

May Diary 2009

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Vicar's May jottings

On Maundy Thursday I was reflecting upon the interchange between Jesus and Peter as he washed the disciple's feet. Peter first of all resisted Jesus serving him and then, when Jesus made it clear that there was no option if he was to remain a disciple, Peter tried to take control of what Jesus was doing and demanded a full wash; a request Jesus also rejected! I noted that, no matter how much we may want to control our salvation, at its core we are wholly dependent upon the work of Jesus and the grace of God.

The model Jesus was setting for his disciples, then and now, was one of service and it's embedded in the example he gave and the Spirit he subsequently sent. We are all equipped to serve, the key questions are will we accept actively our gifting from Jesus and will we receive from others actively their gifting. As the song puts it...

Brother, sister let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you.

Pray that I will have the grace to let you be my servant, too

One of our Mission targets is to enable people to discern and apply spiritual gifts. To that end we've been liaising with ChristChurch, Woking over a course they run for this purpose which they call "The Servant Course". To learn well from them, we've asked them to run a course here, just as they would in their own church, on a Friday evening and Saturday daytime. The numbers are limited to about 16 so we've invited a range of people to help us gain better insight and grow our capacity to run it for ourselves as suits best our church situation. Maybe as early as this Autumn, we hope to begin our own programme.

With Pentecost at the end of this month it's good to remind ourselves that this festival was not the spiritual equivalent of bonfire night with lots of exciting fireworks but nothing to show in the morning. Jesus told the disciples to go nowhere without the power of the Holy Spirit. I like how the Anglican Renewal Movement strap-line put it, "Mending Nets, Overturning Tables, Fanning Flames".

The pouring out of the Spirit is a life-force that daily equips us as Christians for service in the body of Christ. From toe-nail to teeth, from shoulder to shin, we are all called and equipped as components of the Body of Christ to fulfil our part for and with one another. I recall a humorous grace which ran, "Lord, let us not be like porridge stiff and hard to stir, but let us be like corn flakes, crisp and ready to serve." Let us pray for a fresh stirring on the Spirit this Pentecost and then be the more ready to serve!

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Date & Day	Time	Details	Venue
3rd SUNDAY <i>Easter 4</i>	8.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity Church
	9.30am	Intergen	Holy Trinity Church
	9.45am	20:20 Church	St Saviour's Church
	6.30pm	Evening Hour	Holy Trinity Church
Bank Holiday Monday			
5 th Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	8.00pm	Monthly Prayer Meeting <i>led by Andy Harris</i>	Holy Trinity Church
6 th Wednesday	2.15-3.15pm	Intercessors for Healing	HT Church, via Vestry
	7.30-9.00pm	Lighthouse	Holy Trinity Church Hall
7 th 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
9 th Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Coffee Room
9th Saturday	3.30-5.30pm	Messy Church	St Saviour's Church/Hall

10th SUNDAY <i>Easter 5</i>	9.30am	Hands Free	Holy Trinity Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Saviour's Church
	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	6.30pm	Evening Worship	Holy Trinity Church
11 th Monday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	8.00pm	PCC Meeting	Holy Trinity Church Hall
12 th Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	8.00pm	Men's Curry Club	Khyber Pass, Knaphill
13 th Wednesday	2.15-3.15pm	Intercessors for Healing	HT Church, via Vestry
	7.30-9.00pm	Lighthouse	Holy Trinity Church Hall
14 th Thursday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	1.15-2.45pm	Parent & Toddler Group	Holy Trinity Church Hall
15 th Friday		Church Office Closed	
16 th Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Coffee Room
17th SUNDAY <i>Easter 6</i>	9.30am	Hands Free Holy Communion with John Wheatley - FEBC	Holy Trinity Church
	10.30am	Intergen	St Saviour's Church
		No 11.15am Service @ Holy Trinity	
	5.00 for 5.45pm	Local Training Group Presentation	St Saviour's Church
18 th Monday		Church Office Closed	
	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
19 th Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
20 th Wednesday	2.15-3.15pm	Intercessors for Healing	HT Church, via Vestry
	7.30-9.00pm	Lighthouse	Holy Trinity Church Hall
21 st Thursday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	*10.30am	Ascension Day Holy Communion	St Saviour's Church
	1.15-2.45pm	Parent & Toddler Group	Holy Trinity Church Hall
	12.30-2.30pm	'Lunch with Others'	Brookwood Memorial Halls
	8.00pm	Ascension Day Holy Communion @	Knaphill Baptist Church
23 rd Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Coffee Room
24th SUNDAY <i>Easter 7</i>	9.30am	Hands Free	Holy Trinity Church
	10.30am	Morning Service & Baptism Emily Dowsett	St Saviour's Church
	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	6.30pm	Healing Holy Communion	Holy Trinity Church
27 th Monday		Bank Holiday - Church Office Closed until Thursday 28th	
26 th Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	9.30am-12noon	Holiday Club – Seaside Rock!	Holy Trinity Church/Hall
27 th Wednesday	9.30am-12noon	Holiday Club – Seaside Rock!	Holy Trinity Church/Hall
	2.15-3.15pm	Intercessors for Healing	HT Church, via Vestry
28 th Thursday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	9.30am-12noon	Holiday Club – Seaside Rock!	Holy Trinity Church/Hall
29 th Friday	9.30am-12noon	Holiday Club – Seaside Rock!	Holy Trinity Church/Hall
30 th Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Coffee Room
31st SUNDAY <i>Pentecost</i>	9.30am	Holiday Club Service	Holy Trinity Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Saviour's Church
	6.30pm	Evening Hour	Holy Trinity Church

* Holy Communion @ StS this month is on the 3rd Thursday instead of 3rd Wednesday because of Ascension Day