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# TEAM BUILDERS

A SCRIPTURE UNION HOLIDAY CLUB PROGRAMME



**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH**

**SMASH CLUB**

**29<sup>TH</sup> JULY - 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2019**



## **David – a man after God’s own heart**

Dear Friends,

In our evening services, we have been looking at the life of David, as recorded in I Samuel. It is the stage when David knew that he was a future king of Israel, having already been anointed (in faith) as king by the prophet Samuel.

David had shown much promise, defeating the giant Goliath in battle and leading successful military campaigns against the Philistines. He was also a musician, playing for King Saul in the palace, and had married one of King Saul’s daughters.

But Saul, jealous of David’s success and fearful that David would become the next king of Israel, sought to kill David. So David found himself on the run.

The situation that David found himself in was thoroughly undeserved. Yet David showed some great qualities during this time of testing, generally (though not always) trusting in God. A number of the Psalms are linked with this period of David’s life, as he sought to follow God in tough times. David is described as a man after God’s own heart (I Samuel 13:14).

In our fallen and broken world, we can often experience difficult and testing times. Sometimes our suffering seems undeserved. A number in our church family are going through such difficult times at present.

What do we do at such times? Where do we turn? We would do well to follow David's example and turn to God. Psalm 27 is helpful to read at such times. David knew the need to focus on God, when under attack.

Verse 4 says:

*One thing have I asked of the LORD,  
that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD  
and to enquire in his temple.*

Jesus himself was an ancestor of King David. Jesus was the ultimate example of undeserved suffering, going to the cross to suffer death in our place – to pay the price, so that we can have a right relationship with God.

Psalm 27 ends with these words (v.14):

*Wait for the LORD;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the LORD!*

As we face the ups and downs of life, we don't have to deal with it all in our own strength. We can wait on God and seek his strength each day, as David did.

Wishing you every blessing,

Nigel

## MISSION OF THE MONTH

**tearfund**

*Following Jesus where the need is greatest*

Tearfund is a Christian charity called to follow Jesus wherever the need is greatest. It works tirelessly to help communities around the world escape the very worst effects of poverty and disaster. They work in over 50 countries alongside local churches and other locally-based organisations to bring whole-person transformation.

Browsing their extensive website [www.tearfund.org](http://www.tearfund.org) or dipping into the current Tear Times (Summer '19) can inform, encourage and challenge us as we consider the issues faced by some worldwide church communities.

A massive 92% of people killed or affected by disasters are in poor countries. Disasters destroy the little that people have and make lives even harder. Tearfund is there to offer the emergency help people need as they go through the hardest moments of their lives. (See Tear Times p.6 'Paul's Cycle for Indonesia')

Tearfund helps communities find long-term solutions to hunger, drought and the lack of opportunity and esteem that keeps them trapped in poverty. By showing people the skills they have at their fingertips, Tearfund helps to unlock their God-given potential....with lifelong results. (See Tear Times p.20 'Rising from the Ruins')





When communities are empowered to overcome poverty, that's precisely what they'll do. Tearfund's church-based partners help people access the material things they need to survive. But they don't stop there. They offer spiritual hope through God, loving the whole person. (See Tear Times

p.26 'A Miraculous Homecoming')

Tearfund tackles the bigger systems that keep people in poverty. Corruption robs the poorest and gives to the richest. Poor farmers struggle to make a living because of environmental damage they didn't cause. So Tearfund mobilises churches at home and abroad to speak out for righteousness and justice. (See Tear Times p.14 'Light it up')

Copies of the Summer Tear Times and other free literature are available in the Welcome Area. Please help yourself!

*Terry Clark*

## **WITH THANKS**

Cynthia and family would like to extend their sincere thanks to the St Michael's Church family for all the love and support received following the sad loss of Bill. The kindness shown has been invaluable.

God bless.

*Nadine Wright*

## **WOMEN @ ST MICHAELS**

**TAKE NOTE:**

### **OUR NEXT EVENTS**

#### **SUMMER PRAYER LUNCH**

Tuesday 16th July 2019 12:00-2:00pm in Church

AND by Special Request but if you have never sampled their food:  
it is a treat in store

#### **WEAVER'S RESTAURANT**

##### **Bocking End**

Booked for September 5th 2019 at 7:00pm.

Watch for an early notice about this.

#### **OUR NEXT SATURDAY SCHOOL**

September 28th 2018 9.00-12.00 in Church House

#### **AUTUMN PRAYER LUNCH**

Thursday October 10th in Church 12:00-2.00 pm.

#### **LAST BUT NOT LEAST IN 2019**

##### **AN EVENING WITH**

##### **ESTHER THORPE**

(Google Origami Est for information and inspiration)

**Venue: St Michaels School Hall**

**Date: Friday November 29th**

**Time: 7.00 - 10.00pm**

**DONT MISS FURTHER DETAILS**

## MEMORIES OF WORLD WAR 2

A big thank you to everyone who has given us memories of the Second World War to help us create a book of memories. I enclose one from Joyce Green. We will be very pleased to receive more, as well as pictures or other artefacts you are willing to loan us.

*Jenny Chapman and Lin Terris*

Joyce Green

I was 11 years old when the 2nd World War began in 1939 and I can remember the terror in our lives it brought. We had bombing, mostly at night, and even while we were at school (the old High School in Coggeshall Road). We had air raids, and had to run to the Air Raid Shelters, while the raid was on.

Two boys in my class were killed by bombing. Dennis Drane, who lived in Rose Hill where I lived, and Sydney James who lived opposite the High School in Coggeshall Rd. Dennis was visiting his Auntie in Cressing with his Mum and Dad one afternoon when a bomb dropped on their bungalow and killed him.

Sydney James was killed when a bomb was dropped opposite the High School while he was asleep in bed.

# JULY DIARY

## 1 Monday

- 5.30pm 4th Braintree Beavers
- 7.30pm Bell Ringing
- 8.00pm Badminton
- 8.00pm White Horse Tavern – Church House
- 8.00pm Christianity Explored

## 2 Tuesday

- 1.15pm Tiddlywinks

## 3 Wednesday

- 5.30pm 4th Braintree Beavers, Cubs & Scouts
- 8.00pm Lifebuilder Bible Study

## 4 Thursday

- 10.00am Coffee@StMichael's
- 7.30pm Rose Hill Bible Study
- 8.00pm Carry on Exploring Bible Study

## 5 Friday

- 5.30pm 4th Braintree Beavers, Cubs & Scouts

## 6 Saturday

- 9.00am Church and Church House work party
- 2-5pm Christianity Explored

## 7 Sunday **3rd after Trinity**

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 10.00am Church Family Worship - What to do? Jesus' urgent and all important call.
- 6.30pm Evening Worship - David: Divine guidance
- 7.30pm Focus

## 8 Monday

- 5.30pm 4th Braintree Beavers
- 7.30pm Bell Ringing
- 8.00pm Badminton
- 8.00pm Christianity Explored (Final session)

## 9 Tuesday **AUGUST LINK SUBMISSION DUE**

- 1.15pm Tiddlywinks

8.00pm First Priority prayer meeting – Church House

### **10 Wednesday**

5.30pm 4th Braintree Beavers, Cubs & Scouts

8.00pm Lifebuilder Bible Study

8.30pm Men@StMichael's beer and chat – Wetherspoons,  
Fairfield Rd

### **11 Thursday**

7.00pm Rose Hill Bible Study

8.00pm Carry on Exploring Bible Study

### **12 Friday**

5.30pm 4th Braintree Beavers, Cubs & Scouts

### **14 Sunday 4th after Trinity**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Morning Worship - Joseph: A test of character

6.30pm Holy Communion - Meditation: Peace be within you

7.30pm Focus

### **15 Monday**

5.30pm 4th Braintree Beavers

7.30pm Bell Ringing

8.00pm Badminton

### **16 Tuesday**

1.15pm Tiddlywinks

### **17 Wednesday**

9.45am Meeting Point Bible Study

5.30pm 4th Braintree Beavers, Cubs & Scouts

8.00pm Lifebuilder Bible Study

### **18 Thursday**

3.30pm ASK

7.30pm Rose Hill Bible Study

8.00pm Carry on Exploring Bible Study

### **19 Friday**

2.00pm Bradbury House Service

5.30pm 4th Braintree Beavers, Cubs & Scouts

**21 Sunday 5th after Trinity**  
8.00am Holy Communion  
10.00am Holy Communion - Joseph: The truth revealed  
6.30pm All-Age Tonight: James and John – “me first”!  
What does it mean to be a servant leader?  
7.30pm Focus

**22 Monday**  
7.30pm Bell Ringing  
8.00pm Badminton

**23 Tuesday**  
1.15pm Tiddlywinks

**24 Wednesday**  
8.00pm Lifebuilder Bible Study

**25 Thursday**  
7.30pm Rose Hill Bible Study  
8.00pm Carry on Exploring Bible Study

**26 Friday**  
7.30pm Flower Club

**28 Sunday 6th after Trinity**  
8.00am Holy Communion  
10.00am Morning Worship – Joseph: God’s good purposes  
6.30pm Evening Worship – David: A terrible decision  
7.30pm Focus

**29 Monday**  
10.00am SMASH CLUB  
7.30pm Bell Ringing  
8.00pm Badminton

**30 Tuesday**  
10.00am SMASH CLUB

**31 Wednesday**  
10.00am SMASH CLUB  
8.00pm Lifebuilder Bible Study

## FROM THE REGISTERS

2<sup>nd</sup> June Baptism of Alfie Pinder

### JULY WALK

Undulating woodland, heathland, streams, a golf course and scenic views of the Chelmer valley combine to make a delightful 5.5mile circular walk around Woodham Walter. A group of us enjoyed this varied walk three years ago in an area that was unfamiliar to some. We felt it was well-worth repeating it so why not join us?

We plan to meet outside The Bell public house (Postcode CM9 6RF) on Saturday 20th July from 1.45 to set off at 2pm. We look forward to your company!



If you have any questions or you wish to share transport just have a word with us.

*Terry and Miriam Clark*

# Church and Church House Working Party

**Saturday 6 July** from 9:00am

Please let Dave Marriott know if you want to make that difference.

## Jobs planned include:

### Church:

- Sorting the muniments room
- Tidying church
- Soundsystem check/tune



### Church House & Garden:

- Clearing out cupboards
- Transportation of rubbish to recycling
- Fencing
- Cleaning and dusting
- Decorating corridors



### Church House:

- Supporting the team with Tea/Coffee
- Lunch catering

## **BIBLE READING GROUP**

You may remember the challenge I put into the church magazine 18 months ago to read through the whole of the Bible, well a group of eight started on January 10<sup>th</sup> last year from Genesis 1 and on April 10<sup>th</sup> this year, we finished by reading Revelation 22. This might sound like a daunting challenge, but it has been a really interesting and enjoyable experience for all involved. Reading large sections of the Bible makes it come alive, reading all of the Sermon on the Mount in one go, the whole of Ruth, or one of the New Testament letters, is not at all like reading a few verses for a bible study, or listening to half a chapter that a sermon is based on.

If you are up for the challenge of reading the entire Bible, whether you have read through it before or not, please get in touch and I'll organise another group. It's not that scary reading aloud, there will probably only be a few of us, and we all have the text in front of us, so the reading does not need to be perfect. If I can get a few readers, I'm also happy to welcome people who just want to listen, or perhaps just listen for a week or two before joining in with the reading.

If we meet for about an hour and a half, every week it will take us approximately 2 years to read through the Bible. We could meet early in the morning, during the day or even after the evening service, whenever is convenient for most people.

*Dave Terris*

## **BELFRY BULLETIN**

### **BELLS RESTORATION UPDATE**

With the faculty approved and taking the Bat restrictions into account we now have a date for the work on the bells to start which is Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 when the bells start to come out and should take one week. Then the frame can be cleaned and repainted before the work has to stop in the bell chamber for the bat restrictions.

Fund raising is coming together helped by a generous donation from the PCC and bell ringing Associations.

If you would like to support the Bells Restoration please contact Bradley Hill or Lin Ould whose contact details are in this magazine. We would be happy to ring a sponsored Quarter Peal to mark a special occasion you would like to celebrate in an unusual manner. Included could be a look at the bells in situ, watch and listen to the Quarter Peal being rung, record the ringing. A print out of the details will be made including your dedication. There should be an example of this on the notice board.

### **FROM THE LOG BOOK**

Before the Service of Evening Worship on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June we rang a very good Quarter Peal of 1260 changes Grandsire Doubles in 42 mins. Ellie Gray 1, Peter Smith 2, Debbie Hill[c] 3, Ellis Whitehouse 4, Simon Ward 5, Vicki Elliot 6. In memory of Ivy Cooper, 85, Ellis's Grandma. Vicki Elliott's 75<sup>th</sup> QP.

*Peter Smith*