

The Big Prayer Picnic

Dear Friends,
Blessed with sunshine, comfortable conditions, attractive surroundings, the good company of thousands of people and interesting things to see or to do, we joined with other Christians from south-east Hampshire and the Isle of Wight at The Big Prayer Picnic within the walls of Portchester Castle on Pentecost Sunday (9 June). This half day event rounded-off ten days of prayer and events under the worldwide 'Thy Kingdom Come' initiative, which Emma mentioned in last month's magazine.

In one area of the castle there were fun activities, including face painting, jousting, a rodeo ride and crazy golf, and it wasn't only the young people who were enjoying these! Around the outside of the field, a number of gazebos had been set up, which contained different prayer-based activities and which everyone was welcome to sample. These included: drawing or writing the names of people or situations in need of prayer on pebbles and using them to build a cairn around a cross; writing short prayers on paper, which were folded up in a zig-zag to make wings when passed through paper dove shapes, the winged doves then being hung



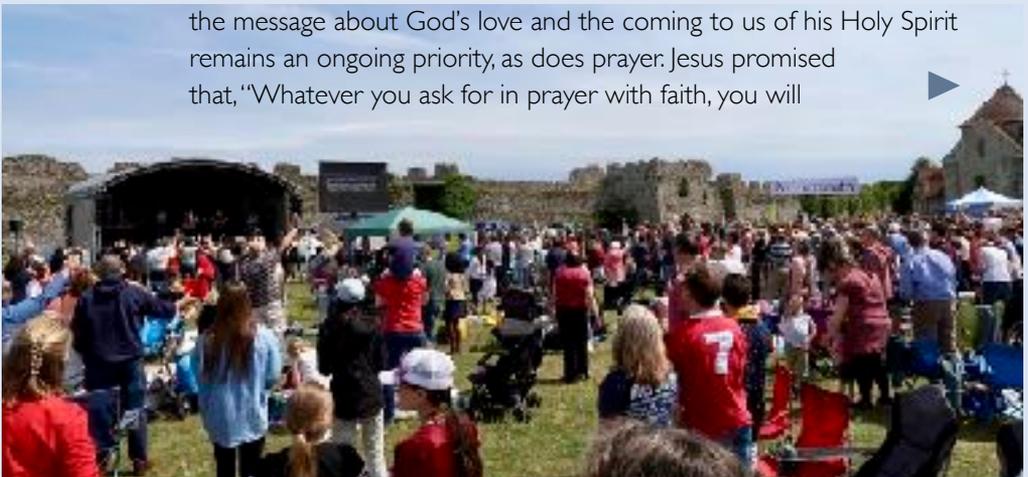
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from an overhead net on lengths of yarn; writing prayer themes on red, orange or yellow paper 'Holy Spirit' flames to stick onto a frieze. For those to whom drawing or writing didn't appeal there were also prayer activities based on icon painting, monastic chanting and weaving threads.



We gathered to eat our picnics around the All Saints, Denmead banner, which Emma had planted on the ground in the middle of the grassed area inside the castle. Once picnics had been eaten and activities completed, we turned to face the stage and screen and were led through a period of worship, singing and prayer, during which we heard testimonies from people who had recently come to know Jesus, inspiring us to pray for others to be led to share this experience. We prayed collectively and in small groups, out loud, in silence and using British Sign Language. At the end of the event we were all encouraged to choose five people and to pray for them in particular, to think about what we might say or might give to people to help them to find Jesus, to make personal invitations to people to events and activities during which they might encounter Jesus and for us each to get to know someone better, so that we might be able to have the sorts of conversations with them through which they might learn about Jesus.

And it is important that we do not stop thinking about the themes of Thy Kingdom Come just because Pentecost is over for another year. Sharing the message about God's love and the coming to us of his Holy Spirit remains an ongoing priority, as does prayer. Jesus promised that, "Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will



All Saints Church Services

Sunday 7th July; 3rd Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion with
- 11.00am Picnic & Games in church hall and garden
- 6.00pm Healing Service

Sunday 14th July: 4th Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Family Praise
- 6.00pm Evensong

Sunday 21st July: 5th Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion
- 6.00pm NO EVENING SERVICE

Sunday 28th July: 6th Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Morning Worship – no Communion
- 6.00pm Evensong

There will be no Messy Church during July and August. It will resume on Saturday 21st September



Morning Prayer is said
Mon-Fri at 8.30am
– everyone is
most welcome.



The church is open during daylight hours, for private prayer. If you wish to light a candle, there is a candle stand in the chapel.

Teddy Bears' Picnic

On Sunday 4th August from 3.30 to 5.30pm we will be holding a Teddy Bears' Picnic: an afternoon of party games, teddy bear hunt, singing, bubbles and party food.

This event is for families who come to Messy Church, Little Stars or who have celebrated a baptism with us recently. If you can come please let Claire at the Church Office know, including any dietary requirements.



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receive” (Matthew 21:22). St Paul, in his letter to the church in Ephesus, described prayer as a powerful weapon, part of the armour of God which helps us to fight against evil (Ephesians 6:10-20).

I don't know exactly how prayer works, but it does. It is a mystery, a gift from our loving, forgiving and generous God. Do not be afraid of prayer just because you may not understand it; be bold and step out in faith. If you are unsure what to say, a simple guide may be to pray for anything on our hearts for which we want to say sorry, thank you or please, to God; the Holy Spirit is there to help us with what to say (Mark 13:11). And listen carefully for God's answer; it might not be what we were expecting, or when we expected it. Jesus gave his followers more explicit instructions in how to pray and to persist in prayer (Matthew 6:5-14 and Luke 11:1-13), which is where we find the words which inspired the prayer we know as The Lord's Prayer.

Prayer is a good way to start or to end each day. At all Saints, we meet to say a short (up to 30 minutes) service of Morning Prayer every weekday at 08:30 in the chapel; do come and join us, no previous experience is necessary. With the light mornings, better weather (mostly) and perhaps time off work, school or college that the summer brings, what better time than now to try this out?

With love in Christ,

Peter Mitchell, lay reader



From the Registers

Baptisms

Sunday 12th May	Betsy-Rose Fisher (not 2nd June as reported last month.
Sunday 2nd June	Eleanor Taplin
Sunday 30th June	Maura Jane Silvester

Weddings

Saturday 22nd June	Aaron Britton and Lauren McCarthy Weddings
Saturday 11th May	Jackie Croucher and Philip Baigent

Pastoral Care and Home Visiting

If you are lonely, sick or housebound or would just like someone to visit you for a chat and a cuppa, All Saints has a confidential Pastoral Care Team that can help.

Please phone the Church Office on 9226 8757; if the answerphone is on leave a message and we will phone you back.

Karen Gaskin, Pastoral Care Team Leader and Revd Emma.

Bereavement Support

There is a monthly 'Tea and Friendship' afternoon for anyone recently bereaved. This is an informal time when people can meet others, have tea and make friends.

We meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month between 2-4pm in the church hall. For more information please phone All Saints Church office 9226 8757.

Keep praying but be thankful that God's answers are wiser than your prayers! – *William Culbertson*

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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Mass Times

Saturday Mass Vigil: 6.15 pm

Sunday Masses: 10.30 am

Children's Liturgy; 6.30 pm Folk
Mass

Please refer to Newsletter for weekday Mass times.



Mission Aviation Fellowship

Here at All Saints we support and work in partnership with five missionary organisations. We regularly pray for these mission partners, we receive and send news, support their projects and initiatives, as well as support financially. One of these organisations is the Mission Aviation Fellowship.

In today's 'connected world', the irony is that never have so many people been so isolated. Flying onto desert and jungle airstrips, lakes and rivers, tracks and roads, MAF's light aircraft and their mission pilots go the extra miles to provide a lifeline.

Working in partnership with hundreds of other Christian and relief organisations, MAF enables practical help, physical healing, and spiritual hope to be delivered to many of the most remote and inaccessible communities on the planet. For 70 years, MAF has been flying for life. Here is their latest News Bulletin....

Hope is where the Lord is...

Pilot Jon Cadd and his wife Cher lead the MAF team in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Here Cher shares about how God is working among this community of internally displaced people (IDP) in Bunia's ever-growing refugee settlement.



'Every time I write I feel it is the "same old, same old" - Ebola, violence, need. Ebola, violence, need. Ebola is spreading more rapidly than it was a few months ago; militia attacks are getting more dangerous, frequent, and closer to us. The refugees we have been helping are still there and in need of food, shelter, and other very, very basic things.

'We of the "western" world think that food, shelter, clothing, medical care, education, and security are "rights" and we expect to have access to all of them during our entire lives. But the people here don't take any of them for granted. Death here is a close and daily reality, often from totally preventable things like malaria, and many in our village remember having to run into the bush to escape the war. ▶



‘At the Bunia IDP camp we are seeing God at work in the midst of what is, from a logical point of view, a tragedy. The MAF team has been working for a year now to bring food to the people at the camp and hundreds of people, who otherwise might never have heard of God’s transforming love for all of us, have accepted Christ as their saviour at MAF’s showings of the *Jesus* film there by our chaplain, Bisoke.

‘People here smile and praise the Lord, sing, and pray like no people I have ever known. I think they understand more deeply their need of God for absolutely everything in life. And, despite what looks to me like overwhelming burdens of loss, sorrow, and danger, they consistently say that God will hear and answer their prayers. I have not heard one person here say that God has ever let them down.

‘We also run a sewing project where many of the women have gone from learning how to sew a simple seam with a needle

and thread, to doing embroidery and sewing with the hand machines; enabling them to make their own clothes and items to sell.

‘During a recent visit the camp, one of the women shared a prayer request for her child who had been in a coma for weeks in the hospital right beside the camp. The child had made no progress and was completely unresponsive. The MAF team prayed for this child and, later that day, his mother came running to Bisoke’s car saying, “My child is well! My child is well!” The boy was awake, responding and even eating!

‘So we remember, and count on, the fact that God is in control. Everywhere and in every circumstance. It is never the “same old, same old” to the Lord.’



Do visit MAF’s website: www.maf-uk.org

Fewer of us give to charity

We are giving less time and money to charity than we were two years ago. That is the finding of a recent survey by Charities Aid Foundation (CAF). It found that the proportion of those of us giving money or sponsoring someone has dropped from 69 per cent in 2016 to 65 percent in 2018.

The trend has been described as ‘worrying’ by the CAF. It comes as figures show that our trust in charities has fallen (from 51 to 48 per cent). Oxfam and Save the Children both attracted negative media coverage after staff were accused of sexual misconduct, while other charities have been accused of chasing vulnerable people.

CAF said that charities now have the challenge of finding ways “to inspire people to give and demonstrate that their money is making a difference.”

If you own a dog, you won't be surprised to learn you are far more likely to go out walking than your neighbour who doesn't have a dog. (Especially on rainy winter days!)

Now the University of Liverpool has found that 87.3 per cent of us who own dogs exercise for 150 minutes a week, compared with 62.7 of us without dogs. Overall, dog owners are four times more likely to achieve the NHS weekly recommendations for exercise.

Winchester Cathedral's Mortuary Chests Unlocked

The secrets hidden within Winchester Cathedral's mortuary chests are gradually being unlocked as part of an on-going research project supported by the Dean and Chapter of Winchester Cathedral.

It has long been believed that the six mortuary chests contain the mortal remains of pre-Conquest kings and bishops, but for many years this has merely been the subject of speculation. A major development in 2015 revealed that the bones were from the late Anglo-Saxon and early Norman periods, thanks to radiocarbon (C14) dating on selected fragments by the Radiocarbon Accelerator Unit at the University of Oxford.

These findings confirmed that the bones date from the same periods as the names on the chests, which include eight kings, two bishops and one queen, rather than being the result of later activity within the Cathedral.



Denmead Twinning Association

Our visit to Saint Georges

As I write this, there is a great deal in the news about France. However, just before the D-Day 75 commemorations, around 40 people from Denmead went for a long weekend to our twinned village, Saint Georges Les Baillargeaux, near Poitiers in France.

During our time there, many events were arranged for us, beginning with a reception and a superb meal. It was there that we gave our hosts a huge, delicious fruit cake made by our members Malcolm and Ann Davies, and entertained our hosts to some sea shanties, hilariously animated, including 'What shall we do with the drunken sailor!' 



For our day out in a coach with their committee, we went to see how cognac is produced, followed by an enjoyable lunch on a river boat and an afternoon visit to the pretty town of Angoulême.

Another day was spent with families (or several families together), who took their twins from Denmead to do different things; there was no mistaking that we were in France!

As with times that are thoroughly enjoyable, the weekend passed very quickly; we look forward to seeing our twins in Denmead next May. In the meantime, we shall have many social events here in Denmead for members and friends.

We are always looking for new members to join us. Interested? Then contact Patrick Binks 9226 2912.



Denmead Afternoon Women's Institute

At our June meeting we welcomed David Standing to give a talk on "Cottage Gardening".

Before his retirement David was for 38 years Head Gardener at the Gilbert White's House Museum in Selborne and one of his first volunteers was a lady from Denmead. David divided his talk into three parts which covered the main elements of a cottage garden, how we go about producing it and the top cottage garden flowers. His beautiful slides showed that we can use the smallest of areas to make a picturesque garden. Paths can be made from a variety of materials such as bricks, or stone slabs and that any plants can be used for edging to soften straight lines. Among favourite plants he suggested primulas, dianthus, violas, roses, hollyhocks, sunflowers and sweet peas for colour and scent.

The Competition for a flower arrangement in an egg cup was won by Rosemary Simpson with Janet Pearce second. The Flower Competition was won by Margaret Kennett with Joan Elliott second.

We enjoyed the County Darts Competition winning two and losing two of our matches. Margaret Barnes scored 114 with three darts which was applauded by all. We always enjoy meeting members

from other institutes and having a fun time. Southsea Morning gave us a piece of cake to take home as one of their players had celebrated her birthday the previous day. We look forward to the County Quiz and the Skittles competition.

Eight members visited the Poppy Factory in Richmond and were given an interesting tour. The modern machine produces 10,000 poppies in 4½ minutes. The poppies are sent to the British Legion in Kent to be distributed around the country for Remembrance Day. We each made two different types of poppy.

We are continuing our monthly lunch dates and this month will meet at the White Hart on Wednesday 10th. On Wednesday 31st we are visiting the Pavilion at Stansted House for afternoon tea.

This month's meeting on Wednesday 3rd will include a Candle Making Demonstration by Brian Graham. The competition is for a candle holder

We invite all ladies to our meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month from 2 to 4pm in the Memorial Hall, Hambledon Road. We have talks and demonstrations on a wide range of subjects so there is something to suit all tastes and interests. If you have recently retired or moved to the village the WI is the ideal way to make new friends or renew old friendships as well as learning new skills.

Joan Downing (9226 5458)



Tall Tree Theatre



EARLY YEARS ADAPTATION

Lily & the Albatross

Saturday 5th October
at 2.00pm
Denmead War Memorial Hall



A family show about wild weather, wild birds and wild ambitions with puppetry and live music

Following the show there will be craft activities and meet the puppets from 3pm
Refreshments will be on sale

Tickets £6.00 each or 4 for £22.00

For tickets please phone or email with your name and contact details

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At our meeting in June, Andy and Angela Ward of Butterfly Cottage Garden Plants answered our questions on 'Gardening with Native Plants'. They started their nursery in Cheriton over 20 years ago. There is no electricity on site so they work with the seasons to produce their plants growing everything from scratch by seed, cuttings or division. They don't use chemicals relying on natural methods to control pests and have recorded 23 species of butterfly as well as hoverflies, hornets,

bumble bees, grasshoppers, crickets, lizards, hedgehogs and birds.

Some of Andy and Angela's favourite plants for attracting insects are Valeriana officinalis and members of the carrot family such as Oenanthe pimpinelloides for hoverflies, Scutellaria altissima and Echium vulgare for bees, Silene nutans for moths and Buddleja for butterflies. Hoverflies, ladybirds and their larvae control aphids so it is important to provide the right plants to attract these beneficial insects as well as the plants to provide nectar and pollen. Plants we may think of as weeds such as nettles, ivy and

dandelions are all important for beneficial insects and the message was not to be too tidy to give the predators a chance to thrive and control the pests.

Butterfly Cottage is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday except when Andy & Angela are at plant fairs. An appearance on Gardeners World had a dramatic effect on the number of



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people contacting them and coming to the nursery. They don't just grow native plants and there were many lovely healthy looking plants for us to buy. Andy & Angela prove that you can have an attractive garden that is also good for wildlife.

More on 2nd July as Alan Edmonson's talk is on 'Beetles in the Garden – Friend or Foe?' There are more types of beetle than any other insect and Alan will help us sort the goodies from the baddies so we know how to treat them - 7.30pm in the Church Hall, visitors welcome, £2.

Summer Show

– Saturday 17th August

Our Summer Show takes place on 17th August with all the usual attractions including the fun dog show, live music, bar & barbecue and most important the exhibits in the hall – there's still time to pick up a schedule from Parkers or download from our website to see what you could enter. This year's fancy dress theme with prizes of a cream tea for two at Barnards is 'Dig for Victory'.

Liz Williams, 023 9226 9642, liz@greensleeves.eclipse.co.uk

Denmead Conservative Branch

Our next event will be a Dinner at Barnard's Restaurant to celebrate the 75th anniversary of D Day on Friday 5th July 6.30pm for 7pm Details and application form from the Secretary

Mrs Valerie Brown, 07590 206621