# Church Matters! 5 Knowing Christ, making Him known

SGCC = St George's Christian Centre

**August 2019** 

## Welcome to St Giles' and St George's Church

We hope you enjoy the service. We offer many different services and if you would like to know more, please just ask. Additionally if you would like any information or would just like to talk or pray with someone, please speak to the Service Leader or somebody wearing a name badge.

## New appointments

Janine Brims started recently as Finance Leader, reporting to the Parish Manager.

Jaynie Kendall started recently as Leader of Children and Families Ministry, reporting to Sharon Seal and Rev. Nico Ohlsson. Jo Jones will continue in post until her contract ends on 31 August to enable a thorough handover.

Mirkku Ridanpaa has been appointed as Leader of Contemporary Music Ministry and will start on Monday 5 August. She will report to Sharon Seal and Rev. Nico Ohlsson.

For family reasons, Juliet Reed has left the post of Parish Manager. The role will be covered by volunteers from the PCC until the recruitment of a full time Parish Manager is completed.

#### **Rev. Richard Jones** richard.jones@ashteadparish.org

#### **Summer holiday** 'Drop in and Play sessions' 10am - 12 noon on Thursday 1 August, Monday 12 August, Thursday 22 August and **Monday 2 September**

We'll be running drop in and play sessions at the Dell Centre on the dates above. Games, craft, toys and sensory play for pre-school and primary age children, who must be accompanied by an adult. Free, no booking required.

Jo Jones or Jaynie Kendall, 813965 childrensministry@ashteadparish.org

#### Praying Together **Tuesday 3 to Saturday 7 September** 10am - 9pm, Dell Centre

A week to pray together and go deeper with God. A week to explore different ways we can pray.

We'll have different with rooms opportunities to pray in silence, creatively and with others. There will be led sessions with different ways of connecting with God.

Sharon Seal, 813200 sharon.seal@ashteadparish.org

## **Children's group** 9.15am service at St George's

In our service review update letter in July, we mentioned a new opportunity for families to worship at the 9.15am service, with the provision of a new supervised children's group (for up to age 11).

We will start this on 8 September. The group will meet in term time, apart from the 4th Sunday of the month, when children will stay for the whole service.

Please come to the Upper Room at 9.10am, the children will then join their families later in the service for communion.

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#### Summertime Social (over 70) 13, 14 & 15 August 10am - 4pm, SGCC

Would you like to join our 'holiday at home' ? Booking forms are available in both churches or from Jacqui Kershaw.

Jacqui Kershaw, 813200 jacqueline.kershaw@ashteadparish.org

## Flix for adults with a disability

**Saturday 17 August, 2pm, SGCC** Our film this month is **Frozen**.

> Dee Peck, 07759 707872 deempeck@gmail.com

#### Prayer Meeting for Leatherhead Deanery Tuesday 20 August, 7.30 - 9pm St Lawrence Church Hall Effingham, KT24 5NL

Bishop Andrew is visiting each deanery in the Diocese to pray for our shared ministry. You are warmly invited to the prayer meeting at St Lawrence Church Hall in Effingham.

#### Rev. Nico Ohlsson nico.ohlsson@ashteadparish.org

#### Missions Trip to the Beach Wednesday 21 August

A small group of us will be going to help out our Mission partners, Alternatives Trust, who work with vulnerable families in East London. They have an annual outing to the beach for the day which this year will be on Wednesday 21 August. We will drive to meet them at the beach in Essex and have fun with the children and mums, playing and chatting with them. No experience necessary. Please contact Liz if you are interested in joining us.

#### Liz Marlow phil.liz.marlow@btinternet.com



## Raspberry Tea Wednesday 28 August 3-5pm, Dell Centre

Please join us for a delicious tea. Tickets are  $\pounds 7$ ,  $\pounds 3$  for children. Thank you very much for your support and generosity in CA week, we raised  $\pounds 7,526$ . A further  $\pounds 703$  will be available from gift aided donations.

#### Betty Waterhouse waterhouse.betty@virginmedia.com

## Open House Fridays during August 3 - 5pm

The 10am St Giles' Church congregation invites you to open house/garden. All welcome to tea and cakes. Leaflets are available at both churches showing venues, or contact Karen.

#### Karen Goodridge, 270983 k.goodridge@btinternet.com

## Café

The café opens on Wednesday 4 September and we are planning a Macmillan coffee morning for Friday 27 September.

#### Rosie Bennett rclbennett@hotmail.com

#### Evergreen Wednesday 11 September 2.30 - 4.15pm, SGCC

We look forward to welcoming you to an enjoyable afternoon of companionship and a musical afternoon with Charlie, followed by tea, raffle and thought for the day from Trish Brown. Lifts available, for transport call Gill laver 275260

#### Jacqui Kershaw, 813200 jacqueline.kershaw@ashteadparish.org

#### Link Group Thursday 12 September 7.30pm, SGCC

There is no meeting during August, we will start again on 12 September. We have a full programme of talks and activities in the Autumn and offer a very warm welcome. Come along, get involved and join the fun!

#### Gail Arch, 274508

#### Contemplative Prayer Monday 16 September 8pm - 9pm, St Giles'

In August there will not be a led Contemplative prayer time, the next time will be 16 September.

#### Sharon Seal, 813200 sharon.seal@ashteadparish.org

#### **Post-New Wine meeting** Tuesday 17 September, 8pm, SGCC

If you went to New Wine United 19, join us to share some ideas of what we learnt and pray together.

Rev. Nico Ohlsson nico.ohlsson@ashteadparish.org

#### House group leaders meeting Thursday 19 September 8pm, Dell Centre

If you are a house group leader, please come along to our next meeting. It is an important time of fellowship and sharing what is happening in the groups and at Church.

Rev. Nico Ohlsson nico.ohlsson@ashteadparish.org

Sharon Seal, 813200 sharon.seal@ashteadparish.org

#### Theology for Everyone St Mellitus' FaithTrack Thursdays 3 October-28 November 10-12 or 8-10pm, Dell Centre

We are really excited to start a new St Mellitus' College course on Faith!

We will be streaming the teaching from St Mellitus College. During the Autumn term we will be looking at different aspects of Church life in 8 sessions.

We'll have one hour teaching, followed by a 45 minutes discussion in groups. We will do the same course twice every Thursday, once at 10am-12 and we'll repeat it at 8-10pm. Everyone's welcome! Please email me if you'd like to sign up.

#### Rev. Nico Ohlsson nico.ohlsson@ashteadparish.org



#### Holiday Club 28 - 30 October

Preparations are underway

for this year's Holiday Club for primary school age children during October half term.

We would greatly appreciate more offers of help with preparation or at the club, please contact Jo or Jaynie.

Jo Jones or Jaynie Kendall, 813965 childrensministry@ashteadparish.org

### Every Day with Jesus September & October

EDWJ notes will be ready for collection from pigeonholes on Sunday 11 August.

Jean Hampstead, 275983 jean.hampstead@gmail.com

## Flames children's groups - summer update

Our Flames groups for children finished for the summer term on Sunday 21 July and resume on Sunday 8 September. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who have helped run groups over the past year, especially to those who are stepping down at the end of this term. While the Flames groups take a break, there will be supervised activities for children aged 3 upwards at some 10am and 11am services, please see the table below for details.

Date	10am at St Giles'	11am at St George's
4 Aug	All age service with communion	Morning Worship & activities for children
11 Aug	Morning Worship & activities for children	All age service with communion
18 Aug	Morning Worship & activities for children	Morning Worship & activities for children
25 Aug	All age service	All age service
1 Sept	Communion service & activities for children	Morning Worship & activities for children

#### Jo Jones or Jaynie Kendall, 813965 childrensministry@ashteadparish.org

## **Rector's Sabbatical**

Clergy in the Church of England are encouraged to take a three month sabbatical following a certain number of years of ministry.

With the agreement of the Diocese and PCC, I delayed my sabbatical last year and will be taking the first part of my sabbatical from 14-31 August (following a family holiday) and the remainder from 1 January until mid March 2020.

Consequently, I will be away from work for the month of August, returning on 1 September. Rev. Nico Ohlsson and Sharon Seal will lead the staff team while I am away. I look forward to returning in September.

#### Rev. Richard Jones richard.jones@ashteadparish.org

## St George's Tea & Coffee Team

We serve tea & coffee after the 11am service to build community. The team would welcome people to help for about 30 minutes after the service, around six times per year. Please contact Sandra.

Sandra Harwood sandraharwood@hotmail.co.uk



## **Parish Diary**

## Morning Prayer, weekdays, 9-9.20am, St George's Church

Thursday 1 Aug	Drop in and Play	10am - 12pm	Dell Centre	
Wednesday 7 Aug	Journalling - Prayer Garden Journalling - Prayer Garden	10.30am - 12pm 7.30pm - 9pm	Dell Centre SGCC	
Thursday 8 Aug	Church Community Prayer	8pm - 10pm	SGCC	
Monday 12 Aug	Drop in and Play	10am - 12pm	Dell Centre	
Tuesday 13 Aug	Summertime Social	10am <sup>-</sup> 4pm	SGCC	
Wednesday 14 Aug	Summertime Social Journalling - Prayer Garden Journalling - Prayer Garden	10am - 4pm 10.30am - 12pm 7.30pm - 9pm	SGCC SGCC SGCC	
Thursday 15 Aug	Summertime Social	10am - 4pm	SGCC	
Saturday 17 Aug	Flix for adults with a disability	2pm - 3.30pn	n SGCC	
Sunday 18 Aug	St. Cuthbert's Pilgrimage from 18 to 26 August			
Monday 19 Aug	Contemplative Prayer	8pm - 9pm	St Giles' Church	
Tuesday 20 Aug	Kingfisher Activity Week Praying with our Bishop	12am - 12pm 7.30pm - 9pm		
Wednesday 21 Aug	Kingfisher Activity Week Journalling - Prayer Garden Journalling - Prayer Garden	12am - 12pm 10.30am - 12pm 7.30pm - 9pm	SGCC Dell Centre Dell Centre	
Thursday 22 Aug	Kingfisher Activity Week Drop in and Play Church Community Prayer	12am - 12pm 10am - 12pm 8pm - 10pm	SGCC Dell Centre SGCC	
Tuesday 27 Aug	Police Surgery	10am - 11am	SGCC	
Wednesday 28 Aug	Journalling - Prayer Garden Raspberry Tea - Christian Aid Journalling - Prayer Garden	10.30am - 12pm 3pm - 5pm 7.30pm - 9pm	Dell Centre Dell Centre Dell Centre	
Thursday 29 Aug	Church Community Prayer	8pm - 10pm	SGCC	



## Church

The outreach activities taking place during August to connect with our community, including Summertime Social for the elderly, Kingfishers week and the drop in and play sessions for families. Please pray for all who are leading these programmes and for all who will attend.

All who are attending Christian festivals, including New Wine and Soul Survivor, that these may be a time of encouragement, spiritual growth and building friendship.

New members of staff (Jaynie, Janine and Mirkku) and for smooth transitions into their roles within the paid ministry team.

Opportunities for spiritual growth during the summer season, especially through the weekly prayer journalling sessions at the Dell centre.

## Community

Rest and refreshment for all who are able to take a break from work, whether away or at home.

All those who will receive exam results this month, especially for guidance when decisions about the future may need to be taken quickly

Those who work to keep our community clean and in good repair, looking after roads, utilities, public spaces and transport links.

## World

Our new Prime Minister, for wisdom, compassion and clarity as he takes on leadership of the government and the country.

All who are affected by the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and those who are working to treat patients and prevent further spread of the disease.

The newly appointed leaders of the EU, as Brexit negotiations continue.

## Journalling... in The Prayer Garden, Dell Centre

From 17 July to 28 August there will be an opportunity each Wednesday, at either 10.30-12 noon or 7.30-9pm, to come and be led for a while, before being encouraged to journal. This might include writing, sitting & noticing, interceding, drawing or painting.

#### **Praying Together** Tuesday 3 - Saturday 7 September, 10am - 9pm, Dell Centre

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Sharon Seal or Nico Ohlsson

## The Promises of God....Calling Saturday 21 September, 10am-12 noon, Dell Centre

Rev. William Challis will lead us in the various ways that God gives us all different 'callings' in our lives. We will explore how that may change as we journey through our lives. Please contact Sharon Seal to book a place.

## **Quiet Day** Saturday 12 October, 10am - 4pm, Dell Centre

A day led by Brian Draper, **briandraper.org**, where there will be space and a time of walking and praying with Brian. Cost £10. Please book at place by contacting Sharon Seal

## The Promises of God....Rest Wednesday 23 October, 10am - 12 noon, Dell Centre

Led by Antonia Lynn, we will look at how God promises us Rest and how we might put into practice all that we receive. Please book at place by contacting Sharon Seal.

#### Sharon Seal, 813200 sharon.seal@ashteadparish.org











## Ashtead Churches Men's Breakfast

A group for men from all the churches in Ashtead. All ages, backgrounds and interests are very welcome including non-church goers, neighbours and friends. Breakfast of cereals and bacon butties is included for £3.

#### ashteadmensbreakfast@gmail.com

## **Church Community Prayer**

An opportunity to meet for worship, listening prayer and intercessory prayer.

Rosemary Bull, 273647 rosemarybull@talktalk.net

## **Citizens Advice**

Citizens Advice provides a monthly drop-in session for advice at SGCC. Booking is not necessary.

Julie Newham, blfproject@camv.org.uk

## **Contemplative Prayer**

An opportunity to be still and reflect on our relationship with God. To help us there will be words, music, silence, quotes and prayers. Takes place monthly.

#### Sharon Seal, 813200 sharon.seal@ashteadparish.org

#### Evergreen

For friendship and entertainment. Evergreen is a social group for seniors. There is always a warm welcome and a cup of tea. For transport call Gill Laver 275260.

#### Jacqui Kershaw, 813200 Jacqueline.Kershaw@ashteadparish.org

#### **Evergreen Plus Games Afternoon**

Social events with board games, beetle drive and tea and biscuits! For more details and lifts contact:

Jacqui Kershaw, 813200 Jacqueline.Kershaw@ashteadparish.org

## **Flames Flix**

Takes place every month during term time. Family film, popcorn, sweets, drinks and DVD giveaway. For families with young children. All free!

Jaynie Kendall, 813965 childrensministry@ashteadparish.org

## Flix for Adults with a Disability

Film viewings for adults with a disability. For more information please contact:

#### Dee Peck, 805182 deempeck@gmail.com

#### Horizon

A support group for those who have been bereaved recently.

## Sue Balaam, 274153 fiworb1@gmail.com

## **Horizon Lunch Club**

Horizon lunch club is a group for those who have been bereaved more than three years. **Peter and Vivienne Longhurst, 815626** 

## Kindle

A social group for those aged 25-35. If you would like to join us, or would like more information about being part of Kindle, please let us know. You would be very welcome.

#### Nico Ohlsson, 07387 015646 kindle@ashteadparish.org

## Link Group

Link group is a friendly social group for older ladies. Activities include monthly meetings with a speaker, outings, fundraising for charity and special seasonal events. Visitors are always very welcome. **Gail Arch, 274508** 

## **Little Flames Toddler Group**

Crafts, sensory play, singing, a short Bible story and interactive prayer. All pre-school children and their parent/carers welcome.

#### Jaynie Kendall, 813965 childrensministry@ashteadparish.org

## **Mothers' Union**

Open to all men and women who care deeply about family life, the wellbeing of children and the enabling of women to improve their own and their family's welfare. We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month. Refreshments available.

> Carol Kester, 276711 j.kester@btinternet.com

## Oasis

A friendly women's group that meets fortnightly on Fridays during term time. For women in their 20s, 30s and 40s to enjoy coffee and homemade cakes. Each term there is a new 'theme', so check the website and fliers for more information. A free wellequipped crèche for any pre-schoolers is also available.

Maxine Simpson, 272177 maxinesimpson2003@yahoo.co.uk www.sgsgashtead.com/oasis

## **Shed Time**

Shed Time is a regular forum looking at some of the important issues facing men in the modern world. It's an opportunity to be challenged, to be inspired and to network with other like-minded men. For our next event please visit the website.

#### Andy Thacker, info@shedtime.men www.sgsgashtead.com/shedtime

## The Ark

Join us during term-time for play, followed by singing together. All children up to the age of four and parents/carers welcome.

#### Jaynie Kendall, 813965 childrensministry@ashteadparish.org

## Tonic

Tonic is a programme of occasional events for ladies. As well as informative talks, we have organised meals and exciting & challenging activities. For our latest events please look on the church website.

Claire Whittaker claire436whittaker@btinternet.com www.sgsgashtead.com/tonic

## **Triple SG**

A ministry group for 18-25s which includes housegroup-style weekly meetings and fun socials in the holidays — from pub quizzes to scavenger hunts and barbecues.

#### Bella Kraushaar, 275395 kraushaarpb@btinternet.com

For further information please visit the website or pick up a leaflet at either church

www.sgsgashtead.com/groups



#### YALA WIDOWS & ORPHANS SUPPORT PROJECT (YAWOSUP)

YAWOSUP is headed up by Edward Wata, whom I first met in 2004 during my first trip to Kenya. During subsequent visits to Kenya, my late wife Barbara and I developed a close personal friendship with Edward and his family and supported his efforts to improve the conditions of those living in poverty-stricken rural Western Kenya.

YAWOSUP was registered as an official Community Based Organisation (CBO) in 2008 and became a Mission Partner in 2010, since when the World Mission Team has strengthened this partnership, including an invitation for Edward to visit Ashtead in 2011.

YAWOSUP is focused on a range of community development work to improve health, farming and housing, including:

- Rebuilding of houses for elderly widows, many of whom remain vital caregivers to children, orphaned through HIV Aids
- Improvement in farming inputs and techniques, aimed at tackling the increasingly real impact of climate change, to achieve improved crop yields and food security

YAWOSUP is also very committed to providing access to good quality local education

 In 2013, Edward established a new nursery and primary school – BARBARA ACADEMY – currently providing good quality education to 60 pupils with plans to significantly increase capacity over the next two years Sadly, Barbara died from cancer in 2016, since when I have registered a new UK charity - **REHEMA TRUST** – to help ensure that her legacy survives and grows (rehema means 'Compassion' in Swahili). For more information please visit

#### www.rehematrust.com

Since returning to visit Kenya again in June last year, we have been able, through the generous support of our donors and the WMT, to:

Build an additional classroom



Secure access to clean piped water



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• Build new Staff Latrines

YAWOSUP also sponsors secondary school students, who could otherwise miss out on this critical phase of education



#### **Please Pray**

#### **Give thanks for**

- The young lives being changed through access to good quality education
- The widows who are equipped to care better for each other and the children in their care
- The commitment of Edward Wata, his staff and volunteers to improve the lives of the needy in their local community
- The existing group of faithful Rehema
  Trust donors and the difference they are already making

#### **Pray for**

- Protection and good health for Edward, his family and all his co-workers
- New donors to help us expand the work of Rehema Trust, so that Barbara Academy can give even more children a better start to life and thereby achieve their full potential



For more information, please contact Malcolm Leighton 01372 815082 malcolm.leighton@ntlworld.com www.rehematrust.com

#### ZION HARVEST MISSION (ZHM)



ZHM reaches out with the Good News of Jesus Christ, both spiritually and practically. The ZHM Ministry continues to include:

- Evangelism local Crusades
- Church Building strengthening of the local church network
- Discipleship regular Conferences for Pastors, Women and Youth
- Bishop Nicholas Oloo, who visited Ashtead in 2011, has now retired and been succeeded by Bishop Joseph Aloo
- ZHM has been a Mission Partner for over 25 years and the World Mission Team has decided to phase out its financial support ending this year

#### **Please Pray**

#### **Give thanks for**

- The mutual blessings received from such a long-term Mission Partnership
- The lives which have been changed through the ZHM Ministry

#### **Pray for**

- Bishop Joseph Aloo and his Leadership Team, especially as they seek God's guidance on new ways to develop the ZHM Ministry
- The political situation in Kenya to remain peaceful, given the potential for tribal conflict to turn to violence as in the past

## **Contacts and Information**



#### **Parish Reception**

Church and room bookings Weekdays 9am - 4.30pm, Tel: 813964 reception@ashteadparish.org

#### **Parish Office**

Weddings, baptisms, funerals and finance Weekdays 9am - 2pm, Tel: 813332 parish.office@ashteadparish.org

Café

Weekdays 9am - 2.30pm, Tel: 803088

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#### **Children and Families**

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#### Youth & Children's Assistant

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## St Giles' Church and Dell Centre

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## **Church Matters!**

The copy deadline for the **September** issue is 11am on **Thursday 22 August**.

The Parish Office, 813332 communications@ashteadparish.org

## Media

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#### www.facebook.com/ashteadparish

Check the website for children's groups, sermons, parish updates and more:

#### www.sgsgashtead.com

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Once you have signed up, access your favourite online shopping websites and a percentage of your spend is given to St Giles' and St George's *at no extra cost to you.* www.giveasyoulive.com/join/sgsgashtead

Janine Brims finance.leader@ashteadparish.org

## Finbow Organ & Choral Scholarships

The Rector and PCC are pleased to offer organ and choral scholarships for the academic year Sept 2019 to July 2020.

#### parish.office@ashteadparish.org



