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CHURCH NEWS

July/August 2023

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Worship and events diary: July and August 2023

The following is the anticipated diary for July and August as of mid-June. For subsequent updates and/or information on daily prayers, Bible Study and other Zoom sessions, please check emailed weekly notices or the events calendar on the KURC website: https://www.kingstonurc.org/kurc_eventsnews.html.

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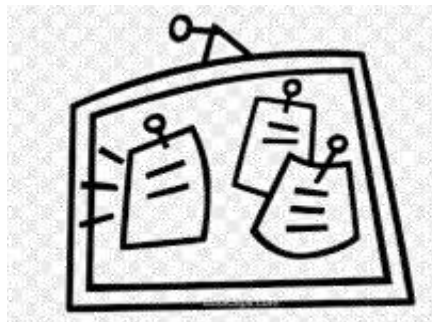
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	17.00	Reflective Service
Wednesday 5th	10.00	Tots' Praise
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For Tots' Praise, and Messy Church, please contact Sally Butler, e-mail: youth@kingstonurc.org.



New Chairs for the Mayo Hall

We made the decision to buy new chairs for the Mayo Hall. We desperately needed them.



Could you afford to buy one or more for the Church? £77 each (see picture).

If you can please give through the usual ways and label the gift 'chairs' that would be helpful.

And..... it is a total lie that the minister is going to have a list of who has bought chairs and she is going to chuck people out of meetings if they have not paid for one....or make them stand throughout....and yes before you think it we have bought 2.

Big thank also to the person who has bought us 50 chairs!

Letter from Lesley

Dear All,



I was feeling sad. Really sad. Without much effort I could have been moved to tears.

Why? So much loss. The impact of this thing on children's mental health. Old people losing their place in the world. It is a low-lying hum all the time. Every now and then the sadness wells up.

None of these problems are mine. But the sadness is still there.

Death of course.

Illness like we have never known it before, and resources

totally stretched.

I miss people who have moved.

So much change. Oh! and a war close to home.

It's also hard feeling the sadness when the government are pumping an agenda of, 'it's all back to how it was before'. Nonsense.

The coiled spring with all its tension has been released. The pressure of the lives we have lived for years is over. But things do not pop back to how they were. This is new state. In time things will stabilise. In time.

And do you think my next sentence is going to be, and that is why I no longer believe in God? Wrong. Very wrong.

When the wave of sadness hits me; sadness for others. It feels like a holy thing to sit in it. My natural instinct is to talk to myself severely or do something that takes the edge off. No. Sit in it. It is OK. We do not have to pretend with God. Maybe the new strain of pretence is why so many are really angry. Pretending is draining.

Of course, it is not good for me, or you to delight in perpetuating a low mood. But with God we can be honest. We remember Jesus crying at the death of Lazarus. Why did he do that? He surely knew he was going to raise him. Why the tears? Maybe because he could see how sad they all were and was alongside them. Like he is alongside us.

We will get there -together.

Best wishes,

Lesley

More from Lesley....Retiring.

On the notices a few weeks ago, the congregations were informed that we were on the pre-Retirement course for URC ministers. Yes, we were there. And very good it was too.

I have to retire from full time stipendiary service in the month when I turn 68.

That is November 2028. Currently I have no sense of going early.

The reason the course was so in advance is because of ministers' strange position. We have to move when we retire. Most of us have to leave our main residence. Many ministers do not have their own home and the Retired ministers housing scheme steps up for them.

All these issues need time to consider.

Memo from Martyn

Vanity! It is interesting how sometimes events can hit home in unexpected ways. An example happened to me recently.

I'd been with some people discussing I remember not what, but in the

conversation, someone said that I looked

young for my age. Whether they were being kind or genuinely felt that I don't know but it made me feel good.

Crushingly, a few days later I was in Iceland and a cheery lady at the checkout asked me if I knew that they do a 10% discount for over 60s on a Tuesday!

That made me sad. I was pleased to hear about the discount but..... Vanity!

I guess we all have ways of thinking about ourselves, some of which are no longer true or at least need a bit of a reality update!

Still, whether I look my age or not is not really important. I'm no longer the young man I was. There are things I used to be able to do that I no longer can.

But I can do other things. I guess that is one of life's challenges, as we seek to serve God throughout our lives, to be constantly looking at what we can do rather than regretting what we are no longer, or were never able, to do.

Martyn

Stories from Sally

As I am writing this, it was our Half Term Tots' Praise yesterday. Many parents say how invaluable they find it that we continue to offer sessions during half terms and holidays. Other churches don't seem to do that. However, it does sometimes mean: fewer attendees, older siblings attending and previous members returning. This time, after our session of songs and an active prayer, I decided to do something a little different and get the parachute out.

You can see us having fun in the photo. It is something that everyone (adults, older children and tots) can enjoy. Huge fun!



In other news, something personal...

I have been accepted onto a spiritual direction course called Encounter, starting in October 2023. It is facilitated by the London Centre for Spiritual Direction (LCSD), an independent charity that originally came from the Anglican Diocese of London. The course is part-time for 3 years. It entails one evening a week online (Zoom) and three Saturdays a year in person. There will be reading and assignments, but this is an experiential course rather than a particularly academic one!

I am paying for this myself and the Elders have very kindly agreed to let me have some study time during the week. I will be using a Wednesday afternoon for this so will not be contactable then. Each year is a genuine discernment of vocation so at the end of years 1 and 2, the student and the tutor prayerfully decide whether to continue to the next year. The course is ecumenical and open to anyone from liberal Catholic to charismatic evangelical, any denomination!

It draws its inspiration from ancient and contemporary wisdom in Christian spiritual direction, modern psycho-therapy insights and Scripture/theology. I like this description of spiritual direction the best: 'Spiritual direction involves a process through which one person helps another person understand what

God is doing and saying.’ (Richard Foster) It is nothing new; it is an ancient practice which is now growing in popularity again as people seek some deeper

meaning in life. It is not counselling, mentoring, or coaching. Or even ‘directing’ actually! More a spiritual accompaniment. It is usually a 1-1 meeting whereby someone can discuss their life through the lens of faith. A lot of listening and discerning skills are involved, and, on the course, we will have hours of practise as well as theory.

I once did a three day ‘Introduction to Spiritual Direction’ course way back in 2007! I enjoyed it and one of the then tutors suggested I follow this up in the future so here goes...!

I will definitely need your prayers and support as this will be a real challenge for me. I hope that the skills that I learn will help in my current job as I have conversations with families, that I hope can go a little deeper.

More on all this as the course proceeds!

Sally Butler

Answers to last month’s archive quiz

Changes in the sanctuary since 1950:

The semi-circular gallery has been removed. We now have a different colour scheme. Pendant lights have been replaced with spotlights. The large central fixed pulpit has gone. The apse with curtains have gone. The wooden pews have gone. The war memorial window has been moved and its place taken by organ pipes. The organ case on the right (east) side has been redesigned. The window curtains have gone. The small lights on the pillars have gone. The great cross no longer hangs from the ceiling but has been fixed to the north wall.

Reminder:
Copy for the next (September) edition of
Church News should reach Jean Thompson by
Friday 11 August.

Pastoral News

as of 8 June 2023

Prayer

Wonderful God of understanding, help us to reach into our inner beings and bring forth the gifts you have given so generously. Gifts of love, faith, trust, kindness and compassion as we pray for those who need these blessings. We know the many challenges we must deal with each day and pray they do not overwhelm us. Give us courage for our individual journeys and guide us into ways we have yet to understand. Loving God stay with us as we continue along life's unknown paths.

In Jesus name, we ask our prayers.

Amen

**Out of care for
people's privacy,
names are not included
in the Pastoral News
section of the
online Church News**

Ann Macfarlane

Flower rota for July

Sunday 2 July	Jenny Milner
Sunday 9 July	Jean Thompson
Sunday 16 July	Zoe Plummer Wedding
Sunday 23 July	Gordon Moore
Sunday 30 July	Brenda Parkins



Flower rota for August

Sunday 5 August	
Sunday 13 August	
Sunday 20 August	
Sunday 27 August	Teresa & Vaughan James



URC at Greenbelt: Share your Kintsugi hearts

This year, the URC at Greenbelt team is continuing with the theme of 'Revolting Christians' – people who take a stand to challenge the political, social and economic systems of our world in order to bring about justice. The URC at Greenbelt Craft Team would like churches around the denomination to contribute to the URC's tent decorations by creating Kintsugi hearts. The Japanese art of Kintsugi takes broken objects and repairs them with gold resin. As humans, we are all broken and flawed in some way. As Christians, it is part of our faith that God can heal us and make us whole again. The craft team invites you and your church to try its meditation activity to create a Kintsugi heart, and then sending it in so it can be displayed in the URC's tent at Greenbelt to encourage more revolting Christians.





Eco tip for JULY

Help hedgehogs in hot weather. Hedgehogs particularly need help in a heatwave, as their usual prey of slugs, snails and worms are often unavailable. Leaving out a juicy snack, such as mealworms or canned dog food, can help in sustained warm weather. If you have a garden pond, ensure there's always a way for hedgehogs (and other small mammals) to climb out if they fall in.



Eco tip for AUGUST

Help birds in hot weather. Keeping your bird bath topped up with fresh water in warmer weather can be a life saver for our feathered friends. Get your garden birds through a heatwave when natural supplies, like worms, become scarce, by putting out supplementary food - black sunflower seeds, pinhead oatmeal, soaked sultanas, raisins and currants, mealworms, waxworms and good seed mixture.

For more eco-tips, sign up to A Rocha UK's Wild Christian email at: arochoa.org.uk/wild-christian

Church Photograph Album



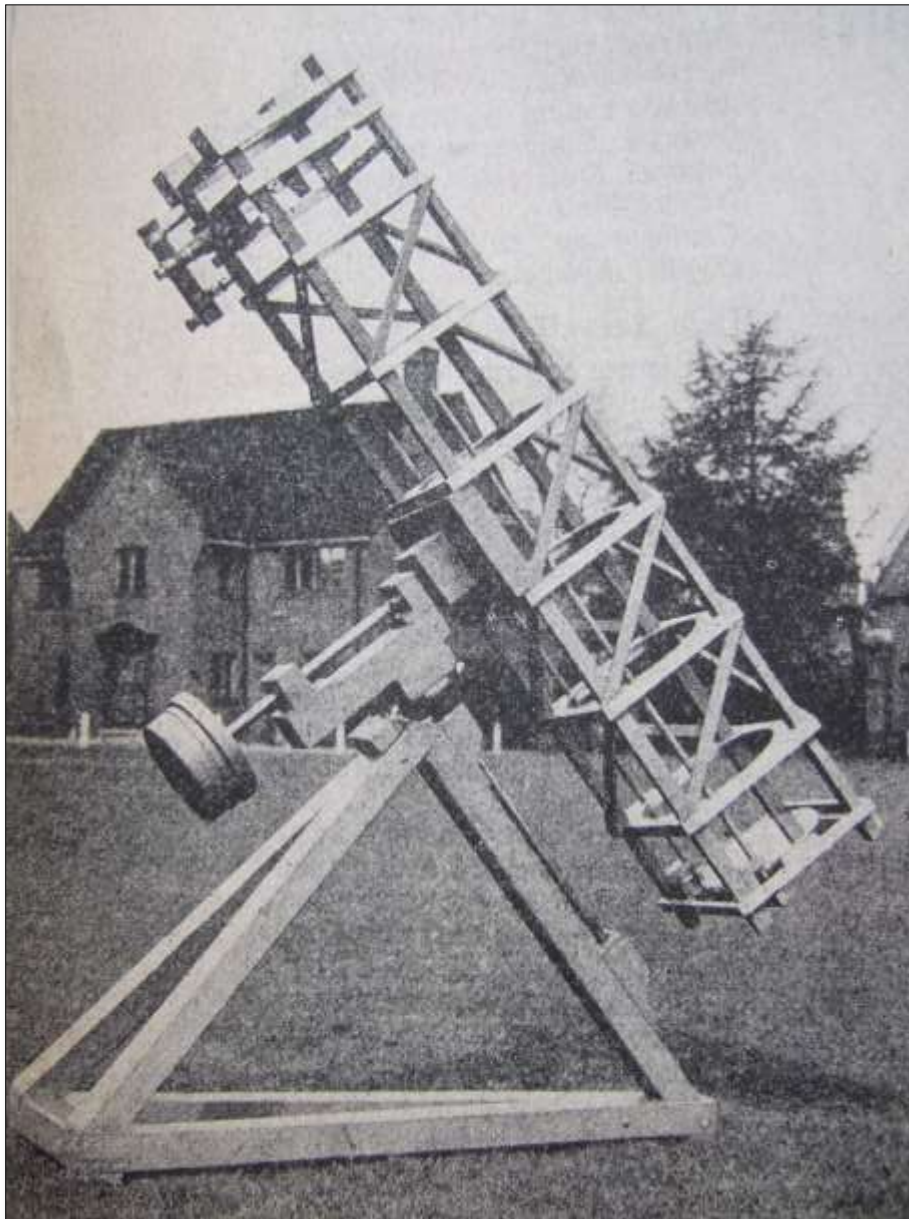
On the shelf just outside Catherine's office there is a photo album which contains pictures of most church members. It can be very useful if you're trying to put names to faces or vice versa. But there are some gaps. If you don't feature in this album, then John Fisher is willing to take your photo. It only takes ten seconds! He will be roaming around with his camera on the next few Sundays.

Change of email address:

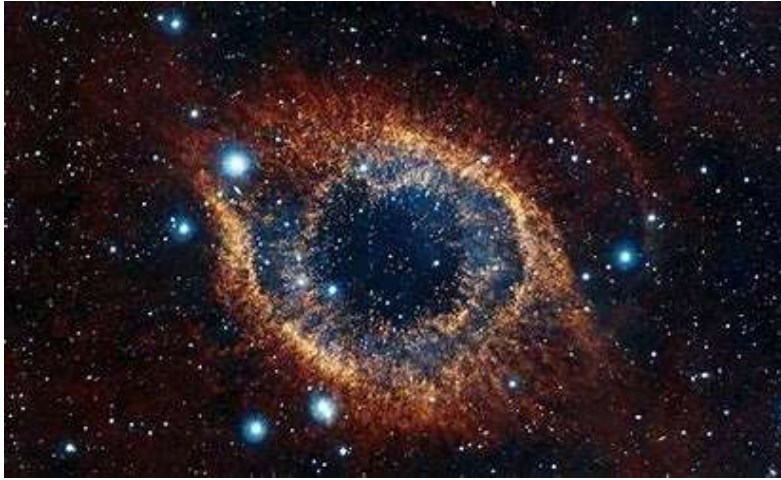
John Fisher has a new email address: johnkf1234@gmail.com

Archive of the month

Rev. Dick Wood, minister of our church in the 1950s, was a keen amateur astronomer: indeed, he was a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society. He built his own motorised telescope, shown here. Clearly no mere toy. It was a '12 inch Newtonian reflector' (12 inches being the diameter of the main mirror) and stood 9 feet high. Mr Wood then constructed an observatory to house it in the back garden of the manse. The Regent Road manse at the top of Surbiton Hill was purchased to give him the best available view of the night sky in Kingston. On the clearest nights the human eye can pick out around 3000 stars – Mr Wood's telescope could pick out 8 million.



The spacious firmament



Continuing the astronomical theme, does anyone recall a hymn which begins 'The spacious firmament on high'? It was in Congregational Praise, the hymnbook which preceded Rejoice and Sing, but was not included in the latter. The words are by Joseph Addison (1672-1719) who was a significant poet, dramatist and politician. As

far as I'm aware it is the only hymn which concentrates exclusively on the wonder and majesty of the universe. It was written as a meditation on Psalm 19 v 1-3. One commentator has called it 'a very perfect and finished composition, taking rank among the best hymns in the English language' while another has written: 'if this be not poetry I do not know what is'. The words are as follows:

'The spacious firmament on high, with all the blue ethereal sky, and spangled heavens, a shining frame, their great Original proclaim: the unwearied sun from day to day does his Creator's power display and publishes to every land the work of an almighty hand.

Soon as the evening shades prevail, the moon takes up the wondrous tale, and nightly to the listening earth, repeats the story of her birth; whilst all the stars that round her burn, and all the planets in their turn, confirm the tidings as they roll, and spread the truth from pole to pole.

What though in solemn silence all move round the dark terrestrial ball? What though no real voice nor sound amid their radiant orbs be found? In reason's ear they all rejoice and utter forth a glorious voice, for ever singing as they shine: "The hand that made us is divine"

Using words such as 'solemn silence' and 'no voice or sound' Addison's hymn describes a fairly calm and static universe, which indeed is what one sees with the naked eye. But I find myself wondering what Addison might have written had he known what we know now - thanks to our space and radio telescopes - about the unimaginable size, complexity and, above all, violence of the expanding universe.

John Fisher

I would like to introduce you to:



‘Immerse: Messiah provides a unique guided journey through the entire New Testament. Each major section is anchored by one of the Gospels, highlighting the richness of Scripture’s fourfold witness to Jesus the Messiah. This creates a fresh reading of the New Testament centred on Jesus’.

This is the Bible with a difference. There are no chapter numbers, headings, or verse numbers. The Books of the New Testament are arranged in a different order to enhance the experience, and each has a useful introduction. For instance, Luke is followed by Acts and then the letters of Paul, and John by Revelation. There is an eight-week reading plan if that’s your thing; I am enjoying reading it as a novel.

I am enjoying reading this book because I find I get caught up in the story – there have been times when I have found myself getting excited about what’s happening, and I need to know what comes next. I have discovered that themes run through different books and that reading the whole without headings sometimes follows the argument to its full conclusion – gives an insight to the big picture.

Messiah is one of six books in the series that take you through the whole Bible. It is not a study Bible, and you need to get past the American spelling, but I have found it a very good read.

Carol Clack

A devastating flood in Ukraine

Thousands of people have been forced to leave their homes after the Nova Kakhovka dam was destroyed.

The full impact of rising water along both sides of the frontline Dnipro River has yet to be seen but the UN fears it could be an environmental disaster.

The Ukrainian authorities say at least 37 towns and villages have been flooded and 16,000 people have left their homes since the dam exploded in the morning of Tuesday 6 June.

Christian Aid and Blythswood Care's local partner Heritage Ukraine got to work immediately by supplying food, water and shelter.

Over the coming days Heritage Ukraine, plus Christian Aid's other partners, Alliance for Public Health and World Jewish Relief, will be providing humanitarian supplies to people who have had to leave the affected areas of southern Ukraine.

Please join us in praying for those impacted by the flooding, our partners and staff responding to this emergency.

Disability Pride Month: make your views heard



July is Disability Pride Month, a time to celebrate disabled people, affirm their inherent dignity and rights, promote their visibility, and recognise their achievements. The United Reformed Church (URC) Disability Awareness Task Group would like to celebrate Disability Pride by listening to and amplifying the views of disabled people across the denomination. The group would like to know "What is one thing that you would like people to know about disability?" If you are a disabled person, involved with the URC and would like to submit an answer, please do so online at www.urc.org.uk/disability-pride-month. The group will work with each person to make sure that the overall post reflects the answer that they give and that they are happy with it.

Invitation to the Synod (Area) Prayer Days.

These prayers days are for us as a Synod to listen to God together.

Revd Kim Plumpton described these days as follows: "The focus of the day is on listening. We live in a busy world and there are many challenges for us all, often leaping from one moment to the next. In prayer we can find we have much to say but often spend little time waiting for the answers. As a Synod embracing the distinct nature of our Synod Areas, we find that each faces their own unique set of issues, but of course there is commonality too. In acknowledging this we come in prayer to listen for Gods guiding voice amongst it all, so we set aside this time to do so. Therefore, there is an element of laying down our burdens to begin with in our worship so that we can move forwards. This would then be followed by opportunities for solo and group work, as well as silent prayerful spaces and active reflective spaces. As we are all different it is enabling our unique selves to find ways to come closer to God whilst allowing space to listen to one another. Our hope would be that at the end of the session we will gather together and speak out what we believe God is saying to us, this could come in multiple ways, as God is gracious enough to do so.

Our hope would be that in listening to this 'collective' voice from the different synod areas we could then engage with this prophetic voice in ways that can only enable the 'Synod' to grow stronger in faith and in purpose."

There will be different ways of praying, collectively or individually, so that hopefully for all there is a way to engage in listening to God. The following dates are offered.

EKSA & WKESSA	Ashford United Church, Cade Road	Sat 8 July	14 Cade Rd, Ashford TN23 6JE
S&SSA	Crawley URC	Sat 22 July	Worth Park Ave, Crawley RH10 3DF
SLSA	Crossways URC, Elephant & Castle	Sat 29 July	18 Hampton St, London SE1 6SN
CSUA	Emmanuel Church (first in new building) in Eastbourne	Sat 9 Sep	Emmanuel Church, Upperton Road, Eastbourne, BN21 1LQ

The days will be from 10am for 10:30, closing at 4pm. You can come for any time of the day, but it would be good if you can come the full day. If you do, please bring your own lunch, but refreshments will be provided. The day is open for every one of your churches, and I hope that each church will at least be able to send one representative. The agenda for the days is included in the attached leaflet.

I would appreciate if you could let me (rev@fidder.uk) know if you are intending to come.

Yours in Christ - Bernard Fidder

A BBC Prayer for the Day - this one by a Jewish Rabbi reflecting on a chance remark in a sermon, and how it prompted someone to realise it was 'time to change'.

A chance remark made by any of us might turn out to be significant to someone who hears it.

I had a shock recently - not because of anything untoward, but because someone took me at my word and then acted on it. I was walking down Maidenhead High Street when I saw a member of the synagogue....and my jaw dropped. I'll call him, Gerry. He was around 25 years old, tall, and had thick black hair. Or, rather, he had thick black hair the last time I'd seen him at a service. Now, he was completely grey. I don't normally comment on personal appearances, but the difference was so dramatic that I had to do so, and gently mentioned the sudden change.

'It was your sermon, rabbi!' Gerry said, 'You spoke about the pretences we build up and hide behind, and that instead we should be honest both about ourselves and about our relationships with others. Well, I went grey when I was twenty, and was so ashamed that I've been dying my hair ever since. But after your words, I decided to accept who I am and what I look like...and I have to tell you, I feel much better for it'.

I'd been completely unaware of that! It shows how a chance remark - be it in a sermon or a one-to-one chat - can inadvertently address a pressing concern that had been gnawing at another person. What we say, and what others hear, can be so different, and maybe the reverse is true, that what's on our mind can be touched by other people without them having a clue.

But full marks to Gerry for sensing something about himself needed to change, and others, too, whether it's to stop doing something, or to start something new. And then a chance word makes it clear it really is time to act - and having the courage to actually do so.

So however, that moment comes, I ask God's help to make changes in our lives when we suddenly realise we need to do so, and the moment has come. Amen

BBC Prayer for the Day

An outing to Arundel Cathedral

from Natasha & John Reid

Cathedral

John and I went to see the Corpus Christi Flower Carpet yesterday in Arundel Cathedral by Epsom Coaches. As John and I are not Catholics, we did not know what the Corpus Christi represents, so I “googled it” and for those of you, who are as ignorant as I am about it, this is the story:

“Feast of Corpus Christi, also called Solemnity of the Most High Body and Blood of Christ, festival of the Roman Catholic Church in honour of the real presence of the body (corpus) of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. A movable observance, it is observed on the Thursday (or, in some countries on Sunday) after Trinity Sunday and is a holy day of obligation in many countries.

For over 140 years, Arundel Cathedral has celebrated the feast of Corpus Christi with a magnificent festival of flowers, featuring a world-famous Carpet of Flowers in the central aisle of the Cathedral and a procession of the Blessed Sacrament from the Cathedral to the courtyard of Arundel Castle, where Benediction is given.

The Cathedral of Arundel dominates the skyline and there were so many people who came to see the celebration which lasts only 2 days (the 7th and the 8th June) and admission is free. There were so many stalls of religious and other items, produced by nuns and monks, and talented catholic people. In the nearby hall they had lovely cakes, sandwiches, teas and coffees and we had our lunch there before we went further to explore Arundel Castle.

Castle

After Arundel Cathedral we went to see Arundel Castle with its gorgeous and lush gardens. The entry is £22 per person but it is worth it, as the services which they provide are magnificent! There is a buggy service which staff can call for you on radio from any point of the garden. You can travel on a baggy to any part of the gardens and to the different entries of the castle. Inside the castle, instead of going by a winding stair, they put us in a Victorian lift. And of course, there is so much to see in the castle.

There are nearly 1000 years of history at this great castle, situated in magnificent grounds overlooking the River Arun in West Sussex. It was established during the reign of Edward the Confessor. The history is mind boggling.

The 16th Duke had planned to give the castle to the National Trust but following his death in 1975 the 17th Duke cancelled the plan. He created an independent charitable trust to guarantee the castle's future and oversaw restorative works.

The extensive gardens had received significant improvements by early 2020 through the efforts of head gardener Martin Duncan and his crew. A

horticulturist and landscape designer, Duncan has been working at the Castle since 2009 and in 2018, he received the Kew Guild Medal.

By 2.30 John was very tired and we took a buggy to the gates. Of course, we saw only a fraction of what the castle has to offer! We sat in the café near the river Arun and enjoyed our refreshments. Our comfortable bus was waiting for us nearby at 4pm so we travelled back to Surbiton. We suggest other people go there next year, or just to visit Arundel Castle which can take a whole day just to explore it.



Find and replace...

A particular Anglican minister uses a standard liturgy for funerals. To personalise each service, he enters a 'find and replace' command. The computer then finds the name of the deceased from the previous funeral and replaces it with the name of the deceased for the upcoming one. Not long ago, the minister told the computer to find the name 'Mary' and replace it with 'Edna'. The next morning, the funeral was going smoothly until the congregation intoned the Apostles' Creed. "Jesus Christ," they read from the pre-printed programme, "born of the Virgin Edna..."

Grandmothers: Becoming a grandmother is wonderful. One moment you're just a mother. The next you are not just all-wise, but also prehistoric.

Church notices that didn't quite come out right....

- The preacher for Sunday next will be found hanging on the notice board in the porch.
- The minister is going on holiday next Saturday. Could all missionary boxes be handed into the vicarage by Friday evening, at the latest.
- Tea makers, when you have emptied the teapot, please stand upside down in the sink.
- There will be a procession in the grounds of the monastery next Sunday afternoon. If it rains in the afternoon, the procession will take place in the morning.

Acknowledgement to St Mary's Church, Long Ditton.

Ting visited "Chelsea in Bloom" at Sloane Square a couple of weeks ago.
*"It was very pretty and all the shops were decorated by nature (flowers, wood..)
 Just thinking summer is all about flowers".*





Readings for July

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

1 Parables and controversies

Sunday 2 July Matthew 13:1-17
Monday 3 July Matthew 13:18-43
Tuesday 4 July Matthew 13:44-58
Wednesday 5 July Matthew 14:1-21
Thursday 6 July Matthew 14:22-36
Friday 7 July Matthew 15:1-20
Saturday 8 July Matthew 15:21-39

2 Son of Man, Son of God

Sunday 9 July Matthew 16:1-12
Monday 10 July Matthew 16:13-28
Tuesday 11 July Matthew 17:1-13
Wednesday 12 July Matthew 17:14-27
Thursday 13 July Matthew 18:1-9
Friday 14 July Matthew 18:10-20
Saturday 15 July Matthew 18:21-35

FAITHFULNESS

1 God's faithfulness to us

Sunday 16 July Psalm 33
Monday 17 July Psalm 145:13b-21
Tuesday 18 July Isaiah 42:1-9
Wednesday 19 July Lamentations 3:22-33
Thursday 20 July 1 Corinthians 1:4-9
Friday 21 July 2 Timothy 2:11-13
Saturday 22 July 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

2 Faithful people, faithful living

Sunday 23 July Luke 2:26-38
Monday 24 July Luke 16:10-13
Tuesday 25 July 2 Corinthians 5:17-6:10
Wednesday 26 July Revelation 7:13-17
Thursday 27 July Acts 21:7-14
Friday 28 July Galatians 5:13-23
Saturday 29 July 1 Thessalonians 1

3 People of faith

Sunday 30 July Genesis 41:33-46
Monday 31 July Acts 4:13-20



Readings for August

Tuesday 1 August Romans 16:1-2

Wednesday 2 August Acts 16:19-31

Thursday 3 August John 11:1-7, 17-27

Friday 4 August Colossians 4:12-13

Saturday 5 August John 20:11-18

BIBLICAL LIBRARY

Prophecy

Sunday 6 August Genesis 3:1-15

Monday 7 August Jonah 3:1-10

Tuesday 8 August Isaiah 9:2-7

Wednesday 9 August Psalm 22:1-18

Thursday 10 August Joel 2:28-32

Friday 11 August Acts 21:4, 30-36

Saturday 12 August Mark 13:2-13

PEACEFUL SLEEP

Sunday 13 August Genesis 2:21-25

Monday 14 August Psalm 3:1-8

Tuesday 15 August Proverbs 3:21-26

Wednesday 16 August Proverbs 24:30-34

Thursday 17 August Mark 4:35-41

Friday 18 August Mark 5:35-43

Saturday 19 August 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

READINGS IN 2 CORINTHIANS:

1 The God of all comfort and mercy

Sunday 20 August 2 Corinthians 1:1-14

Monday 21 August 2 Corinthians 1:15-2:11

Tuesday 22 August 2 Corinthians 2:12-3:18

Wednesday 23 August 2 Corinthians 4:1-15

Thursday 24 August 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:13

Friday 25 August 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

Saturday 26 August 2 Corinthians 6:1-7:1

2 Living by God's grace

Sunday 27 August 2 Corinthians 7:2-16

Monday 28 August 2 Corinthians 8:1-9:2

Tuesday 29 August 2 Corinthians 9:3-15

Wednesday 30 August 2 Corinthians 10:1-18

Thursday 31 August 2 Corinthians 11:1-15

Kingston United Reformed Church – information

A warm invitation is given to all who read this magazine to come and share in our services and activities

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