

All Saints Church

Lydiard Millicent



November 2008

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welcome

As summertime ends and with the gathering of the harvest completed thoughts now turn to preparations for advent and renewal. Sunday services through November continue with the beatitudes focussing on pure in heart, peacemakers, mercy and persecution (because of righteousness). If you are interested in exploring this subject further then you might want to take up the offer of the Tuesday night home group. For personal study you could investigate Foundations 21 if you have internet access or perhaps you might like to purchase some resources at the forthcoming bookstall.

Though it may be too early for some to contemplate Christmas shopping, please find time to consider making a gift donation to Operation Christmas Child with a shoebox filled with some simple presents that will bring pleasure to those who live in circumstances difficult to imagine in our consumer driven society.

Read on and consider registering for the John Hardwick workshop later this month, the Children's Ministry conference in January 2009 and get ready for New Wine for next summer – Tudor has promised it will not rain!

We also have news from Lydiard Millicent School and we hope to have similar news from Peatmoor Primary School in future editions.

Deadline for December's newsletter
Monday 17 November

Enjoy!
Andrew Bourne

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message from Tudor

Having it all worked out!

I love having things all worked out. When I go camping I make sure the Tent is in good order, that I have the right tables, gas supply, and spare tent pegs. Maybe it comes from doing a lot of camping in the Canadian Wilderness where the nearest Camp shop is a long way away and you had to be prepared.

But what about when you think you have things worked out and things still go “pear shaped”. I believe that one of the things that God may be teaching us at the moment is how to rely on God when the foundations are shaking – the credit Crunch, bad weather in the summer – we are living in times of change. How do we become a people who can, not just survive, but flourish in a time of change?

If you look in our Songs of Fellowship book Hymns numbers 1113 to 1117 focus exactly on

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these questions. 1114 is entitled “When we’re in trouble” - I don’t think I have ever sung this song but the words are brilliant. The song talks about calling on Jesus, and that each time we pray God always listens. All three songs also talk about the power of praise. It as we praise God that our hearts are realigned with God’s purpose and plan.

I want to sum up a Christian’s approach to hard times like this; God calls us to Confession, to Celebration and to Community.

Confession is recognition that as human beings we fail and mess up, and in short, we need God. To realize that we are helpless without God is not weakness it is wisdom. To confess our sins to god and each other is one of the keys to a healthy Church. James 5:13 says “Therefore Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. Hymn 1116 says

the same thing “Where there once was only hurt, He gave his healing hand”.

But we were not made to be downhearted. Heaven will be amazing and celebration in all its forms is meant to give us a taste of the Kingdom. For people to get together and praise God is a powerful tool against the Devil – Psalm 8 says that it’s the praise of infants that was designed to silence the enemy and the avenger. Paul calls on couples to sing hymns to each other (see Colossians chapter 3). Try singing to your nearest and dearest and see what it does for your relationship!

Lastly, I believe that community is the best place to work out together how we can weather the storm. It’s not the easiest place but it is the best. At All Saints we need to treasure times of getting together. Who knows it may be that as financial times

get harder that eating together more often will be economically good as well as spiritually up building. Jean Varnier of L’arche says that “Our world is waiting for communities of tenderness and fidelity”. In One year at All Saints I have seen many brilliant times of coming together in community. I know they require effort and hard work, cooks and people with the servant heart to wash up, but I truly believe they will be even more vital over this next year, if we are to see all our hopes realised.

And if you want that community challenge to be in the form of camping then grab a New Wine brochure from church and think about coming along in 2009. Statistically it has just got be good weather next year but there is nothing like being prepared for all eventualities.

God has it all worked out!

Tudor Roberts

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Ministry teams report

Prayer & Pastoral Care Team

The team last met in September (but missed the deadline for the October newsletter!) The main areas of discussion were as follows:

- Intercessions – we noted that a new member has joined the Intercessions team, and discussed how we provide support and training for those who lead our prayers in church on Sundays.
- Prayers for our community – each week we pray for different streets within our parish and cards are posted through doors, giving people a chance to request prayer for themselves or others. If you can help with delivering prayer cards you will find these at the back of church, in the crèche area.

- Harvest – we discussed the distribution of Harvest gifts to organisations such as the Green Hut and Swindon Food Bank, and also to individuals within our local community.
- Pastoral Care – we reviewed pastoral visiting to members of our fellowship known to be in need, noting the type and frequency of contact.

Ginnie Heads

Buildings and Safety Team

We will be meeting in October so this is a brief account.

We are doing well with Maggie's cottage, with Eileen keeping everyone up to date. There is also the tidy up on 18th of October with posters and information sent out this week.

We also have a new sub team with Simon and Howard looking into multi media in the building. We are still looking for a handy man/woman to join our team.

Simon Belcher

Home Group News

The Tuesday Night home Group has found plenty to reflect on through following the Beatitudes sermon series. It amazing how a few simple verses speak so powerfully to our lives today.

We are carrying on studying the Beatitudes before the Christmas break, if you would like to join us for one or two 'taster' sessions you are very welcome.

4th November - the Persecuted church

11th November - Making a difference, the Christian in society

18th November - Obeying God's Law - is the Old Testament important?

25th November - Our Secret sins - can they be hidden?

For more details please speak to Mary

Mary Poole

Novembers diary

	what	when	where	who
S 1st	Mens bible study	8.00	Blackthorn centre	Tudor Roberts 772417
S 2nd				
M 3rd	prayer group	13.30	The Vicarage	Tricia Roberts 772417
T 4th	home group	eve		Mary Poole 854753
W 5th	home group Alpha	eve eve	The Vicarage	Amanda Heard 771077 Tricia Roberts 772417
Th 6th	Stepping stones home group	13.30 eve	All Saints 17 Dianmer Close	Heather Benn 854179 Ginny Heads 887205
F 7th				
S 8th	Prayer meeting	9.00	All Saints	
S 9th				
M 10th	day group 1 day group 2 prayer group	am 9.30 13.30	17 Dianmer Close The Vicarage	Lesley Green 771244 Heather Benn 854179 Tricia Roberts 772417
T 11th	home group	eve		Mary Poole 854753
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Th 13th	Stepping stones home group	13.30 eve	All Saints 17 Dianmer Close	Heather Benn 854179 Ginny Heads 887205
F 14th				
S 15th				
S 16th				
M 17th	day group 1 day group 2 prayer group	am 9.30 13.30	17 Dianmer Close The Vicarage	Lesley Green 771244 Heather Benn 854179 Tricia Roberts 772417
T 18th	home group	eve		Mary Poole 854753

W 19th	home group Alpha	eve eve	The Vicarage	Amanda Heard 771077 Tricia Roberts 772417
Th 20th	Stepping stones home group	13.30 eve	All Saints 17 Dianmer Close	Heather Benn 854179 Ginny Heads 887205
F 21st				
S 22nd	Prayer meeting	9.00	All Saints	
S 23rd				
M 24th	day group 1 day group 2 prayer group	am 9.30 13.30	17 Dianmer Close The Vicarage	Lesley Green 771244 Heather Benn 854179 Tricia Roberts 772417
T 25th	home group	eve		Mary Poole 854753
W 26th	home group Alpha	eve eve	The Vicarage	Amanda Heard 771077 Tricia Roberts 772417
Th 27th	Stepping stones home group a	13.30 eve	All Saints 17 Dianmer Close	Heather Benn 854179 Ginny Heads 887205
F 28th				
S 29th				
S 30th				

what's going on?

Children's Ministry Conference

The next Children's Ministry Conference takes place 23-25 January 2009 in Eastbourne. I know that Tudor is keen for members from All Saints to attend this event especially those that are engaged in ministry to our children and young people. The conference programme can be found at www.childrensministry.co.uk/conference/category_index.php?id=2. But why go?

Well this January on a fresh winter morning with a stiff breeze blowing across the promenade,

Tudor, Beverley, Jill and myself went to the 2008 conference for the Saturday. There was a wonderful buzz within the conference and the first session began with a lively praise session led by Lou Fellingham. We also learnt a new action song 'Build a Bigger Barn' which will appear in a future service so be warned.

There was then a keynote speech 'The Faith Foundations' by Kathryn Copsey exploring children's spirituality. In summary we were encouraged to see faith through a children's world when communicating to them.

Spirituality is damaged through many ways such as personal experiences, media, influence from peers, too few or too many boundaries from parents/carers. Love was seen as central to how we nurture and develop children in their spirituality 1 Cor 13 v 2,7.

For the remainder of the day there were a variety of workshops and between us we covered ideas for multi-sensory prayer, telling the bible through drama, running successful family services, fun teaching for under 5s, bible explorer and creative ideas for 5-9s (watch out for different

coloured hats)! There were many other sessions as well covering all aspects of children's ministry.

There was also a huge amount of resources available including music, books and, of course, puppets (Tudor resisted temptation this time but 2009 maybe a different story!).

It was a very enjoyable day, with lots of ideas and food for thought. If you are interested in attending next year's conference speak to Tudor.

Andrew Bourne

Thank you

Tudor sends a big thank you to everyone for his puppet birthday present. With the additional money he, Harriet and friends are going on a puppet course - we will see the result soon!

Stepping Stones toddler group open afternoon

On Thursday 6th November everyone is invited to a Stepping Stones open afternoon. There will be soup and rolls at the lunch club, followed by singing, crafts and refreshments and a Operation Christmas Child: Shoeboxes for Christmas talk.

There will also be a Toy and Book sale, raising funds for Lydiard Millicent Pre-school.

Please come and support good causes.

Heather Benn 854179

New Creation Band - Worship Evening 6:30 pm Sunday 16th November

We are very glad to announce that the 'New Creation Band' will be performing a musical worship evening at All Saints. Come and sing along with modern worship songs played by the six-piece band. The music will last about an hour with a short interval for a wine/coffee.

You are all invited to this special evening and please do invite all the folk you can to come along with you – let's fill All Saints!

Proceeds from the evening will be for Maggie's Cottage refurbishment fund.

Eileen Sawyer

Bookstall at All Saints

In November we'll have a range of Christian books for all ages, Christmas cards, CDs and small gifts, from the Mustard Seed Bookshop, Marlborough available to buy through All Saints. This is an opportunity to see and choose something to help you grow as a Christian, read over Christmas, or give to someone else. The books will include copies of the new Church Bible (Today's New International Version), so you can buy your own.

Friday 14 Nov:
2.30 – 4.00pm (venue to be confirmed)

Sunday 16 Nov:
after 10.30am service in Church

Sunday 16 Nov:
after 6.30pm Creation Band concert

Ed Poole

Foundations 21 – growing disciples

I recently started to go through a new study programme produced by the Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF are already known for their Bible reading notes – see Nigel Margetts about these). So I was expecting quite a lot. Foundations 21 is an interesting and quite engaging way to learn, pioneering the use of the internet in Christian discipleship. If you're into laptops and desktops then read on. I'm still on Level 1 but have enjoyed what I've found so far.

You can follow Foundations 21 at home in various ways, at your

Message from Val Jones

It is with great sadness that I leave the fellowship of All Saints after 19 years. I would like to thank you all for the love, kindness and constant support

own pace, and alone or with a small group. It also offers various routes through to suit the way you like to learn, with various choices. So it can be a useful follow up to Alpha, Freedom in Christ etc, or a refresher for others. There's a wide range of topics including Jesus, Prayer, The Bible, Christian Mission and Christian Lifestyle. It's up to date, well designed even for occasional computer users, and quite engaging – with music, text and video clips all well used.

Preview the course on www-foundations21.org.uk

Ed Poole

you have given me and my family. You have been a great blessing to us all and I pray that we can still keep in touch and maintain friendships.

Wine, Spirit and Mixers!

New Wine

New Wine 2009 is from 2 – 8 August at the Bath & West Showground near Shepton Mallet. This is a chance to get to know one another better, to worship God and to learn and be challenged by a variety of often very diverse speakers. The children's groups are great fun and some of the adults even want to join them! If you are interested please speak to someone who has been before or go on-line to www.new-wine.org and look up Summer Conferences – Central and South West. Prices vary due to age but if we book by 30.11.08 we get the best rate, so please speak to Tricia by 23 November 2008 and book your place.

Alpha Holy Spirit Away Day

This year the away day is on Saturday 8 November from 10am – 4pm at the Blackthorn Centre near Cricklade. If you were not able to get to this day when you did Alpha or if you feel you would like to experience it again you would be more than welcome to join us. Please see Jill Winson or me for details.

Date for your diary

The next Newcomers' Tea will be held on Sunday 16 November at 3.30pm at The Vicarage. If you are new to our church, please come along for a cup of tea and a chat. We would love to get to know you better. If you are not so new but would like to bake a cake or make some biscuits for the tea, please contact Ginnie (887205) or Tricia (772417).

Mega Mix with John Hardwick

On Saturday 29 November we have a variety of activities planned with John Hardwick who specialises in work with children – his workshops have been described as inspiring, encouraging and enjoyable!

For children's leaders there is a training morning at Holy Trinity Church, Shaw from 10am-12.30pm (cost £5) and then at 3.30 – 5pm there is a Praise Party for children (cost free).

If you want to come to the training morning please let me know

Tricia Roberts, 772417 or
triciaroberts@btinternet.com

Partnership and beyond

22 November 2008

'Discovering the presence of God's spirit in surprising people, places and events' West Swindon Partnership Day of Reflection 9.30am – 4pm, Aldbourne Methodist Chapel led by Revd Derek Collins. Contact Stephen Skinner (sjmskinners@btinternet.com)

28 November 2008

Brunel Brass in Concert, St Andrews Methodist Church, Moredon Road 7.30pm, Tickets £3.50 – proceeds in aid of Willows Counselling Service and Church Funds. Contact Rev David Gray, Tel 823015

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Shoeboxes for Christmas

Operation Christmas Child - Yes it's that time of the year again to turn our attention to filling shoeboxes and the children who will receive them. This year the boxes will be distributed to deprived children living in Liberia, Ukraine, Bosnia and Serbia.

Leaflets giving details on how boxes can be filled are now available from inside All Saints Church, or by contacting me. Boxes ready for collection can be left inside the Church

near the font. The last day for collection will be MONDAY 24th NOVEMBER.

It may be small but your gifts in a shoebox can change a child's life. For some of the world's most disadvantaged children, your shoebox could be the first Christmas present they have ever received in their lives.

Thank you for your continued support with this venture.

Diana Shepherd.

Soul Survivor special report

Soul Survivor

Soul Survivor is a five day Christian youth festival held at the Bath & West Showground. This summer I camped with six people and we all had an amazing experience despite the bad weather and mud!

Each day there was a wide selection of seminars on topics affecting young Christians in the 21st century. These included: support and advice on issues which can be awkward to discuss with older Christians; straightforward explanations of passages and themes from the bible; and talks about the worldwide church. All of the 11,000 people attended the morning and evening celebrations

with lively worship (led by Tim Hughes & Ben Cantelon), inspiring talks and prayer ministry and healing. I was lucky enough to help lead the worship in a choir of 25 people! Night time events included live performances from top Christian bands (inc. The Bandwithnname and 29th Chapter) and other Christian acts like the Lacy Theatre Company. As well as all of this there are a dynamic range of cafes, food stalls and sports throughout the day.

I really enjoyed my week at Soul Survivor and would definitely recommend it!

Robert Jones

Lydiard Millicent CE Primary School – Contribution to All Saints Church Magazine

May I say how wonderful it is to be able to have a voice in this magazine. For those of you who do not know me, I have been head teacher at the school for two years and I love my job!

We have many exciting things going on in school this term, but I want to let you know about activities you can come to – we

are holding a Bingo Night on Friday 24th November from 6 – 8 (with a very special caller...) we have a book fair on at school from 3:15 – 4:00pm each afternoon 5th – 7th November (please come and purchase books, ideal for Christmas presents); and our Christmas Nativity Dress rehearsal which parish members are invited to is on 16th December at 9:30am. It would be super to see you all there.

Carol Dougill

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Worship services

Sunday November 2nd		
8.00	Common worship HC	Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God
10.30	morning service	Deuteronomy 6: 1-8 Ephesians 2:47-53
18.30	evening worship	The Son's unique nature Hebrews 1:1-14 John 1:1-14
Sunday November 9th		
8.00	Prayerbook HC	Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called sons of God
10.30	Holy Communion Remembrance Sunday	2 Kings 6:8-23 Luke 22: 47-53
18.30	evening worship	The Son's unique mission Luke 4:14-23
Sunday November 16th		
8.00	Free church HC	Blessed are the merciful for they will be shown mercy
10.30	all age service	Micah 6:8 Matthew 18: 21-35
18.30		Concert with New Creation Band
Sunday November 23rd		
8.00	Prayerbook HC	Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven
10.30	morning service	Jeremiah 15: 10-21 Matthew 5: 10-12
18.30	evening worship	The Son's Compassion Luke 7:31-8:13
Sunday November 30th		
8.00	Prayerbook HC	
10.30	Partnership service	John Hardwick @ Holy Trinity, Shaw
18.30	evening worship	The Son's work Romans 5:1-11