

Dear Friends,

June—summer—long days—and thoughts turn to holiday plans, and expectations of hopefully the opportunity to take a break from the usual routines of life. In the Church calendar we enter the long season of Sundays after Trinity, Trinity Sunday being the first Sunday in June this year. Trinity Sunday reminds us of at least two aspects of our faith, both of which are important:

- a. God has revealed Himself as being in community, in relationship—God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. This is a powerful reminder of the importance of community life, of how central *being in community* is to the whole fabric of human life, as an expression of our being created in the image of God.
- b. But it is also one of the hardest truths about God to grasp and understand. There is a deep sense of mystery about God being One, yet being three Persons—being family.

Both truths are inspiring and can cause us to wonder, to listen, to be drawn to a deep sense of awe. How important it is that we make time to stop, to listen, to wonder! The summer months can be God-given opportunities to do just that, and by His grace, be drawn into a deeper relationship with Him through our Lord Jesus Christ. May these truths also inspire us to value, and work hard at, being in community—both the community of faith, and as being in community together for the wellbeing of our society.

On a very practical note: Many of you will be aware that Mrs Rachel Gaisford has stepped down from being Churchwarden at our last APCM. We are deeply grateful to Rachel for the energy and joy she brought to that role over the past two years. Rachel's place as Churchwarden has been taken by Mr Chris Nutman. Chris brings a great wealth of experience and wisdom, and it is a real pleasure to let you know of his appointment.

With warmest greetings.

Rev. Richard G Zair
All Saints' and St. Luke's, Marcham and Garford

All Saints' Holiday Club

advance date for your diaries—week beginning 24 August 2009
for primary age children

Village Lives

We welcome in Baptism:

10 May Charlotte Mary, daughter of Anne and Ian Wilson, of Tower Close

We congratulate on their recent marriage:
25 April Laura Foster and Graham Hubbard

A Daily Prayer

Creator God,
may every breath we take be for your glory,
may every footstep show you as our way,
that, trusting in your presence in this world,
we may, beyond this life, still be with you
where you are alive and reign for ever and ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All Saints' Marcham
open daily for prayer
visitors welcome
Sunday Worship
10am and 6pm

Children's Groups
and crèche at 10am

Tuesdays
10am Toddlers' Group
at All Saints' Church

Wednesdays
10 30am Holy Communion
at Duffield Place
Please note the new start time
12 noon Café
at Sports Scouts & Social Club

Fridays
5 30pm Friday Club
at church
for Primary Age children

Saturdays
8 30am Men's Breakfast
6 June and 4 July
at Sports Scouts & Social Club
8 30am Women's Breakfast
20 June at Manor Farm

Sunday 21 June 7 30pm
Wantage Youth Brass
Concert with
Imperial Male Voice Choir

St. Luke's, Garford
Holy Communion 10 30am
7 June and 5 July

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