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Dear friends,

With the Exam Season over for most people, as I write many of those who have worked so hard are relaxing. And waiting. Perhaps trying not to think about the results. Maybe finding it hard not to think about them. They've even had some sun to enjoy their days of celebration! Other people are looking for new employment; making applications, giving in CVs, waiting for interviews, anticipating results.

There are critical moments. The direction of many people's lives depend on the outcome of exams, or interviews. No wonder it can be pretty nerve-wracking!

The world often thinks that being a Christian must be a bit like that, but worse:

Continually striving to please an unpleasable God, riven with guilt as we always fail to meet the mark, never able to celebrate doing well because there is always more we could have done. Then having to wait for what feels like an eternity for the outcome and judgement on our lives, with no guarantee that we will have 'passed', and our eternal future depending on how hard we have worked and how well we have done. Is that really what it's about?

A group of five and six year olds visited Christ Church recently to study the building with their school. Two lay on their tummies on the carpet drawing a stained glass window.

The diamond-shaped window panes were a struggle to get right. There was a quiet whoop of celebration when one succeeded. 'This is so hard to do!' 'Yes it is, but we won't be able to do it perfectly – we're only in year one' 'No, we'll just do our best.' 'When we're in year 12 we'll be able to do it perfectly!' If only!

As we grow up we realise that even if we get much, much better at drawing (or not!) we can never do everything perfectly. Not even when we reach the dizzy heights of year 12 (lower 6th in old money).

The good news message for Christ-followers is that our imperfections are covered over by Jesus' death on the cross, in complete forgiveness. And what's more, God gives us His Holy Spirit to strengthen us to live more and more whole-heartedly for him. Of course we work as hard as we can to please our loving Heavenly Father, and he celebrates with us with bigger whoops than we've ever heard as He sees us grow more and more like his Son Jesus with His help. And if our hand is in His we CAN be sure of His ultimate acceptance and approval. Amazing!

With love in Christ, **Susie**

Rev Susie Sanders, Vicar



Regular happenings in July and August

Thursdays are Special for Senior Adults at Christ Church: no need to book, just arrive
Thursdays at 2 in the Hall at 2pm: July 1 in the Hall and July 15 visit to Watts Chapel and tea
Communion at 11.30am followed by a lunch in Christ Church: 8 and 22 July, and 12 and 26 August, *no booking necessary*

ABC for pre-school children and their carers: every Wednesday during term time, 9.30-11.30am in Christ Church Hall

Activities for young people of all ages: contact Luke Holloway 455198

Home Groups: for study, prayer and fellowship. Evening and Daytime groups. Call Louise Kenyon 301927

ABC2 a women's bible study group. Meets during term time and has a crèche for pre-school children. You are very welcome to bring a friend, new members always welcome! Meeting Fridays 9.30-11am, unless stated otherwise. Enquiries Louise Kenyon 301927

Men's Bible Study Group 8-9pm Sundays, during term time. Stephen Hofmeyr 834733

Traidcraft stall in the Hall during coffee after 10am services on 2nd and 3rd Sunday of each month

Services July and August 2010

Nehemiah series: (5) Brokenness, confession and forgiveness

- 04** 8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10am Holy Communion (Common Worship)
6.30pm Create: contemporary style worship in the Hall
11am *St Martha-on-the-Hill: Mattins (BCP) with baptism of Nicole Britain*

Nehemiah series: (6) It's time to worship

- 11** 8am Holy Communion (CW)
10am Family Worship with Welcome of Nicole Britain
11.30am Mattins (BCP)
6.30pm Create: contemporary style worship in the Hall
11am *St Martha-on-the-Hill - Holy Communion (BCP)*

New series 'Getting started with Jesus' (1)

- 18** 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Holy Communion (CW) with the Ministry of Prayer and Laying on of Hands
6.30pm Create: contemporary style worship with Holy Communion in the Hall
11am *St Martha-on-the-Hill: Mattins (BCP)*

'Getting started with Jesus' (2)

- 25** 8am Holy Communion (CW)
10am Morning Worship with Thanksgiving for Lauren le Quelenec and talk from David Sigworth from Guildford Besom
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)
6.30pm Create: contemporary style worship in the Hall
11am *St Martha-on-the-Hill - Mattins (BCP)*

August

'Getting started with Jesus' (3)

- 01** 8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10am Holy Communion (Common Worship)
6.30pm Create: contemporary style worship in the Hall
11am *St Martha-on-the-Hill: Holy Communion (BCP) PATRONAL SUNDAY*

The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

- 08** 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Family Worship Children's Holiday Club
NO Mattins (BCP)
6.30pm Create unplugged: contemporary style worship with Holy Communion in the Hall
11am *St Martha-on-the-Hill - Holy Communion (BCP)*

'Getting started with Jesus' (4)

- 15** 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Holy Communion (CW) with the Ministry of Prayer and Laying on of Hands
6.30pm Create: contemporary style worship in the Hall
11am *St Martha-on-the-Hill: Mattins (BCP)*

'Getting started with Jesus' (5)

- 22** 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Morning Worship (CW)
NO Evensong (BCP)
6.30pm Create: contemporary style worship in the Hall
11am *St Martha-on-the-Hill - Holy Communion (BCP)*

'Getting started with Jesus' (6)

- 29** 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Morning Worship (CW)
6.30pm Evening Worship
NO Create
11am *St Martha-on-the-Hill - Mattins (BCP)*

September

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

- 05** 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Holy Communion (CW)
6.30pm Create: contemporary style worship in the Hall
11am *St Martha-on-the-Hill - Mattins (BCP)*

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PrayerPoint at Christ Church

Thursday 29 July 8 - 9pm Starting in Church

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CLUB

Never been before? Don't let that put you off! Prayer is too important! All welcome.

Events July and August 2010

Thu	01	9.45am	Tormead School yr 1 visit to Church
		2pm	Thursday at 2 in the Hall – Strawberry Tea
Sat	03	1pm	<i>St Martha-on-the-Hill: service of prayer and Dedication: Andreas Gneist and Carolann Cutler</i>
Mon-Thu		8.30am	Morning Prayer in Guildford Room, Church House, Wednesday HC in Church
Mon	05	9am	Staff Team meets
		8pm	Leadership Team meets
Tue	06	3pm	Holy Communion Albury House
Wed	07	3.15pm	Extended Communion at Braemar Court
Mon-Thu		8.30am	Morning Prayer in Guildford Room, Church House, Wednesday HC in Church
Mon	12	9am	Staff Team meets
Mon-Thu		8.30am	Morning Prayer in Guildford Room, Church House, Wednesday HC in Church
Mon	19	9am	Staff Team meets
Mon-Thu		8.30am	Morning Prayer in Guildford Room, Church House, Wednesday HC in Church
Mon	26	9am	Staff Team meets
Thu	29	8-9pm	Prayer Point in Christ Church

August

Mon	02	9am	Staff Team meets
Tue	03	3pm	Holy Communion Albury House
Wed	04	3.15pm	Extended Communion at Braemar Court
Wed 04 –	Sunday 08		Children's Holiday Club at Tormead School (Sunday at Christ Church)
Sat	07	2pm	<i>St Martha-on-the-Hill: Marriage of David Chaplin and Jessica Balls</i>
Mon	09	9am	Staff Team meets
Fri	13	3pm	Wedding band practice in Church
Sat	14	12.30pm	<i>St Martha-on-the-Hill: Marriage of John Llewellyn-Smith and Annika Jager</i>
		2pm	Service of prayer and Dedication: Daniel Jowett and Abigael Guth
Mon	16	9am	Staff Team meets
Mon	23	9am	Staff Team meets
		8pm	Standing Committee meets

September

Wed	01	8.30am	Wednesday HC in Church
		9am	Staff Team meets
		3.15pm	Extended Communion at Braemar Court
Thu	02	8.30am	Morning Prayer in Guildford Room
Sat	04	12noon	<i>St Martha-on-the-Hill: Marriage of Mikotaj Tatajczyk and Sarah Francis</i>