



St. Alban's News

JULY 2017

Welcoming Everyone

Following Jesus

Sharing Life

This is our new mission statement, summing up what St. Alban's is all about.

The church council spent a lot of time discussing vision and how to communicate our values. We felt that it should start with 'welcoming everyone' because St. Alban's is here for everybody. Whoever you are, whatever your background, wherever you are from, however you feel about faith, you are welcome.

We then looked at the Bible and felt that 'following Jesus' should be next, because Jesus often said to people 'follow me'. He didn't just tell people about God or how to live their lives, he invited them into an exciting relationship.

Finally, we want to be 'sharing life'. This has two meanings. We want to be a family, sharing joys and sorrows together. We also want to share the good news about Jesus, who said that he was 'the life'. He taught that only he could bring 'life in all its fullness' and can offer us 'eternal life'. This is something we can't possibly keep to ourselves!



The Way Ahead

Our focus for the next year will be on three main areas. We will be developing the prayer life of the church, because this underpins who we are and what we do. We will be running an Alpha Course (see inside).

And we hope to improve our facilities for the whole community by building a link between the church and hall. This will provide more space and improve access to toilets etc. Look out for ways to get involved!

In John 10:10 Jesus said he came to bring 'life in all its fullness'. So at 10:10 each day (am or pm) please pray for our vision and for the year ahead. Simply ask God to help us be a church which is 'welcoming, following and sharing'.



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What is life all about...?

Why am I here?
Is there more to life?
Is there a God?
Why do we suffer?

In September you are invited to the Alpha Course at St. Alban's. This will give us the opportunity to explore the questions above, and many more, and to see if the Christian faith can offer any answers. The course will take place on Monday

evenings over a number of weeks. We will start with a simple meal and then watch a short film, followed by discussion.



Over 29 million people have tried Alpha in 169 countries, and it's been

translated into 112 different languages. Alpha now runs in every part of the global Church, including the Catholic Church, the Orthodox Church and all mainstream Protestant denominations. The short films are a new format, so even those who have done Alpha before may find something new. Find out more at alpha.org.

Look out for more details!

'We are all faced with a series of opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations'
Chuck Swindoll

Outdoor Pet Service

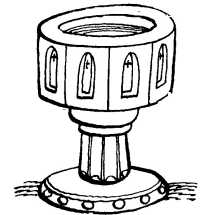
Following the success of our previous event, we will be holding another outdoor pet blessing service. It will be run by all our local churches: St. Alban's, Beacon Hill URC, and St. Anselm's.

The short celebration will be held next to the National Trust café at the Punchbowl on Sunday 24th September and will begin at 3pm.

Everyone is welcome to come along. You are also invited to bring your pets, from aardvarks to zebras! We will give thanks for God's wonderful and varied creation!



Welcome



It was great to welcome Freya Mary Loruhamah White as she was baptised on 18th June.

Scout News

Congratulations to Stephen Evans who has been awarded his 40 years service award! What an amazing achievement!

After stepping down from leading the local Scout section Stephen is now a uniformed helper with the Cub section at both Hindhead and Churt.

This Time Tomorrow

What does it mean to be a Christian in 2017? A new feature in some of our Sunday services is 'This Time Tomorrow' when we hear from someone about what faith will mean to them in 24 hours time...

Prayer



Would you like someone to pray for you, or for another person or situation? There are many opportunities for this, including our prayer team who are available at every 10.30am Sunday service.

Welcome to our new Curate!

On Sunday 2nd July, Derek Holbird was ordained at Guildford Cathedral. The sun shone as nine men and women were ordained as deacons. A further seven were ordained in the afternoon.

The legal Oath of Allegiance was taken before the service. Following the procession and the welcome, the candidates were presented to Bishop Andrew. Before the sermon we had the readings, with the Old Testament being read by Paul Livingstone from our parish. Then each candidate was ordained by the Bishop who placed his hands upon their

heads. A Bible was given to all of them and they were welcomed by the packed congregation. After the Communion, the Bishop led the newly ordained curates, with their friends and families through the cathedral. It is hoped that they will be ordained as priests in a year's time.

Derek is a 'self supporting minister' (SSM) and will be in the parish most Sundays and on some days during the week.

We look forward to getting to know Derek and his wife Liz more and more. WELCOME!



'Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrows, it empties today of its strength'

Corrie Ten Boom

Ministry Sunday



Your Church Needs You! The Church is not the building, but the people. On SEPTEMBER 10TH we will be thinking about the ways we can play our part and having the opportunity to get involved....

A Special Wedding

It's always great to work together with Beacon Hill School. In June we had the annual Year Four 'wedding' at St. Alban's.

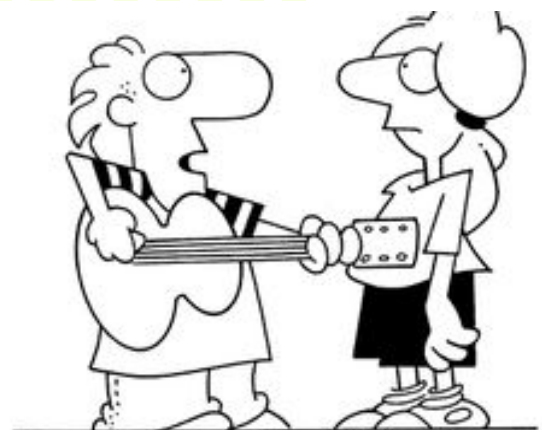


To help learn about this important event we welcomed a bride and groom, and in fact everyone you'd expect to be there. Everyone dressed up and Year One came to witness the celebrations! The day continued with a reception back at the school.

Holiday Club 2017

Be a part of our 2017 Holiday Club between 24th and 28th July. This year we build on the success of 2016 with 'Guardians of Ancora: Treasure Seekers'. The week will be run by Jennifer Charters, Michelle Stokes and Tracy Richardson. Even if you cannot help or visit, please support the week by using the Holiday Club prayer:

Heavenly Father, We ask you to pour out your blessings on our Holiday Club and enrich the lives of all who take part, that through our fellowship together, children, leaders and helpers may know the true presence of Jesus and proclaim your everlasting love. Amen.



"Writing hymns is harder than I thought! I can't think of anything that rhymes with 'Hallelujah' except 'glad I knew ya' and 'we'll tattoo ya!'"

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Sunday Services

9.00am Holy Communion

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

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