



The Messenger

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From the Editorial Team

With this edition we begin our fourth year of publication. We wish to thank all those who have contributed over the years.

NOTICE

This edition contains Lynda's 'Orthopaedic Journey'. Some may find this upsetting, but this article should be read in the context that Lynda has given it.

The editorial team reserve the right to reject any articles that may not be suitable. Only first names will be used, respecting privacy at all times. All photos submitted must have prior consent from those shown in the picture.

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Thank you

From The Pastor's Desk

"...what a gift life is to those who stay the course" James 5:10

One October evening in 1968, a group of die-hard spectators remained in the Olympic Stadium in Mexico City to watch the last finishers of the marathon. An hour before, Mamo Wolde of Ethiopia had won the race. It was getting cold and dark and the remaining spectators began to leave, when suddenly they heard the sound of sirens and police whistles coming into the stadium. As they watched in amazement, one last runner made his way onto the track for the last lap of the 26-mile race. It was John Stephen Akhwari of Tanzania.



As he ran the 444-metre circuit, people could see that his leg was bandaged and bleeding. He had fallen and injured it during the race, but he refused to let it stop him. Suddenly the people in the stadium rose, some in tears, and applauded without stopping, until he crossed the finish line. As he hobbled away, he was asked why he had not quit since he had no chance of winning a medal. He said, "*My country did not send me to Mexico City to start the race, they sent me to finish it.*" What an attitude! He looked beyond the pain of the moment and kept his eye

on the purpose for which he was there.

We have recently seen this in the lives of two great stalwarts of the church – Alan Toombs and Roger Barnett. They both ran well, and finished well, and we applaud them for doing so. But our goal too is to finish the race – to do our best for God that we can. Let's make a decision to do this and plan our efforts accordingly.

Blessings

Peter

Church Family News

Birthdays

September



1st - Emma G
8th - Michele T
21st - Jackie B
22nd - Pat D
26th - Babs B -
(A special birthday!!)
27th - Clarissa H

October



1st - Michelle H
2nd - Edith H
10th - Gill W
11th - Glen M
14th - Jamie W
18th - Jean K
23rd - Eric J
27th - Hazel D
27th - Jack C

If you have a birthday in November or December
and are happy for us to put it in the Messenger, please let Sally know.

Geoff and Audrey Y are celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on
September 17th.

Pilla and Michael would like to thank the fellowship for
the beautiful plant and the pair of Godalming Mugs and
the lovely card from the fellowship. They are settling
well in Devon



Summer Term At The Ark Toddler Group



It was very apparent in the spring term this year that the Wendy House we have had for very many years at Ark was 'past its sell by date' and a Health and Safety hazard for the children. Thanks to the generosity of the church for funding it and to Malcolm for both dismantling the old and helping erect the new, we've enjoyed a

great summer term of outdoor play on the upstairs patio. Coupled with the new surface of artificial grass we were able on the last morning of term to hold a Teddy Bear's picnic in the shade, by the Wendy House where Teddy Bear themed snacks and songs were enjoyed by children (and the bears they brought along), by their carers and the Ark team.

We've had contact with approximately 50 children this term, about 25 being stalwart regulars. As well as hoping we show the love of Jesus in our interactions with children and adults, every week we do have a simple Bible story and a linked craft activity. In 'singing time' we incorporate some children's Christian songs as well as the usual favourites such as 'The Wheels On The Bus'. We are never too sure where the adults stand on the incorporation of faith-related items into the morning, but if they keep returning then we assume they are happy with it. And we pray that seeds will be sown in some of the adults as well as the children. One Mum, new to the area this term, asked me before her first experience of 'singing time', if we included Christian choruses. She was delighted when I confirmed that we did.

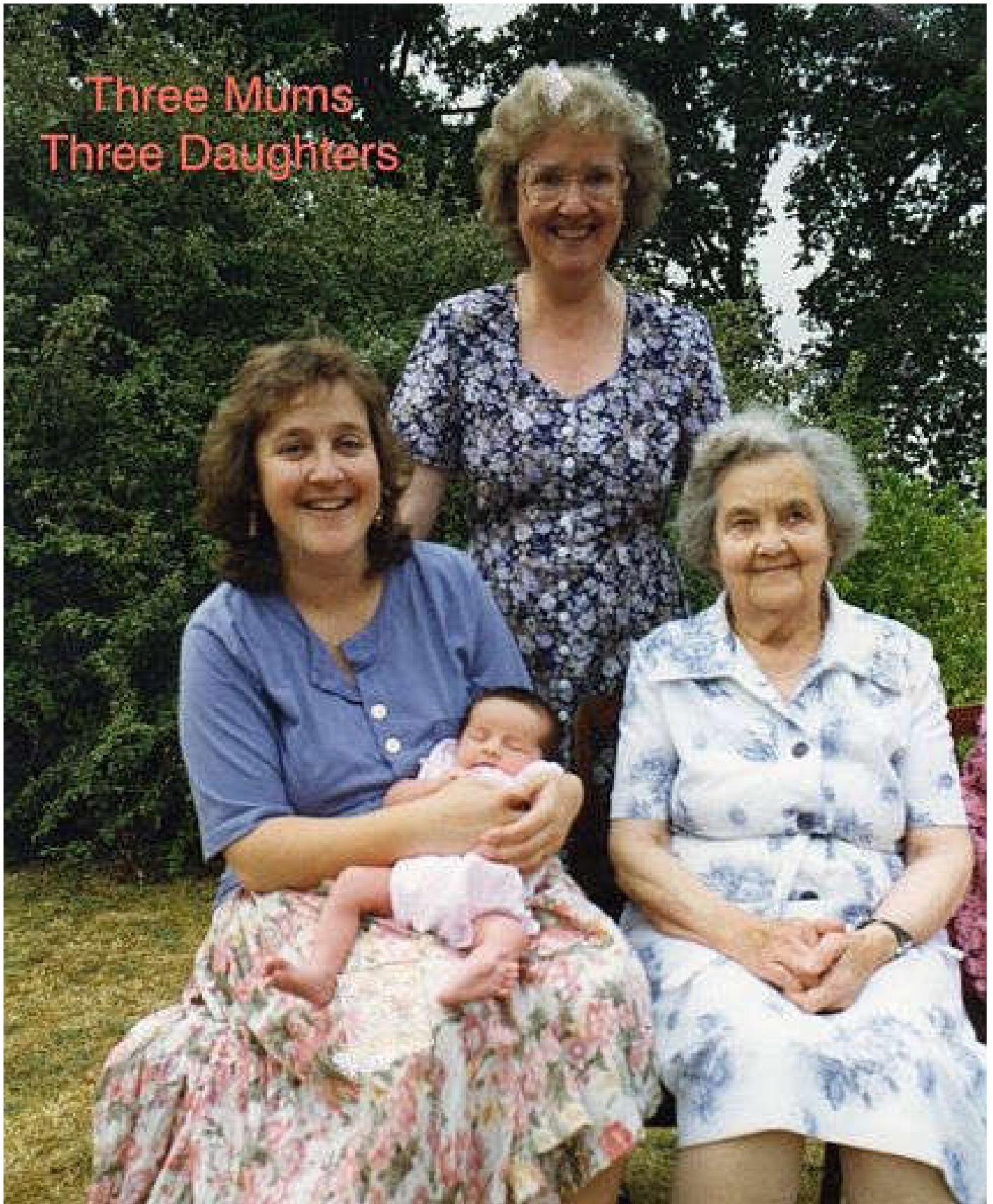
Term ended with five of our older regular children moving on. (Children usually leave at the end of the term in which they have their third birthday). We had written 'Thank You's' from two appreciative families. One was a lovely home-made card, by Jemima, which thanked us for 'helping me grow up'. The second card (written by the Mum of a Jemimah) had a much lengthier message. This Mum has a strong faith and I quote part of her message to us. This family, with two children, have been with us for almost 4 years. "Thank you for all you do every Thursday morning to run the Playgroup. It has been the highlight of our week and such a blessing to us. Jemimah has grown so much in confidence since coming and that has been a joy for me to see. It's clear what a special community you are and you make a brilliant team! It must have been very hard for you to lose Catherine. She was such a kind lady. What a lasting legacy she has left."

The message then ends by quoting Hebrews 13: 20-21.

"Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will. Working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ to whom be glory forever and ever Amen."

It meant a lot to the team to have this acknowledgement at the end to a difficult year as we have tried to work together to continue serving God, our church and our community.

'Jarman' Generations



Great Grandma - Ivy
Mum - Stephanie

Grandma - Barbara
Baby - Jessica



Great Grandma - Barbara
Mum - Jessica

Grandma - Stephanie
Baby - Florence

Lynda's Orthopaedic Journey

It's Sunday 27th November, the table is set with small cakes and dainty sandwiches. The toy box is out. I'm expecting a visit from my son and two precious granddaughters. I receive a message, they are on their way! The weather is still mild for November about 22 degrees. I decided to go outside to meet them. Mobile in the back pocket of my jeans and secateurs in right hand, there's always a little garden manicuring to do! I have a vague memory of falling. Then the face of a lady with a dark brown bob like haircut. Nothing more.....

My neighbour who witnessed my fall described it as a 'double salchow into the garden furniture'!!

Mum! Mum! Why is my son calling me? Again Mum! Mum! I must get to him, is he in trouble? No. I was completely unresponsive, the doctors thought I might respond if Andrew called, they were right. I slowly started to regain consciousness.

Doctor: 'Lynda, we need to pull your leg' Me: 'Where do you want to put it'? I have no clear recollection of what went on that day apart from a great deal of being pushed and pulled. Trolleys running backward and forward.



I finally woke up in ICU. I had sustained a fairly straightforward fracture to my left ankle. However, my right ankle suffered a trimeliolla fracture. An open tibia and fibular fracture. My right leg was at first fixed together with a device known as an X fix. This device looked like a piece of scaffolding. After two days I was once more transferred to theatre as this scaffolding was not sufficient to hold my broken bones together. The X-rays looked like I had a child's Meccano set in my leg!! I finally came home on December 23rd in time for Christmas.

It's now December 28th - something is wrong! There is seepage from the stitch line. I have an appointment on January 2nd to see the consultant. After six visits the consultant

admitted my injuries were beyond the care available at RSCH. I was transferred to St. George's in London the next day.

Over the next three years I underwent six more surgeries, a sepsis infection that nearly took my life, to, finally on the 25th of Feb 2026 I underwent the amputation of my right leg.

Although this journey has been long, painful, arduous and debilitating I always felt the presence of The Lord. I cried out to Him in my darkest moments and I would always feel He was with me.

I really wanted to be admitted to Queen Mary's Hospital Roehampton for 8 weeks rehabilitation and to have a prosthetic leg made. It's extremely hard to get a bed there. Only 10 beds are available to an amputee.



Can you understand my joy when the lead physio from St. George's told me to expect a visit from Dr. Koli the consultant from Queen Mary's.

I give my grateful thanks to the prayer warriors who refused to give in and relentlessly asked the Lord to give me a place there. I finally came home on the 1st May 2026 with my prosthetic leg (that I nicknamed Peggy!)

Wearing a prosthetic leg is not easy. For the people who think it's like changing a pair of shoes! Let me politely correct you. My prosthetic leg weighs nearly 6KG. I have to perform exercises daily to strengthen the quadriceps muscle to enable me to lift the leg. The leg needs to be lifted over the smallest stone to climbing a flight of steps. Balance is a huge hurdle to conquer. When a large part of you is taken away your level of balance is greatly altered. I learned how to balance on a bright pink inflated ball!! I'm still taking 'baby steps' wearing my prosthetic leg for 5/6 hours a day. Building up tolerance takes time.

Have you heard of 'Phantom pain' or 'Ghost foot'. These are the last pains your brain remembers before the surgery. In my case that would be a broken infected ankle, peripheral neurosis and arthritic toes. These pains although largely attributed to the brain's memory are very real to the sufferer. Every amputee has a different experience of Phantom pain. This can vary from electric shocks that make you jump to nagging pins and needles. My pain is largely under control now thanks to the pharmacy companies who manufacture drugs like Pregabalin and Gabapentin. However, my mind is a little foggy!

What a massive journey this has been, the uncertainty, pain, anguish and the let downs but I have survived with the help from friends and The Lord. I have almost conquered!!

Thank you so much to those who supported me in prayer, visits, meals and flowers. Yes! Flowers, when I came home from hospital in December 2022 there were flowers on my sitting room table, there are still fresh flowers that come every time the last ones die! What amazing generous friends I have!



Do You Remember?

TWORK

BT August 20, 1998

Town centre church opens £500,000 extension



A sight to behold – Steve Chalke (left) and minister the Revd Martin Poole in front of the new Godalming Baptist Church extension. Photo: Surrey Advertiser.

SURREY – A £520,000 extension has been opened by Godalming Baptist Church, giving the church two large halls, a spacious foyer and extra rooms.

The joint longest serving members, Evelyn Barnes and Vera Fairbrother, teamed up with the church's youngest member, Georgina Jefferies, to cut the ribbon at the official opening.

Television presenter the Revd Steve Chalke unveiled a plaque which announced that the extension was for the glory of God, then encouraged the congregation at a celebration service to use the new facilities for that purpose.

The congregation included MP Virginia Bottomley, the town and borough mayors, and representatives of other churches in the area.

Church elder Jim Brunt summarised the 98-year history of the Baptist presence in Godalming, including the building of the

'New look, new life

church sanctuary in the sixties.

The extension, featuring a large cross and glass frontage, gives a new look to the Queen Street church premises in the town centre.

Ongoing celebrations included a children's party with the theme "The Circus comes to Town" and the public were invited to open days during last month's flower festival.

The church, with 232 members, has so far raised about £280,000 for the extension, the remainder being financed by loans from the Baptist Union Corporation, the Baptist Building Fund, and the North Downs Baptist Association.

My Pen Pal

My Pen Pal Tracey lives in Northern Ireland. We have been friends for over thirty years and keep in touch long-distance, by sending Cards/Gifts for Birthdays and Christmas. I look forward to more years of her friendship which I value very much.

Another 'Special' Friend

My dear special friend is a very kind-hearted person in her own right. They live in the Portsmouth area of Hampshire. She really helped me come to terms with the loss of my much-loved partner John. My friend's other half is a Pompey supporter. One of the things I remember about her is that she likes dark colours and that stood out. I miss her a lot but will always be grateful for her support and love and we will always be sisters in Christ.

Jan

Maureen at 85

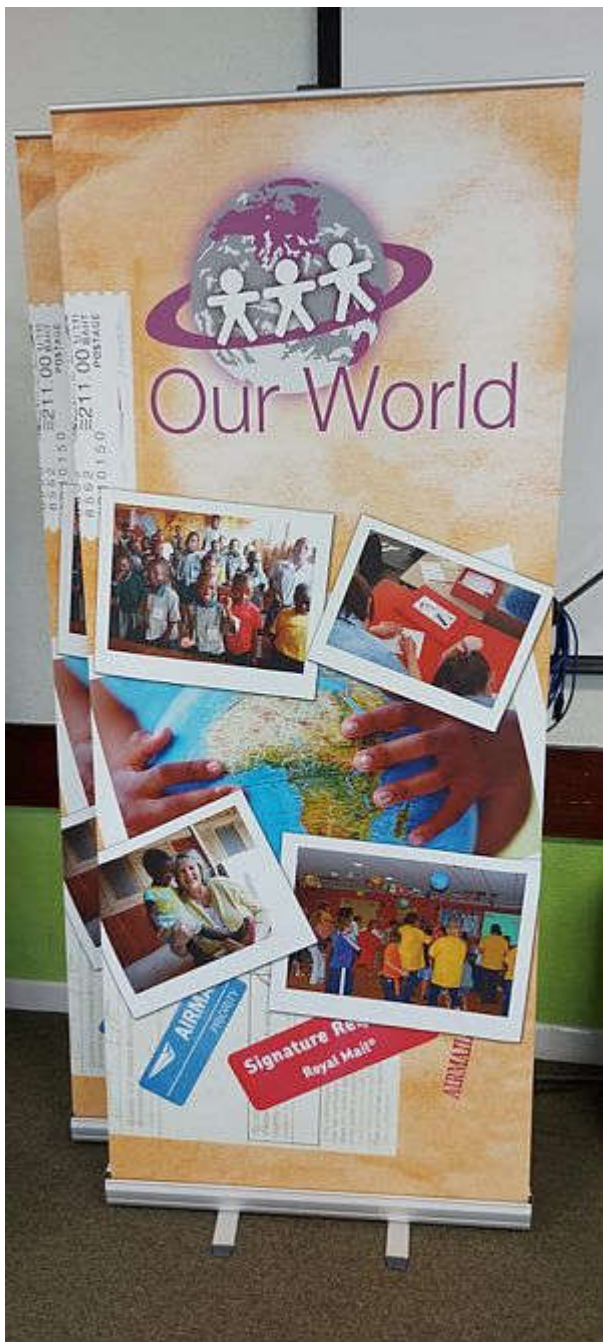




Georgina Varney recently retired from her position with Our World, the charitable organisation she set up some 13 years ago.

For an Our World Celebration in June of this year, Jenny LeForte, a Chair and Trustee of Our World and previous member of GBC submitted an article for the Celebration Programme. Jenny wrote:

BEGINNINGS



Anyone who knows Georgina well, will know that she enjoys going out for coffee. So it was that, on a sunny Godalming day, I happily drove up to a local arboretum to meet with her. However, our cosy chat soon became a nightmare, as Georgina told me she was leaving her role as Pastoral Assistant at our church, to go to the Midlands to work for Flame Trust. I was about to lose my best friend!

However, my husband John and I were to become part of her new 'picture', as moving on from Flame, God guided Georgina to start a new charity: Our World.

We were part of the group of trustees, comprising of our Chair: Liz Alien; Vice Chair: John Leforte; Treasurer: Richard Smith; and other members: Chris Parker, Sandra Smith and myself. Georgina was our CEO, our Minute's Secretary was Clare Garland and Jenny Beardsmore oversaw the day-to-day finances. We held our first meeting together in October 2012 and we received our official registration on the 17th May 2013.

The Trustees changed slightly over the years as we welcomed Ruth Boys and Karen Underwood when Sandra and Richard came to

the end of their time of service, and I became Chair when Liz left us. We mourned the passing of dear Chris Parker in February 2024. She had served Our World for a number of years with great wisdom, love and a wonderful sense of humour. We still miss her. John also passed into glory at the end of 2022. I know they are both now part of that 'great cloud of witnesses' that surround us, cheering us on. I hope you enjoy our celebration today. You have been so much part of the journey and we thank you for your support and prayers throughout the years. May God richly bless you all.





COME. WORSHIP. GROW.

EVENING *Service*

WORSHIP TOGETHER.



ENCOUNTER MORE.



LAST SUNDAY
OF EVERY MONTH



6:30PM – 7:30PM



An Hour to Refocus.

FAITH. COMMUNITY. HOPE.



WORSHIP
*Celebrate God
together*



WORD
*Be transformed
by His truth*



PRAYER
*Seek God.
Find peace.*



GODALMING BAPTIST CHURCH



HARVEST

Sunday 27th September 2026

Harvest Thanksgiving Service 10:00am

At Godalming Baptist Church

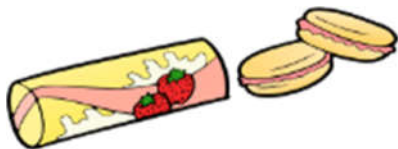
Please bring items for the

Godalming Community Store –

UHT Milk, whole or semi

Tinned Veg, Tinned Soup, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Rice Pudding/ Custard
Tinned Meat /Meat Meals, Pasta Sauces (Jars) , Jam, Biscuits, and Tea.

And



St Mark's Food Bank-



Tuna, Corned Beef

Tinned Peas Carrots, Sweetcorn, -Tinned Ham, Hot Dogs, Meatballs,
Chicken In Sauce, Beef In Sauce

Instant Mash, Teabags, Coffee, Jam, Honey,

Sweet biscuits, S, Pot Noodles, Pot Pasta,

Savoury Biscuits/ Crackers,

Cereal, Big Soups, Chunky soups, Pasta Sauces-

Thank You



Sharing Love Through Food:

RESTARTING OUR MEAL MINISTRY



“ Share with the Lord’s people who are in need.
practise hospitality. Romans 12:13



We are relaunching our church meal ministry to support church members facing major life events like illnesses, new babies, moving home or bereavement. Our goal is to lift the burden of cooking by delivering comfort food straight to their doors when they need it most.



HOW IT WILL OPERATE

- **No Rigid Rotas:** We are building a flexible pool of willing volunteers rather than a fixed weekly schedule.
- **On-Demand Requests:** When a need arises in our community, we will reach out to our volunteer pool to see who is available to help.
- **No Pressure:** If you are too busy when we contact you, there is absolutely no pressure. We will simply move to the next person in the pool.
- **Containers Provided:** To make things as easy as possible, I will provide the disposable containers for you to use.
- **Easy Delivery:** Meals are dropped-off in these disposable containers so the receiving families have no dishes to return.



POPULAR MEAL IDEAS

If you choose to cook, meals do not need to be fancy! Simple, easily-reheated comfort foods are always the most appreciated:



Family Classics:
Cottage pie, shepherd's pie, lasagne, pasta bakes, or a big batch of chili.



Hearty Casseroles:
Chicken and vegetable hotpot or beef stew.



Soothing Soups:
Vegetable, chicken, or leek and potato soup paired with some fresh bread rolls.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

We rely entirely on our church family to keep this ministry running. You can get involved in two different ways:

- **Join the Volunteer Pool:**
Sign up to be on our contact list. You just agree to cook and deliver a fresh dish occasionally when your schedule allows.
- **Donate Funds:**
If you do not have time to cook, you can contribute financially. We have secured a fantastic 30% discount partnership through the COOK Community Kitchen scheme. Your monetary donations will be pooled to buy high-quality frozen meals directly from COOK at a majority reduced cost.

**30%
DISCOUNT
PARTNERSHIP**



HOW TO SIGN UP OR GIVE



To volunteer your cooking:
Please speak to me directly at church or send me an email to get your name on the contact list.



To make a donation:
Financial contributions can be made directly to the Church Treasurer. Please ensure you use Meal Ministry as the reference so the funds are correctly allocated.

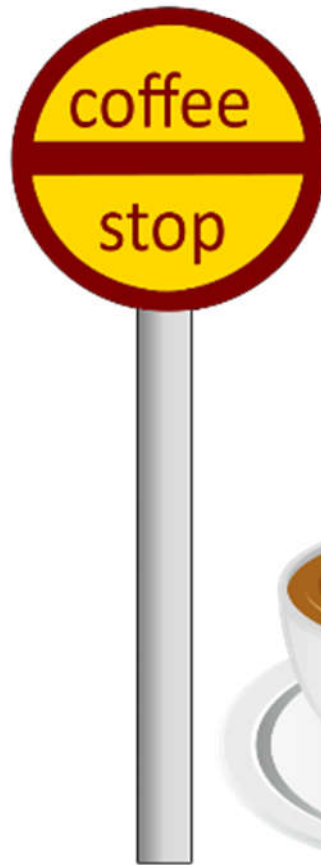
COOK

COMMUNITY KITCHEN



Let's work together to nurture our community, one meal at a time! ♥

Tania Rnaker



Sat 12th Sept 10am – 12.00 Noon
supporting Chestnut Tree and
Shooting Stars Children
Hospices
And Saturday 3rd October
supporting Age UK

Chestnut Tree House



We're here to make sure that children and young people with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions and their families get all the care and support they need.

We'll take some of the stresses away from their everyday lives, so they can focus on making precious memories together as a family. They can join us at our activity days or for short breaks at the hospice, where we provide specialist care while allowing kids to be kids and mums and dads to be just that. Whatever their journey looks like, our team are here to support the family through the good days, the bad days and the last days in whatever way feels right.

Who do we offer care to?

Our services are here for children and young people with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions aged from birth to 25, as well as their siblings and parents. We're able to care for families living in West Sussex, East Sussex, Brighton & Hove and South East Hampshire.

Shooting Stars Children's Hospice



We support children with life-limiting conditions and their families living across Surrey, south-west London and north-west London. Our care is available from diagnosis and includes practical support, therapies, respite, family groups and events, use of our hospice facilities and much more.



How we help

Specialist, impartial advice

Whether it's a question about care, money, health or housing, a call to our free advice line, a visit to our website, or a face-to-face appointment at a local Age UK can help change older people's worries into answers.

Friendship services

From weekly chats on the phone and local in-person befriending to round the clock support from our Silver Line Helpline, we're changing loneliness and isolation into comfort and connection.

Research and campaigning

We're an expert voice on ageing, changing the way older people are treated and represented in society. We work with local, national and international policymakers to challenge inequalities and push for the changes that'll improve older people's lives.

Local services and support

Local Age UKs deliver services like help at home, exercise classes and digital inclusion, using their expert knowledge of their area to transform older people's health, wellbeing and finances.

Our strategy

Our vision is of a world where every older person feels included and valued. We've set ourselves an ambitious strategy to help us get there.

Connect Visit To Weald And Downland Museum



FRIENDSHIP LUNCH AND COMMUNITY COACH OUTING TO THE ISLE OF WIGHT, GODSHILL AND SHANKLIN

It was a very early start on the morning of Thursday 16th July for the Friendship lunch and community outing to the Isle of Wight.



We had told people to be at the church for 8.00am to leave prompt at 8.15am. We arrived at the church at 7.30am and people were already waiting. The coach was prompt and we had our lovely normal driver, Alison. Everybody boarded and we left on time and travelled to Portsmouth via the A3 and Hindhead Tunnel. We arrived at the ferry terminal at 9.30 am for the 10.00 am ferry to Fishbourne on the Island. There was even time to avail ourselves of the facilities, look at the views and the approaching ferry. It was a smooth crossing and some

people got coffee and food in the buffet, some just sat and took in the view, and some went outside to get a better view. We arrived at Fishbourne and all got back on the coach and then drove to Godsill arriving at 11.15am.



Everyone was free to go where they liked. Some walked up to Godshill church on the hill with the lovely thatched cottages, some to The Old Smithy and gardens, some to the lovely simple Methodist chapel. We went in the model village, lovely, then had lunch next door in the tea garden. We all met back at the coach at 1.15pm to go on to Shanklin seafront. A nice drive between the two places going through other villages. We were then

able, again to go where we liked. It was very hot along the seafront so some just sat in the shelters admiring the sea. Others went in the gift shops, some had lovely meals in the various eateries there. Several of us had ice creams in the ice-cream parlour. Lovely.

We then wandered back to the coach ready for departure to Fishbourne for the 5.00pm ferry. We boarded the ferry for our return journey to Portsmouth Harbour. Again, a very smooth ride. We arrived back at Portsmouth at 5.35pm approx. then a safe journey up the A3 and had some dropping off points on the way arriving at the church at 7.15, all safe and sound.



It had been a lovely day and thanks to everyone for being at the coach on time at every point. It was tiring but enjoyable.



Look out for details of the next outing, which will be Friday 20th November to Winchester City and Christmas Market. (note the change of day). Booking forms will be out in September.

Friendship And Lunch - What's Not To Like?

Epilogue given by Penny Rivers at a recent Friendship Lunch



Friendship is essential in our lives - it is about "We" not "Me" or as it is written, "where two or three gather..." Our home is called Amity - another name for friendship - the house sign is a piece of elm carved by my maternal grandfather, John. We cherish the sign and the name - as was the case of so many good decisions, it was enlightened by my mother. Her other suggestions were "Content", "Good Hope" - all three names, as well as being positive, are placenames in Jamaica.

Jamaica, as I think you already know, has had a bearing on my life and thinking, it is one of the beats of my heart and I

learned my politics there and politics has become a big part of my life. Politics is about people and people matter. I learned this from watching a family friend - Dr HAA Brown - our family doctor who vaccinated us, bound up our wounds and lived a good, kind and caring life. He was also a politician and for years the Minister for Tourism.

It is thanks to him that two of my siblings in time became doctors.

As a seven-year-old I would sit on the veranda of one of his friends and a neighbour, of ours Dr Howard Cooke. He was then the Minister for Education and the father of my schoolteacher. One of his visitors was the then Prime Minister Sir Alexander Bustamante. I loved listening to these people discuss their policies for newly independent Jamaica. There was great discussion around a more national

identity and the motto, National Anthem, and other things were decided. The motto is one I always bring into speeches and one I firmly believe in "Out of Many: One People".

In Jamaica, there are descendants of enslaved African people, indentured Indian and Chinese people, German, Irish, Scottish and English people - yet out of many they are one.

We too can recognise and value diversity in our own time and place and welcome those of all ages, genders, faiths, colours, abilities - humankind is a glorious rainbow.

The design of the Jamaican flag was chosen by Dr Brown - the green represents the verdant land, the gold the sun and black recognises the people - their hardships and their strength and creativity. He was full of love and understanding and warm welcome. He would say, "Me casa es te casa" - my house is your house. And he always said that his role was to serve the "little people". He always took time to listen.



It was an honour to give a tribute at his funeral in 2022 in St James, Parish church Montego Bay - the church where he worshipped and where my parents married and where we went to Sunday School.

He was a true friend to me and to many and I try to follow in his footsteps. It is the little people we try to help— those who need support and an advocate. Those with money, power and privilege are not in need of help - those who can't access education, health, care and find the cost of living hard - they are who we are here to serve.

The last local election was a most consequential one - the West Surrey Shadow Authority is now a thing, and it has until April 1st, 2027, to find a way forward. We face a mountain of inherited debt - £4.5 billion of which the government has waived £500 million - the most ever but not enough.

Thank you to those in this room who voted for me - and for those who voted for others - no matter, we serve everyone to the best of our ability. Sometimes politics is described as the art of the possible - no one can please all the people all the time and there is no perfect but if we are politic - pragmatic and work

together we can work for the good - the common good. Again, as it is written, "And we know that in all things work together for good"

Over the last two years, as Borough and Town councillors, we could see difficulties ahead - the way out of debt is to sell assets for development or for public assets to become private.

We did not want to lose The Burys, Charterhouse Green, Canon Bowring Field, the public loos in Crown Court and Farncombe. They are now Godalming Town Council assets so are safe from sale. We want to add Farncombe Day Centre and the Borough Hall.

That 7-year-old girl who listened to the talk of men who were trying to serve the people is now 70.

I have not had a stellar career or any career, but I know that I have not been idle - I am the oldest of 5 siblings, wife of Paul, mother of 4 grown children, aunt to many and great aunt to several. I was first elected in 1995 and am now a councillor at Town, Borough, County and West Surrey and Deputy Mayor of Waverley and the very first Chair of West Surrey.

Who would have thought it? Certainly not me.

We none of us do anything on our own - I am entirely 100% reliant on Paul Rivers - my ever-fixed mark and on family, friends, faith and colleagues.

No man is an island entire of itself we are each a part of the whole. There are many siren voices these days of social unease who try to divide us and make easy promises of better times often in a rose-tinted past. But our journey cannot be backwards - the past is another country, and they do things differently there - we must journey forwards. As Bob Marley sings in Redemption Song, "...we forward in this generation, triumphantly".

Just as some keep fit by physical exercise we can all choose to exercise our muscles of friendship, of tolerance, inclusion, kindness and love - may each care for all and all care for each.

We are better together - we can do so much more for our community when we cooperate. We have more in common than that which divides us.

The times are tough - we may feel as if we are walking through a storm - but when we walk with friends we never walk alone.

Thank you Sally and all who make this Friendship Lunch possible - for your warm hospitality and love for all.

Events

Bringing the Community Together



Woolly Blessings- Knitting, Crochet And Chat!

Godalming Baptist Church

Thursday 4th June

Thursday 18th June

Thursday 2nd July

Thursday 23rd July

Thursday 13th August

Thursday 27th August

Thursday 10th September

Thursday 24th September

Thursday 8th October

Thursday 22nd October

Thursday 5th November

Thursday 19th November

Thursday 3rd December

Thursday 17th December

10.00am-12.00 Noon £1 appreciated

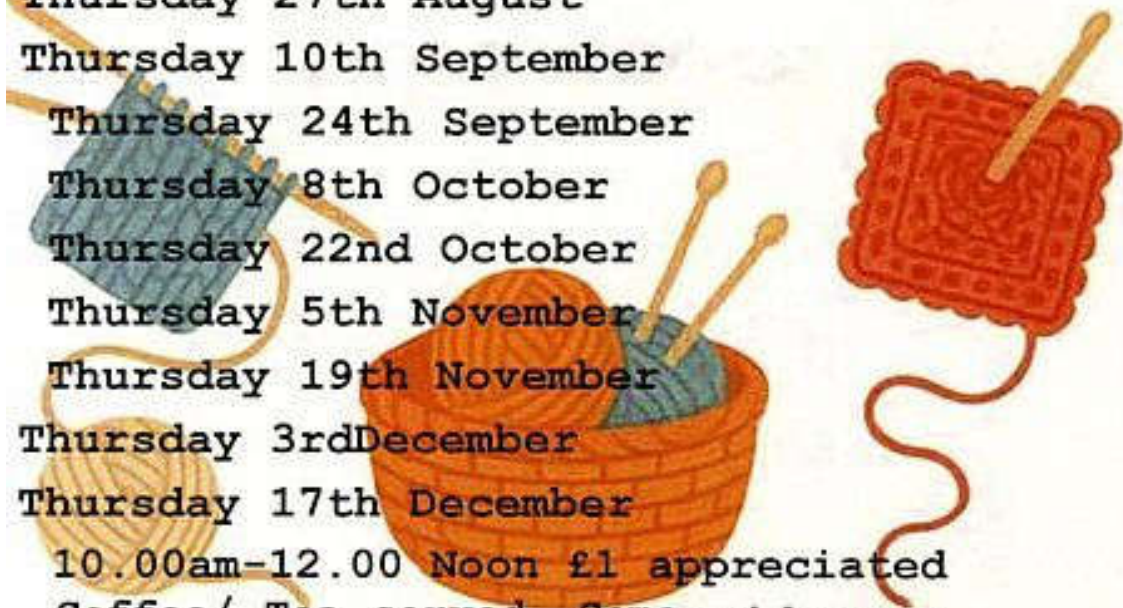
Coffee/ Tea served. Come and learn or

why not pass on your expertise to a new friend

while having fun. Bring your own wool. For

further information call Michele on

07525 164409



Knitting Group



Our knitting group is held every other week, on Thursday morning. We have ladies from the Church who have joined as well as ladies from the community who saw the posters! Many items are made for the premature babies, via the charity Bliss. Also lap blankets are being made for whoever might need one.

Jo H and I went to the Clockhouse in Milford a few weeks ago, to find out more about making the little hats for the Innocent drink bottles: the Innocent company will give Age UK 25p for each bottle sold which is wearing a hat, so many are needed. Jo got busy straight away!





Anybody who would like to learn to knit or crochet will be welcomed!

Michele T

SLEEP:

HOW CAN WE FIND IT SO HARD WHEN WE SPEND A THIRD OF OUR LIVES DOING IT?



***Led by
Dr Martin Brunet, GP Binscombe Medical Centre and Louise Berger,
Occupational Therapist and NHS Insomnia Clinic Lead RSCH***

Saturday 31st October 2026

10 am – 12.30 pm

(Coffee available from 9.30 am)

***at Godalming Baptist Church,
Queen Street, Godalming, Surrey GU7 1BA***

Come to this session to understand more about the mystery of how and why we sleep, including why so many of us have such trouble sleeping!

Find out ways of helping to improve your sleep, and explore whether medications, or devices used to monitor our sleep, are helpful or not.

The session will be free of charge, but voluntary donations are invited towards the vital work of 'Emerge Advocacy' - a charity providing support and a voice of hope to people aged 10-25 during and after attending A&E because of self-harm, a suicide attempt or an emotional crisis

**To help with managing numbers, please reserve a place by contacting
Sally Pollard, email: pollard3@hotmail.co.uk, tel: 01483 428646
by Friday 23rd October**



Conservatoire Concerts (CIO)

Godalming Baptist Church GU7 1BA

September 12th, 2026 - 7.00pm

Rising Stars Concert

Featuring students from Purcell School

**Luca Boston (piano), Emily Carrington (oboe),
Khanui Erdenebat (violin), Tristan Hermanto (piano)**

October 17th 2026 - 7.00pm



**Sutton
Philharmonic
Orchestra**

Under the direction of

Brian Choi

Piano Soloist - Thomas Masciaga

Featuring

**Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 21, Handel's Water Music, Wagner's Sigfried Idyll and
more**



**For full details and booking please visit our website
www.conservatoireconcerts.org.uk**



Ladies' Breakfast

Come and enjoy a continental breakfast
(cost £3 per person), a time of worship
and an encouraging and
uplifting message from our Speaker, Linda
Chamberlain at Godalming Baptist Church

On Saturday 10th October
From 9-11.00am at Godalming Baptist
Church. For catering purposes, please
contact Sally Pollard to book a place by
Sunday 4th October with payment
Tel-01483-428646 or
e-mail pollard3@hotmail.co.uk
Thank you - Do Come!



Men's Breakfast

Come and enjoy breakfast
at Wetherspoons (Jack
Phillips) in Godalming
From 8.30am
On Saturdays
12th September
10th October



Missing Letters

Insert words to make a complete word, place or name. In the first seven insert Car Manufacturers, in the second set of seven various Fruit and in the last set Places mentioned in the Bible.

Example for the first set

A F _ _ _ _ A B I L I T Y insert FORD
to make AFFORDABILITY

Cars

- 1 _ _ _ _ E N C E
- 2 E X H _ _ _ _ _ I N G
- 3 I N C O N T _ _ _ _ _ T I B L E
- 4 G L A _ _ _ _ _ S H I R E
- 5 H E Z E _ _ _ H
- 6 N A U _ _ _ _ _ I N G
- 7 H _ _ _ _ _ E S S

Fruit

- 8 D I S A P _ _ _ _ _ E D
- 9 _ _ _ _ _ M E T
- 10 T R A N S _ _ _ _ _ U R E D
- 11 _ _ _ _ _ C A R T
- 12 O U T _ _ _ _ _ D
- 13 M I L _ _ _ _ _ T R E
- 14 I M _ _ _ _ _ E D

Bible Places

- 15 _ _ _ G E N T
- 16 P O L Y S _ _ _ _ _ N E
- 17 A C Q U _ _ _ N T E D
- 18 B A _ _ _ _ _ E T E R
- 19 _ _ _ _ _ V E M E N T
- 20 T A X _ _ _ _ _ E R E R
- 21 _ _ _ _ _ S T A

For solution see page 47

Prayers

A PRAYER FOR OUR GOVERNMENT AND OUR NATION

God of wisdom and justice,
we come before You on behalf of our government
and our nation in these challenging times.

We pray for our leaders. Grant them wisdom, integrity and courage
to seek the common good above personal gain.
May they be guided by truth, act with fairness,
and make decisions that serve the most vulnerable
as well as the many.

We pray for unity in our divided land.
Heal the wounds of distrust and fear.
Help us to listen to one another with respect,
to value difference without division,
and to work together for the good of all.

We pray for solutions to our pressing problems.
For justice in our communities,
opportunity for the young, security for the vulnerable,
sustainable care for creation,
and honesty in all that is done.

We pray for peace and stability in the world,
that our nation may be a voice for compassion,
a force for good, and a builder of hope.

Above all, we pray for hearts that honour You.
May our nation seek not power,
but purpose; not division, but unity;
not selfishness, but service.
We place our country in Your hands,
trusting in Your mercy and guidance.

Amen.



Red Moon Rising - Rediscover the Power of Prayer. The Story of 24-7 Prayer

By Pete Greig/Dave Roberts

Red Moon Rising is the best-selling story of how a single, unsuspecting prayer meeting self-seeded into the lives of more than two million people in more than 12, 000 locations, most denominations, and more than half the nations on earth. From prisons to palaces, it's a powerful account of pain and perseverance, fighting injustice and experiencing miraculous answers to prayer. Whether you have followed the 24-7 Prayer Movement for years or are reading about it for the first time, this revised edition of Red Moon Rising will inspire you afresh to change the world where you live, one prayer and one life at a time.

Overcoming Insomnia

By Colin A. Espie

All the help you need to conquer your sleep problems and start living life to the full. Poor sleep is one of the most common health problems and can leave you feeling exhausted, stressed and run down. This essential self-help book includes advice on:

- *Developing good pre-bedtime regimes
- * The most effective relaxation techniques
- * Establishing a new sleeping and waking pattern
- * Dealing with a racing mind
- * Using sleeping pills more effectively
- * Handling jet lag and sleepwalking

Godalming Baptist Church library has a vast selection of books covering various life issues e.g. Bereavement, Dementia, Addictions, Autism, Depression, Self-Harm etc. There are also books on encouragement and guidance in life's journey.

Open Sunday mornings after 11:30am or weekdays during term time between 9:00 and 12:00 (subject to bookings)

Garden Party For Ukraine



Our vintage garden party on the 5th July was held in the beautiful garden at Vale End, Albury.

Our aim was to raise money for UkraineMission.co.uk

This is a group of wonderful brave people who travel to the front line in Ukraine with medical supplies. They rely totally on money raised from events like ours to fund their journeys.

Richard and Harrison from the Mission came to the party and each of them gave an emotional address to the hundred guests.





This traditional English afternoon tea, being enjoyed in an idyllic location on a sunny, peaceful Sunday afternoon provided a stark contrast with the horrific war scenes portrayed and experienced by the two men.

It inspired so many of us to contribute more to their cause. In total we raised £4,800 which was sent directly to the charity. Every penny will go towards equipping ambulances with

medical supplies. In this way the Mission will be able to treat injured soldiers before transporting them to safety. They have saved many lives and many limbs.

Our thanks go to everybody in our group who made this event possible. Also our heartfelt thanks for the continued hospitality offered to us by the church. We have been made to feel so very welcome from day one in 2022.

Cherry Gay
Ukraine Support Group
Godalming



Communal Bathing In The Heatwave!



Quiz

1 - Autumn is referred to by what name in the USA?

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2 - In which year did the United Kingdom join what would later become the European Union?

3 - Which is the only national flag in the world that does not contain any white, red or blue?

4 - How did Judas identify Jesus to the soldiers who came to arrest him?

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5 - In which city is the Museo Nacional del Prado, or Prado Museum, located?

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6 - Which monster in Greek mythology was said to have had nine heads?

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7 - The thyroid gland can be found in what area of the human body?

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8 - In the Harry Potter stories, what method is used to determine the House of Hogwarts students?

9 - The city of Liverpool is located on which river?

10 - India and China are far out in front with over 1.4 billion people each, but with a population of roughly 275 million, which country is the third-most populated in Asia?

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11 - Which chess piece can only move diagonally?

12 - Who 'lost her sheep' in the popular English language nursery rhyme of the same name?

13 - The famous 'To be, or not to be' monologue is spoken by which Shakespearean title character?

14 - Which former professional footballer's acting debut came playing Big Chris in Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels?

15 - In the party game, onto which animal do players try 'to pin the tail'?
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16 - Keith Moon was the drummer with which rock band?

17 - As of 2024, Jack Nicklaus has won the most golf majors, achieving 18 victories during his career. Who has the most runner-up finishes, with 19?
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18 - In the nursery rhyme, which other object was said to have run away with the spoon?

19 - What has been the national bird of the United States since 1782?
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20 - As heard on Fawlty Towers, what are the four main ingredients of a Waldorf Salad?

For answers see page 46

Recipe

Maid of Honour Tarts

12 tarts

Short crust pastry

¼ cup raspberry or strawberry jam

¼ cup softened butter

¼ cup caster sugar

1 egg

½ cup SR flour

¼ tsp baking powder

¼ tsp almond extract

2 tsps of icing sugar (for dusting)



Heat oven to 375F or 190C

Lightly grease 12 – 2inch tart tins

Roll out pastry and cut 12 x 3 inch circles.

Fit one pastry circle into each tart tin.

Spread 1 tsp of jam into bottom of each.

Cream together butter and sugar until light and fluffy.

Mix in egg.

Add flour, baking powder and almond extract and mix until thoroughly combined.

Pour 1 tbsp into each tart.

Bake in oven for 20 mins until risen and firm.

Dust with icing sugar.

Thank you, Barbara for this recipe

Thoughts

JESUS PAID IT ALL

SIN	PAID
SHAME	PAID
PAIN	PAID
PAST MISTAKES	PAID
REJECTION & LONELINESS	PAID
SLAVERY TO SIN	PAID
SPIRITUAL DEATH	PAID

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AMOUNT DUE	0.00
CHANGE	0.00

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Subtotal	0.00
GRAND TOTAL	0.00

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FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH, BUT
THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE IN
CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.
ROMANS 6.23

Quiz Answers

1-The Fall

2-1973

3-Jamaica

4-By kissing him and calling him 'Rabbi'

5-Madrid

6-Hydra

7-The Neck

8-The Sorting Hat

9-The Mersey

10-Indonesia

11-Bishop

12-Little Bo Peep

13-Hamlet

14-Vinnie Jones

15-Donkey

16-The Who

17-Jack Nicklaus again!

18-The Dish

19-Bald Eagle

20-Celery, Apples, Walnuts and Grapes

Missing Letters Solution

ANSWERS

- 1 AUDIENCE
- 2 EXHAUSTING
- 3 INCONTROVERTIBLE
- 4 GLAMORGANSHIRE
- 5 HEZEKIAH
- 6 NAUSEATING
- 7 HOPELESS

- 8 DIASPPEARED
- 9 PLUMMET
- 10 TRANSFIGURED
- 11 APPLECART
- 12 OUTDATED
- 13 MILLIMETRE
- 14 IMPEACHED

- 15 URGENT
- 16 POLYSTYRENE
- 17 ACQUAINTED
- 18 BAROMETER
- 19 BEREAVEMENT
- 20 TAXGATHERER
- 21 CANASTA



You are warmly invited to join us for Sunday Services at 10:00am
Our morning services are recorded and videoed and are available to watch live or on
YouTube later

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCwMJcsPAKXKSImP7sfTfCg>

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