

# September Diary 2008

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## Vicar's September jottings

Today I wrote in my journal, "The most unchanging thing in heaven and earth is the character of God". I've been thinking about that a lot recently. What are the implications for me and for us, God's people if God is God from everlasting to everlasting, if all his promises are true and are 'yes' in Christ, and if the Spirit in our hearts makes that real for now and guarantees it for the future?

I want to grasp more fully that whatever happens to me, however it looks from my perspective, God's character hasn't changed – he is still holy, merciful and loving; the work of Jesus is still real – his death is still potent to save and his resurrection gives me life over death; and the Holy Spirit hasn't walked out so I am connected intimately with The Father & equipped with every good thing.

"No guilt in life, no fear in death" says the song. I've loved studying the life of David over the Summer, and we've still a couple of events to look at. The account of David and Bathsheba will be the final event. When God says that David is a man after his own heart, I think of David's straightforwardness and passion. For David, this unchanging God was part of every domain of his life from jumping over a wall, to dancing before the Ark, to planning a temple.

Even when David gets it horribly wrong and Nathan brings him God's rebuke and punishment, David's understanding of God's character doesn't waver. He repents and mourns for his child with a passion that frightens his servants. But once the child dies, David gets up and gets on. Certainly there are consequences to face, but he trusts in God and also discovers the grace of a God who adopts Solomon, the first child from his marriage with Bathsheba, to be the heir to the throne!

"No guilt in life, no fear in death". This is not arrogance but an attitude we can all know because of the unchanging character of God. Let's live that way and grow in confidence to share this amazing reality with as many people as we can by making the most of Harvest, Alpha, Back to Church Sunday... and every activity, conversation or encounter God brings across our path!

**Nick Grew**

### **Advance Information – Vision Presentations**

On Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup> there will be 2 exciting opportunities to come and get hold of our renewed church Mission and Vision: 11.00am at St Saviour's and 5.00pm at Holy Trinity. This is for everyone. You will all receive personal invitations but please put this date in your diary now.

<b>Date &amp; Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Venue</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	8.00pm	Monthly Prayer meeting <i>led by Nick &amp; Bonnie</i>	Holy Trinity Church
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	10.00am	Prayer meeting	St Saviour's Church
	2.15-3.15pm	Sick Intercessors Group	HT Church, via Vestry
	5.30-7.00pm	Prayer for Hope 08	St Saviour's Church
	8.00pm	Wardens Meeting	Trinity House
4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	12 noon	Not-so-Young	Holy Trinity Coffee Room

6 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Upper Room
<b>7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>
<u>Trinity 16</u>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>All Together</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</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> Monday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	8.00pm	Standing Committee meeting	61 Percheron Drive
9 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
10 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	10.00am	Prayer meeting	St Saviour's Church
	2.15-3.15pm	Sick Intercessors Group	HT Church, via Vestry
	5.30-7.00pm	Prayer for Hope 08	St Saviour's Church
	7.30-9.00pm	Lighthouse (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Holy Trinity Church Hall
11 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	1.15-2.45pm	Parent & Toddler Group (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Holy Trinity Church Hall
13 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Upper Room
<b>14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Joint Hands Free: Laurence Gamlen CPAS</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>
<u>Trinity 17</u>	<b>10.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion Laurence Gamlen</b>	<b>St Saviour's Church</b>
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Evening Praise</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> Monday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
16 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
17 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion – 2 Samuel 1:1-27	St Saviour's Church
	2.15-3.15pm	Sick Intercessors Group	HT Church, via Vestry
	5.30-7.00pm	Prayer for Hope 08	St Saviour's Church
	7.30-9.00pm	Lighthouse	Holy Trinity Church Hall
18 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	12.30-2.30pm	'Lunch with Others' in Brookwood	B'wood Memorial Halls
	1.15-2.45pm	Parent & Toddler Group	Holy Trinity Church Hall
20 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Upper Room
<b>21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Hands Free Holy Communion</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>
<u>Trinity 18</u>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Intergen</b>	<b>St Saviour's Church</b>
	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Evening Hour</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	8.00pm	PCC Meeting	Holy Trinity Church Hall
23 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
24 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	10.00am	Prayer Meeting	St Saviour's Church
	2.15-3.15pm	Sick Intercessors Group	HT Church, via Vestry
	5.30-7.00pm	Prayer for Hope 08	St Saviour's Church
	7.30-9.00pm	Lighthouse	Holy Trinity Church Hall
25 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	1.15-2.45pm	Parent & Toddler Group	Holy Trinity Church Hall
27 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Upper Room
<b>28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Joint Hands Free Harvest</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>
<u>Trinity 19</u>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Harvest Service</b>	<b>St Saviour's Church</b>
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Healing Holy Communion</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>
29 <sup>th</sup> Monday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
30 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church