



**ST PETER'S  
SHARED CHURCH**

# EASTER 2010



**THE CHURCH IN  
JACOBS WELL**

Dear Friends,

We have been, and still are at the time of writing, experiencing a hard winter weather wise. Economically we are still experiencing hardship with loss of jobs, reduced working hours and pay freezes. Though we may describe these hardships as "suffering" they do not come close to what St Paul of the Bible described as he wrote to the Church in Corinth. In chapter 11 we read about Paul being frequently in prison, flogged severely, and "exposed to death again and again. Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea," and he continues with a list of places where he was in danger for his life.

In spite of his severe persecution he writes in chapter 6, "I tell you, now is the time of God's favour, now is the day of salvation". (Salvation the process of God forgiving us for our wrongdoing and disobedience to his commands and accepting us into His family as Christians.)



Paul counted salvation to be so important that he could speak of God's favour even in great suffering because his salvation cost God so much. Paul's salvation and mine were made possible because of Jesus' death through crucifixion which is what we remember on Good Friday. Being part of God's family, being a Christian is important beyond all compare with anything in this life. Will you seek salvation and know the joy of freedom from guilt, know a fulfilled life even in the midst of

hardship and know the certainty of heaven when you die.

A final word from Paul from his letter to the Church at Philippi, "What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ"

And the last word from God on that weekend of Jesus' crucifixion was to raise Jesus from the dead so we celebrate at Easter a risen Christ, the ultimate evidence of God's power over death. Happy Easter!!

**Brian Rich**

### Church office contact details and opening hours

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### Easter Services

#### **THE CHURCH IN JACOBS WELL**

(Scout & Guide HQ)  
April 2nd **Good Friday**  
Walk of Witness 10.00 am

April 4th **Easter Sunday**  
Holy Communion 4.00 pm

#### **ST PETER'S SHARED CHURCH**

April 2nd **Good Friday**  
Walk of Witness 10.00 am  
Service 'At the foot of the Cross'  
2.00-3.00 pm

April 4th **Easter Sunday**  
Sunrise service at the top of the green at 7am  
Holy Communion 8.30am  
All Ages Holy Communion 10.00am  
Lets worship@6.30pm

#### **NEW HOPE FELLOWSHIP**

April 2nd **Good Friday**  
Walk of witness 10am  
(from St Peter's)

April 4th **Easter Sunday**  
10.30am at Christs College





## Spotlight on local volunteers

"My name is Stephen Pugh and I have recently become an Assistant Cub leader. Why? You might ask! What folly is this?"

Well, I grew up in the Scouting tradition, although Beavers weren't around in my day (that makes me feel old). I went through Cubs and Scouts, achieving my Chief Scout's Award before I moved on to College and left Venture Scouts. My family has a history of Scouting as well, with various Cub / Scout leaders and even a District Commissioner in the family. I have received a lot of enjoyment and skills from Scouting, and having experienced it first hand, I wanted to be able to offer this experience to other young people. However, there is another reason why I wanted to get involved again. I also worship at St Peter's Church and have trained as a Licensed Lay Minister (Reader), which basically means I am trained to lead services, do talks and take Funerals. This is done on a voluntary basis, with the principle aim that I am just a member of the community that happens to be involved in some Sunday Services. It is this aspect of being a member of the community that made me realise I didn't actually do much in the community, which I wanted to change. I have been involved in the Parade Services at St Peter's with the Uniformed organisations for over ten years now, so I knew a lot of them, so it seemed natural to get involved with them. After a brief conversation with Akela I was in! Now I have more training to look forward to, but it is worth it seeing the enjoyment on the Cubs faces as we do activities and badge work with them. I am looking forward to my first full camp coming up soon - although I think it will be quite exhausting!"



### Christians at work.



Many people think of Christians at work as small groups of people in Churches or local communities helping and supporting people under the banner of a Church such as St Peters. In lots of ways this is true but there are others who work in the wider field of service. I'm going to tell you a little of what I do in my spare time.

My name is Dale and I've been going to St Peters for around 5 years now. I've undertaken a few different roles inside the Church such as being a member of the prayer ministry team, youth leader and a member of the church council. Whilst I enjoyed these roles I always felt God was calling me to do something else. Then last year my family and a few friends went to the Surrey Air Ambulance open day at Dunsfold. Whilst there

I met a team of people who called themselves CFR's (Community First Responders). They explained that they were volunteers who gave their time to support the ambulance service. They were trained to give emergency treatment to people who had become ill. Responding to 999 calls within their community meant that they could often get to an ill patient before the ambulance crew and give vital life saving treatment in the vital first few minutes after an incident.

I felt that this was a great idea and decided to apply. At the time there was no scheme in Guildford and so in many ways I was breaking the mould. Once I had got through the interview, had all my CRB checks and passed the training exam I was good to go. I have now been a CFR since November 2009.

Each new responder must complete a formal assessment at the end of their training and regular ongoing training and refresher sessions are undertaken by the volunteers.

Community First Responders carry a response bag with essential first aid equipment along with oxygen and an Automated External Defibrillator.

I really enjoy being a CFR I get a lot from it, helping and meeting people. The team is growing now with another 3 members coming on line. The plan is to get 10 responders by the end of 2010. The other major challenge for our team is raising funds for kit. It costs £2000 to fully equip a responder. We currently have two full kits which we have to share. I'm confident that God will provide the resource we need to make the CFR Scheme work. Being a Christian has really helped me in this role and I really feel we are making a difference.

### Guildford Action for Families Furniture Store.

Did you know that the store is open for anyone to purchase good quality 2nd hand furniture? John Atkinson Manager says "anyone is welcome to visit us and we are open 10am-4pm Mon-Fri. We can also collect from or deliver to homes within Guildford Borough for a small donation."



# EASTER 2010 St Peter's and Jacobs Well Churches

I serve God via an organization called Christian Contact U.K. (CCUK) working locally and world wide particularly in corresponding with prisoners who need a friend with whom they can relate and I have experienced what GOD can do in difficult situations!

In November last year, a young lad of eighteen came to me as he had just left college and was looking for a job. He asked me if he could use my printing system to do some CV's. He came three more times to print more CV's and after a week delivering 25 by hand and three job interviews rejects later he came back very downhearted.

I chatted with him and said let us see if God can help you. We prayed and decided that he should write another CV and put a note with it. After the prayer session I had an inclination of what to write in the attached letter and so he wrote about how he had worked with me building computers for charity. The letter was written using my headed note paper and was duly sent off.

A few days later the young lad came around and said he had had a reply and an interview was pending. After that, there was a space of about two days and he was invited to go to a second interview with the company and the day after he was offered the job!

The company told him that from a large pile of CV's they had picked the one with a letter.....

He started just before Christmas last year and was absolutely delighted with his first ever pay packet and the company was delighted that they had picked the right person for the job.

GOD'S open Door. Barnor (CCUK)

### Some thoughts of Mary Magdalene

I sit here with horrific images of the day still unfolding before my eyes., Your mother's sobs still ringing in my ears, her words etched deep in my heart. "Oh why did it have to end like this?" She is a broken woman, exhausted and inconsolable. Your brother and friend have taken her home, to pray with her and to strengthen her in her grief. I have come to my home to be alone with my thoughts and anguish, my tears are unstoppable.

You made me whole again. When I was shackled to the bonds of demons you did not condemn me or turn away, freedom and joy became mine once more, you changed my life.

I have loved you as a wife loves a husband. I have longed to feel your arms enclosing around me, but I knew this could never ever be. Your Father sent you for His purpose, for his work, to show all peoples that their faith can save them. I know life must go on, though I feel ripped apart. I can only tell of your healing, your miracles you performed. I want the world to know of your steadfast love for sinners and good alike. You are the wonderful Saviour who gives eternal life to all who believe. I will come to your tomb with perfume and spices with the other women, sharing our sorrows. I know you will prepare a place for us in your Father's house. My tears cease, talking with you has strengthened me to go forth and tell of your mercy and love.



### From the Registers Services taken by St Peter's Clergy

#### Funerals:

Barbara Daly 9th December  
June Byng 12th January  
Gilbert Collins 18th January  
Dot Hockaday 4th February  
Sheila Quelch 11th February  
Joan Norton 3rd March  
Christopher Lucas 9th March

#### Thanksgivings:

Ethan Peter Thomas Woods 28th Feb  
Ashley David Woods 28th Feb

### Regular Sunday Services

#### **ST PETER'S SHARED CHURCH, Hazel Ave**

8.30 am Holy Communion (2nd/4th Sundays)

10 am Morning Worship (with Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays and All Ages worship 4th Sunday) with groups for youngsters 0-14yrs

Lets Worship@6:30pm (1st Sunday)

#### **THE CHURCH IN JACOBS WELL**

(in the Scout HQ, Jacobs Well Road)

4 pm Hour of Worship

(Holy Communion 4th Sunday)



### Not Understood

Not understood. We move along asunder;  
Our paths grow wider as the seasons creep  
Along the years; we move and we wonder  
Why life is life and then we fall asleep...  
Not Understood.

Not Understood. We gather false impressions,  
And hug them closer as the years go by,  
'Til virtues often seem to us transgressions;  
And thus men rise and fall, and live and die...  
Not Understood.

Not Understood. Poor souls with stunted vision  
Oft measure giants by their narrow gauge;  
The poisoned shafts of falsehood and derision  
Are oft impelled 'gainst those who mould the age...  
Not understood.

Not understanding. The secret springs of action  
Which lie beneath the surface and the show  
Are disregarded; with self-satisfaction  
We judge our neighbour, and they often go...  
Not understood.

Not understood. How trifles change us!  
The thoughtless sentence or the fancied slight  
Destroys long years of friendship, and estrange us,  
And on our souls there falls a freezing blight...  
Not understood.

Not understood. How many breasts are aching  
For lack of sympathy! Ah, day by day  
How many cheerless, lonely hearts are breaking!  
How many noble spirits pass away...  
Not understood.

O God! That men would see a little clearer,  
Or judge less harshly where they cannot see;  
O God! That men would draw a little nearer  
To one another: they'd be nearer Thee...  
And understood.

By Thomas Bracken

### **Hot Cross Bun Recipe**

Dress appropriately for the weather and pop a carrier bag in your pocket.

Stroll down to your local shop, taking time to admire the beauty of the snowdrops, crocuses, or daffodils peeping through the earth. Greet passers by and allow time to chat and smile. Purchase a packet of hot cross buns and return home with them in your recycled bag, by whichever route you fancy.

Admire the flowers and chat again.

Invite a neighbour, friend or someone you have not had time to catch up with round for a cup of tea and a hot cross bun.

Put your feet up and enjoy the company.

### **FUN FOR EVERYONE**

Saturday 19th June 2pm on the green  
opposite St Peter's Church  
(sponsored by local churches)

*Dance Display*

*Face Painting*

*Bouncy Castle*

**lots more fun activities!**

**Many side shows-all 50p or less!**



### **Open Air Father's Day Service**

On Sunday 20th June at 10 am on the Green with the uniformed Groups. Join us for breakfast first!

### **A New Vicar for the Community**

**St Peters Shared Church have just appointed a new vicar: Rev. Kirsten Rosslyn-Smith. She will be moving to the area with her family and will take up the post on 10<sup>th</sup> June, which begins with a special service at 8pm. Kirsten introduces herself:**

Hello, I'm Kirsten.

What would you like to know? I'm originally from South Wales, travelled about a bit with my parents from age 9, ended up studying Textile Design in Nottingham and stayed there, where I met my husband. We now have three children aged 2, 6 and 9.

Before I became a vicar I did all kinds of different things, including: working with an Artist in Residence in a city centre church; made and sold washable nappies for a small company; took some art commissions; and did some voluntary work with young people in inner city Nottingham. Since being ordained I have worked in Tunbridge Wells at St James Church. What do I enjoy doing?

I love meeting people and hearing their stories. I enjoy food and have started power-walking (which I enjoy when the weather is good), so you may see me around walking sometime after June if we have a good summer! I like doing my own artwork and helping others to express themselves in different ways. I enjoy films; my current favourite family film is Up! What are my passions?

Following Jesus (which is probably quite helpful for a vicar); seeing hope restored in people's lives; colour, creation and creating.

I am really looking forward to becoming part of the community in Bellfields, Slyfield and Jacobs Well. Please introduce yourself to me when I arrive.