Church Matters! Knowing Christ, making Him known

SGCC = St George's Christian Centre

September 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 Appointment

Mirkku Ridanpaa has started as Leader of Contemporary Music Ministry, reporting to Sharon Seal and Rev. Nico Ohlsson. Please join me in welcoming Mirkku to the team.

Rev. Richard Jones richard.jones@ashteadparish.org

Life Explored

We are starting a new inquirer's course on 7 October. It has a different approach to our faith and is a great opportunity to come along with a friend. Please contact Nico for more information or to offer to help with the team.

Rev. Nico Ohlsson nico.ohlsson@ashteadparish.org

Baptism and Confirmation

A baptism and confirmation service for teenagers and adults will be held on 3 November at the Six. If you're thinking about this we would love to hear from you. We will run a course for adults and another course for teenagers who are thinking of getting baptised or confirmed.

Rev. Nico Ohlsson nico.ohlsson@ashteadparish.org

Holiday Club

Applications for places at Holiday Club open on Monday 9 Sept, forms will be available on our website www.sqsqashtead.com.

Jaynie Kendall, 813965 jaynie.kendall@ashteadparish.org

Praying Together Tuesday 3 to Saturday 7 Sept 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 rooms with opportunities to pray in silence, creatively and with others. There will be led sessions with different ways of connecting with God. Please see our website for more information www.sgsgashtead.com.

Sharon Seal, 813200 sharon.seal@ashteadparish.org **Rev. Nico Ohlsson** nico.ohlsson@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 minute 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 Nico if you'd like to sign up.

Rev. Nico Ohlsson nico.ohlsson@ashteadparish.org

Please Pray For.....



Church

The beginning of the new school term, as we continue to grow and develop our services, so that we might become more mature as disciples.

The new children's group at our 9.15 service.

Our spiritual growth during September, our discipleship courses, small groups and as we gather together for a week of prayer in Praying Together.

Our new inquirer's course 'Life Explored', that it might attract many people to draw closer to Church and to God.

That together we might develop a strong, loving Church culture, working together to extend God's kingdom in Ashtead and beyond.

Community

Everyone as we go back to normal life, especially for teachers and pupils who start a new term and a new academic year.

For our university students as they leave home to go to their university, with the blessings and challenges that entails.

World

Our new Prime Minister and cabinet, for wisdom, compassion and clarity as they lead the government and the country.

The crisis in the Amazon, for wisdom for those leading the situation and those campaigning.

The persecuted Christians around the world, for courage and boldness, for peace and comfort, as they go through very difficult times in their lives.

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Sharon Seal or Nico Ohlsson

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

Led by Sharon Seal

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









ALDAG Café Opens Monday 2 Sept

This Cafe is run for young adults with learning disabilities to gain skills in catering, hospitality and customer services.

Dee Peck, 805182 deempeck@gmail.com

Café

Opens Wednesday 4 Sept

Try our Book Exchange; browse, take a book away to enjoy, donations welcome.

Rosie Bennett rclbennett@hotmail.com



Friday 6 Sept 9.15 - 10.30am, SGCC

Mamma Mia! ... deconstructed!! A chance to look at the film we all love from a new perspective, exploring themes, characters, fashion and more ...

6 Sept - Welcome back social in St George's café. 20 Sept - Parenting Choices; a discussion based on clips from the film.

All ladies aged 20-50 welcome, no charge, no booking required. Free care for the under 5s and home schooled children, coffee and cake provided, fun guaranteed!

Maxine Simpson, 272177 maxinesimpson2003@yahoo.co.uk

Food Bank

Epsom & Ewell Food Bank has seen a dramatic rise recently in the number of people coming for food support. Please check the list of items needed on their website or on the collection box at St George's and help with donations if you can. Non perishable items are welcome on Harvest Sunday.

Jo Sherring joanna@sherringevents.co.uk

Flix for adults with a disability

Saturday 7 Sept, 2pm, SGCC Our Film is Bedknobs and Broomsticks.

Dee Peck, 805182 deempeck@gmail.com

Evergreen Wednesday 11 Sept 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, call Gill Laver 275260.

Jacqui Kershaw, 813200 jacqueline.kershaw@ashteadparish.org

Link Group Thursday 12 Sept, 7.30pm, SGCC

This month our very own Gill Northcott talks about 'Tasmania - Brilliant and Amazing!', so do come along for an evening of fascinating facts and beautiful pictures. There will be refreshments available after the talk.

Gail Arch, 274508



Flames Family Flix Saturday 14 Sept 3.30pm, Dell Centre

Family film, popcorn, sweets,

refreshments and DVD giveaway, all free! This month our film is Lego DC Batman: Family Matters. For primary aged children accompanied by an adult.

Jaynie Kendall, 813965 jaynie.kendall@ashteadparish.org

Heritage Open Day Sunday 15 Sept, 2-4.30pm, St Giles'

Includes refreshments and an exhibition in the Dell Centre on Corporal Gordon Tucker: Life in a Pocket Diary 1916-1919.

Nigel Arch, nigelarch@gmail.com

Happy Child London to Brighton cycle ride

Cycle 55 miles for Happy Child and change the lives of vulnerable children in Brazil. jennie.sullivan@happychild.org

Contemplative Prayer Monday 16 Sept, 8pm - 9pm, St Giles' A time for space and stillness.

Sharon Seal, 813200 sharon.seal@ashteadparish.org

Post-New Wine meeting Tuesday 17 Sept, 8pm, SGCC

If you went to New Wine United 19, please join us to share ideas and pray together.

Rev. Nico Ohlsson nico.ohlsson@ashteadparish.org

House group leaders meeting Thursday 19 Sept, 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 groups and Church.

Sharon Seal, 813200 sharon.seal@ashteadparish.org

Ashtead Churches' Men's Breakfast Saturday 21 Sept, 8 - 9.30am **Ashtead Baptist Church Hall**

We welcome our very own Ian Grimstone, Ted Le Riche and James Close, whose subject will be Ashtead Churches Together; 'Ecumenism, a Workshop'. Cereals & bacon butties breakfast for £3.

ashteadmensbreakfast@gmail.com

Mothers' Union Thursday 26 Sept, 10am, SGCC

We welcome everyone to our branch meeting with coffee at 10am, start at 10.30am. The theme is current stories from the Streets of Leatherhead by Be@titudes.

Barbara Laird, 273368

Lunchtime Jazz **Thursday 26 Sept** 12.15 - 1.30pm, SGCC



It's time for some sensational Jazz from Dolores and her friends, a tasty meal and perhaps a treat.

Rosie Bennett rclbennett@hotmail.com



Thursday 26 Sept 4.15 - 6pm, Dell Centre

Messy Church is a time for people of all ages to enjoy being together, making things, sharing a meal and learning more about God. Our theme is Creation. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Jaynie Kendall, 813965 jaynie.kendall@ashteadparish.org

Macmillan's Biggest **Coffee Morning** Friday 27 Sept 9.30am - 1pm, SGCC



Come along and join friends for a cuppa, a cake and a chat.

> **Rosie Bennett** rclbennett@hotmail.com



Monday 30 Sept 7.45pm, Dell Centre

We'll explore our roles as fathers and grandfathers and how our style of parenting influences our children. We'll discuss the way our fathers have shaped our

lives through their approach to parenting.

info@shedtime.men

Christmas Classic Carol Concert Friday 20 Dec, 5pm, SGCC

Please join our trip to the Barbican for this wonderful concert. Tickets are £30, which includes the cost of the coach.

valerie.beau@hotmail.co.uk

Parish Notices



Flames Children's Groups

Flames groups for children aged 0-11 start on Sunday 8 September and will run until Sunday 15 December, apart from the fourth Sunday each month, when children stay in the services throughout. A new children's group starts on Sunday 8 September at the 9.15am service at St George's. The group meets in the Upper Room and children can be dropped off from 9.05am. They will be brought back to the service in time for communion. If you have any questions about Flames groups or children's ministry please contact Jaynie Kendall.

Jaynie Kendall, 813965 jaynie.kendall@ashteadparish.org

New Occasional Preachers join the team

Having completed the Diocesan training course, I'm delighted to announce that Lynn Sefton and Nick Brooks have been awarded the Bishop of Guildford's Licence as Occasional Preachers. Occasional Preachers have the Bishop's permission to preach up to 5 times a year in their own parish under the guidance of the incumbent. The Bishops' licence is for a period of 3 years. Lynn and Nick join our team of Matt Barham, Rosemary Bull, Juan Carosio, Avril Lovegrove and David Murray. Thank you for holding them all in your prayers and supporting them in their preaching ministry.

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

Welcome Tea

We will hold a Welcome Tea on Sunday 20 October. If you are new to the parish please make a note of this date and check the next newsletter for more details.

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

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

Monday 2 Sept	Drop in and Play	10am	-	12 noon	Dell Centre
Tuesday 3 - 7 Sept	Praying Together	10am	-	9pm	Dell Centre
Thursday 5 Sept	First Thursday Prayers	8pm	-	9.15pm	SGCC
Friday 6 Sept	Oasis	9.15am	-	10.30am	SGCC
Saturday 7 Sept	Flix for adults with a disability	2pm	-	3.30pm	SGCC
Monday 9 Sept	Little Flames	10am	-	11.30am	Dell Centre
Wednesday 11 Sept	The Ark	10am	-	11.30am	SGCC
	Evergreen	2.30pm	-	4.15pm	SGCC
Thursday 12 Sept	Link Group	7.30pm	-	9.30pm	SGCC
	Church Community Prayer	8pm	-	10pm	SGCC
Friday 13 Sept	Social LIFE	7.30pm	-	10pm	Dell Centre
Saturday 14 Sept	Flames Flix	3.30pm	-	5pm	Dell Centre
Sunday 15 Sept	Heritage Open Day	2pm	-	4.30pm	St Giles' Church
Monday 16 Sept	Little Flames	10am	-	11.30am	Dell Centre
	Contemplative Prayer	8pm	-	9pm	St Giles' Church
Tuesday 17 Sept	Post New Wine Meeting	8pm	-	9.30pm	SGCC
Wednesday 18 Sept	The Ark	10am	-	11.30am	SGCC
Thursday 19 Sept	Church Community Prayer	8pm	-	10pm	SGCC
	House Group Leaders Meeting	8pm	-	9.30pm	Dell Centre
Friday 20 Sept	Oasis	9.15am	-	10.30am	SGCC
Saturday 21 Sept	Ashtead Men's Breakfast	8am	-	9.30am	Baptist Church
	The Promises of GodCalling	10am	-	12 noon	Dell Centre
Monday 23 Sept	Little Flames	10am	-	11.30am	Dell Centre
Tuesday 24 Sept	Police Surgery	10am	-	11am	SGCC
Wednesday 25 Sept	The Ark	10am	-	11.30am	SGCC
	Citizens Advice Bureau	11am	-	12.30pm	SGCC
Thursday 26 Sept	Mothers' Union	10am	-	12 noon	SGCC
	Lunchtime Jazz	12.15pm	-	1.30pm	SGCC
	Messy Church	4.15pm	-	6pm	Dell Centre
	Church Community Prayer	8pm	-	10pm	SGCC
Friday 27 Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning	9.30am	-	1pm	SGCC
Monday 30 Sept	Little Flames	10am	-	11.30am	Dell Centre
	Shed Time	7.45pm	-	10pm	Dell Centre

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 jaynie.kendall@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 jaynie.kendall@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 jaynie.kendall@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

Mission Focus - Wheels for the World

Wheels for the World is an overseas programme of Through the Roof

"transforming lives through Jesus with disabled people"

The Through the Roof International Missions programme is seeing another busy year. So far this year, two Churches Inc. teams and three Wheels for the World teams have witnessed God moving amongst people who live with disabilities and also within communities to enlarge their vision to serve and include people with disabilities.

To date, during three distributions - in Lagos, Nigeria; Eldoret & Kimililli, Kenya and to refugee camps at the N.Uganda boarder with Sudan - the Wheels for the World team have distributed 329 wheelchairs and many other mobility aids including crutches and walking frames. Another trip, to Mwanza in Tanzania, is due to take place in October, taking 135 wheelchairs and other mobility aids.

The Churches Inc. trips provided leaders events, workshops and community visits in Freetown, Sierra Leone and in Prizren Kosovo, reaching over 479 church and community leaders equipping communities to include people with disabilities. A team of 5 is due to head out to Ternopil in the Ukraine at the beginning of August, and a team is heading to Mwanza, Tanzania in October, concurrent with the Wheels for the World distribution.

Thanks:

- We thank God for all our volunteers who put so much into every trip: their finances, time, holiday allowance, skills, experience and so much more, just to see that every wheelchair finds the best home and church & community leaders are equipped to include people with disabilities.
- We thank God for our partners without whom there would be no invitation or in-country preparation, hosting, gathering of people together, advertising, co-ordination, and transporting between venues.
- We thank God for the volunteers who work behind the scenes to see that the wheelchairs are refurbished, transported and shipped.

Prayer requests:

- For the Churches Inc. and Wheels for the World teams going to Mwanza, Tanzania in October.
- For the office staff at Through the Roof through current changes as an existing team member leaves and new staff join the expanding team. Please pray for a smooth transition.
- For the new prison workshop that we are currently in the process of establishing in Manchester.



Mission Focus - Wheels for the World



Winnie

Winnie is 15 and has Cerebral Palsy. She was living with her father in the refugee camp, but her mother had left them. She had been given a wheelchair but was unable to use it as it needed specialist adaptions which needed an expertise not formerly available in the camp.

The team used wood and foam to construct a head support and more foam to fit the chair to size for her.

Her father had been taught some exercises to stretch Winnie's contracting muscles which he demonstrated to the team. They we able

to show and advise him on exercises to help Winnie.

John

John is 52. He arrived at the distribution shuffling on hands and feet in a sitting position. He had flip flops on his hands to protect them. He had been praying for a wheelchair to help him regain his independence and dignity. He was delighted that the team could provide him with a wheelchair fitted to his needs. He left the distribution on the back of a motorbike taxi with the chair strapped behind him a very happy man!

Samuel

Samuel is 16. When the team first arrived at his family's hut, they didn't realise he was there as he was so hunched up in a corner that he looked like a pile of clothing on the floor. He had a wheelchair that was now too small for him so was unable to use it. The team were able to enlarge the chair for him and to fit the chair so that he was able to sit upright with supports and straps, freeing his hands so that he could use them.

Steven

Steven is 6 years old. He was brought to the distribution by his mother who had been having to carry him everywhere as he was unable to walk unaided.

The team were able to provide him with a zimmer frame, cut to size for his needs. He was able to walk independently with it, and his range would increase as practice strengthened his muscles. He was also supplied with a pair of adapted crutches to use when he was strong enough to move on from the zimmer. He was delighted to be able to move around upright and independent.



www.throughtheroof.org

01372 749955 Karen Goodridge, 270983 and Gunn Fenn, 273268

Contacts and Information



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Church Matters!

The copy deadline for the **October** issue is 11am on **Thursday 19 September.**

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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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