	7.30-9.00pm	Lighthouse (last)	Holy Trinity Church Hall
16 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	12.30-2.30pm	'Lunch with Others'	Brookwood Memorial Halls
	1.15-2.45pm	Parent & Toddler Group (last)	Holy Trinity Church Hall
18 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Coffee Room
	10am-12.30pm	Messy Church Café	St Saviour's Church
	10am-7pm	Flower Festival / Art & Photographic Exhib	St Saviour's Church & Hall
	5.30-7.30pm	BBQ	St Saviour's Church Hall
	7.00pm	Brookwood's Got Talent!	St Saviour's Church Hall

<b>19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY</b> <i>Trinity 6</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Hands Free Holy Communion</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Centenary Service</b>	<b>St Saviour's Church</b>
	11.30am-7pm	Flower Festival / Art & Photographic Exhib	St Saviour's Church & Hall
	3-5pm	Sunday Strawberry Tea	St Saviour's
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Evening Hour: F &amp; W – Nigel Stirzaker</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>



20 <sup>th</sup> Monday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
21 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
22 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	1.45-2.45pm	Intercessors for Healing	Holy Trinity Upper Room
23 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday		<b>Church Office Closed until Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	
	8.45am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church
25 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Coffee Room

<b>26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY</b> <i>Trinity 7</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Hands Free &amp; Baptism of Keira &amp; Lauren Beauchamp</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Morning Service</b>	<b>St Saviour's Church</b>
	11.15am	<b>Morning Prayer &amp; Baptism Phoebe Searle</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Healing Holy Communion / Eve Hour</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>

27 <sup>th</sup> Monday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
28 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
29 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	1.45-2.45pm	Intercessors for Healing	Holy Trinity Upper Room
30 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church