



# St. Alban's News

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## The 7 Laws of Spiritual Success

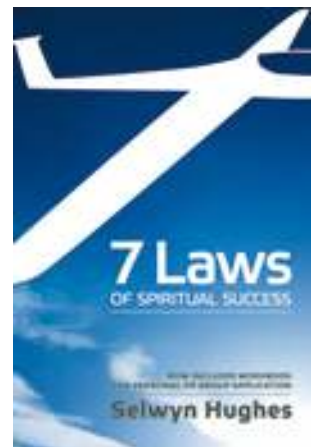
This term we are exploring how we can develop a healthy spiritual life. The late Selwyn Hughes thought about his many years in Christian ministry and discovered that there are key elements which govern spiritual 'success' and lead to a closer, more fulfilling relationship with God.

These include the importance of worship, giving thanks, forgiveness and perseverance. To go

with our sermon series there is a book available which can be bought in church for the special price of just £5. The book is very practical and also provides questions for further reflection.

During Lent, which starts at the beginning of March, we will be exploring the meaning of Communion. To help us do this there will be weekly

small groups meeting around the parish. Everyone is welcome to get involved. Look out for details.



## Bible Society

As a church we support four mission agencies: Bible Society, Christian Aid, the Children's Society and Samaritan's Purse. Our partnership with Bible Society is focussed on work in South East Asia,

particularly in Cambodia. On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February at the 10.30am service we will be welcoming Kristin Stevenson who is the society's local Church Relationship Manager. She will be travelling from Kent and will be coming

to update us and to enable us to pray and give more effectively. Don't miss it!



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## Derek Holbird, Minister in Training

Derek, a Londoner, is a teacher by profession. His career included 11 years working at Shottermill Middle School where he got to know many Hindhead and Beacon Hill families. He spent 13 years as head teacher of Soho Parish School, a CofE Primary in London's West End. In 2002 he became Director of Education for Guildford Diocese where he shared responsibility for 86 schools in Surrey and NE Hants. In 2008 he was

made a Lay Canon of Guildford Cathedral.

Derek became a Christian in his teenage years and over time has served as a youth leader, a children's evangelist, and in various capacities in church leadership with the Three Counties Church Haslemere. Derek is married to Liz and they have 4 children and 8 grandchildren. He counts as his interests 'London', music, playing guitar and

walking. He retired as Director of Education in 2016 and is now in training as an Anglican ordinand. Derek is thrilled to be serving on the staff team of St Alban's, Hindhead.



## Jo Alegria, Worship Director



Jo has been leading worship for many years and has a passion and vision for encountering the presence of God through music and worship.

She has regularly been based at Liphook Church Centre. Jo also leads worship at Acorn Christian Healing Foundation in Whitehill Chase and at the Filling Station, and occasionally at a church in Basingstoke.

Jo has a BA honours degree in music and works during the week teaching singing to children with special needs. Since 2009 Jo has also worked as a fitness instructor.

Jo is married to Marcos, and they have two children Kristian and Gabriella. They have just moved house and love family life and spending time in prayer and worship with the Lord.

## Rebecca Willows, Administrator

The Church Office is now open every Tuesday and Friday between 9.30am and 1.30pm. Our new administrator is Rebecca Willows and during work hours she can be contacted on 01428 607818, or [admin@stalbanshindhead.org.uk](mailto:admin@stalbanshindhead.org.uk)

Rebecca is an active member of the church and

is involved in the worship group and choir amongst other things. She worked as a solicitor and, later, as a primary school teacher, and she still does some supply work. Rebecca is married to Duncan and has two sons (Alexander and Marcus) and a daughter (Georgia). She loves singing, walking her dog and Pilates.



New year -  
new  
members  
of staff!

## John Strain, Assistant Chaplain at Manorstead

It's been great to welcome back Revd Dr John Strain! Until 8 years ago John was part of the clergy team at St Alban's before he went to serve eight churches in the Octagon group in West Sussex.

John and Margaret have now moved back to Grayshott. John will have PTO ('Permission To Officiate') which will authorise him to take services in Guildford Diocese. Therefore we will sometimes see him at St.

Alban's. John will also be taking up the role of Assistant Chaplain at Manorstead, where he will be involved in spiritual and pastoral care.

Although the Pensions' Board is closing Manorstead Nursing Home at the end of March because they have found it 'increasingly difficult to recruit and retain nursing and care staff' the Supported Housing Scheme (the newer building at the front) will remain open and

be home to those who have served the Church of England.



***“Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.”***

***John Wesley***

## Farewell to Rachel Sturt

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February we said goodbye to Revd Rachel Sturt as she leaves us for a new job in Alton.

Rachel has been with us as curate on 'secondment' for 9 months and has played an invaluable role both at the church and at Manorstead. Rachel will be an 'Anna Chaplain' working with a number of churches to provide spiritual care for

older people. The first Anna Chaplain (named after the elderly prophetess who spoke about the baby Jesus in Luke) was the former journalist and broadcaster, Debbie Thrower and although the ministry has spread nationwide it was in Alton where it all began.

To find out more please see [thegiftofyears.org.uk](http://thegiftofyears.org.uk).



## Big Church Day Out - 27th May

In the beautiful hills of the South Downs there will be an explosion of colour, music, life and excitement. The Big Church Day Out draws together tens of thousands of Christians to worship and celebrate all that is good. Music is the life-blood of the Big Church Day Out, bringing together the most popular line up of Christian artists and worship leaders from all over the globe. It's like one huge playground, bursting with

activities and fun for all ages, from the Big Church Kids tent and fun-filled fete to the relaxing Tea Tent nestled in the beautiful gardens.

See [bigchurchdayout.com](http://bigchurchdayout.com) or Michelle Stokes for details.



**“If I send my prayer as a text message, will I get a faster reply?”**

## Useful Contacts

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Beacon Hill School	beacon-hill.surrey.sch.uk 01428 605597
Nursery School	butterfliesnurseryschool.com 01428 606711
Cubs	Andy Grenside 01428 608249
1st Hindhead Scouts	George Cooke 01428 607969
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Guides	Claire Sutherland 01428 609551
Toddlers (Tue)	Ali Webb 01428 606990
Toddlers (Wed)	toddlers@stalbanshindhead.org.uk
Cricket Club	hindheadcc.co.uk Arpan Painter (Secretary) 07977 192142
Football Club	hindheadathleticfootballclub.co.uk
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Lunch Club	Janet Harmer 01428 606921
Community Focus Group	brianwalsh325@btinternet.com
Royal British Legion	Theresa De St Croix secretary@hindheadrbl.co.uk 01428 604299
WI	Maureen Spurrier (Secretary) 01428 605593
Community Website	beaconhillhindhead.org

### Sunday Services

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Service (1st All Age, 2nd & 4th Communion)

Vicar: Revd Richard Bodle (01428 605305)  
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