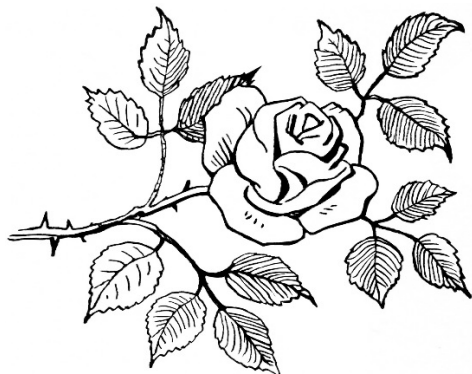


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Gosbrook Road
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Our Minister's Letter

Dear Friends

This summer sees a number of new ventures for our two churches, details for which are in this newsletter. For example, each church has a very different but exciting weekend on **10 & 11 June**. Please take note of what's happening and participate in these events!

But I'd also like to draw special attention to several others. On Friday 9 June the circuit will celebrate the calling of two of our newest ministers. We're all invited to the Testimony Service of Rev. Dr. Ruth Midcalf and Deacon Marlene Skuce at Tadley Common. What's all this about? Well, Ruth and Marlene arrived in our circuit as newly-trained ministers in September 2015. Ruth is a presbyter (like John, David and me) in the heartland of the circuit. Marlene is a deacon (like Becky) in the Basingstoke part of our circuit. As probationer ministers, they have been undertaking further study and training, and thorough assessment, and on June 25th they will both be ordained at the Methodist Conference.

The testimony service is an occasion when we celebrate their calling and we hear from each of them, the story of how God has led them to this point. Whether or not you have encountered these two very gifted ministers, I commend the testimony service as a joyful occasion when we can be encouraged and inspired by what God is doing.

In July, David and I are running two workshop sessions called **Absolute Beginners - learning to pray for and with others.**

As you'll read in this newsletter, these sessions are open to anyone who would like some help in learning how to lead prayers for others in worship, or to pray with another person. How about coming along?

All these events underline for me that God is always calling people into discipleship - and therefore ministry in its broadest sense. In the first Christian churches, it was taken for granted that all believers are ministers and that each individual Christian is given a specific ministry. However, we have so much to learn from each other about the calling God has given each of us. God equips us for whatever we are called to do and be - whether it be arranging flowers, visiting people who are housebound, sharing our story with others, or looking after visitors to our church building. All of us, though, should be able to pray for and with others. "The first thing I want you to do is pray. Pray every way you know how, for everyone you know." (*1 Timothy 2: 1 - The Message*)

I pray that all of us may continue to grow in our understanding of God's call, develop our gifts through God's Spirit, and trust that in Christ, we have all that is needed to become what we were made to be.

Shalom,

Jenny

ROOMS TO RENT?

(from: '100 Wisdom Stories from around the world' by Margaret Siff.)

God was walking the streets, looking for a home for his son. He knocked on my door. Well, I suppose I could let him rent the little spare bedroom, I thought. He read my thoughts. "I was looking to buy," he said.

"Oh, I don't think I really want to sell," I replied. "I need the place for myself, you see. But you could use the back room. The rent's quite low. Why don't you come in and have a look?" So he came in, and looked around. "I like it," he said. "I'll take it on your own terms."

Once he had settled in, I began to wonder whether I'd been a bit mean. There he was, cooped up in that little spare bedroom. God must have been having similar thoughts, because he was there again at my door.

"Would you have any more space now, do you think?" he asked gently.

"Well, I've been thinking, and I could offer your son an extra room to rent now."

"Thank you," said God. "I'll take the extra room. Maybe you'll give my son more room later on. Meanwhile, I like what I see."

Time went on and I was still feeling a bit uneasy about this transaction. "I'd like to give you some more room" I kept telling God, "but you see, it's a bit difficult. I need some space for me."

"I understand," God kept saying. "I'll wait. I like what I see."

Eventually, I decided to offer God the whole of the top floor. He accepted gratefully, on behalf of his son.

"Well, I can spare it really," I told him. "I'd really like to let you have the whole house, but I'm not sure...."

"I understand," said God. "I'll wait. I like what I see."

A bit more time went by, and there was God again at my door. "I just want you to know", he said "that I'm still very interested in buying your house. I wouldn't put you out. We'd work it out together.

Your house would be mine and my son would live here."

"Actually," he added, "you'd have more space than ever before."

"I really can't see how that could be true," I replied, hesitating on the doorstep.

"I know," said God. "And to be honest, I can't really explain it. It's something you have to discover for yourself. It only happens if you let my son have the whole house."

"A bit risky," I said.

"Yes, but try me," encouraged God.

"I'm not sure. I'll let you know"

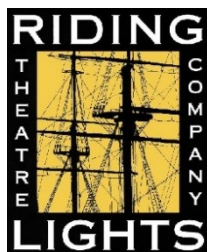
"I'll wait," said God, "I like what I see."

How much room am I currently allowing the Son of God in the house of my life?

Source unknown

EASTER IN CAVERSHAM

Visit of Riding Lights to Caversham 15th April



We were privileged to once more host the Christian theatre company Riding Lights at Caversham Heights Methodist Church on Saturday 15th April – Easter Saturday. We welcomed many visitors, both local and those who had travelled from around the Methodist circuit. This was the last night of a nationwide tour, and how appropriate it was on that day.

We were introduced to the evening thus: "*Crosslight tells the story of the passion of Jesus from the perspectives of three people who, perhaps, knew him best – his mother, Mary and his two closest friends, Peter and John. Through their experience of these events and in the light of the cross of Christ, we will be faced with our part in this story and challenged to reflect on the nature of our own calling.*"

The play looked at the events of Good Friday and Easter, in particular through the eyes of Peter. Peter is shattered at what has taken place and we were drawn into his feelings of guilt and despair as he knew that he had abandoned Jesus at the end. We were moved by his shame, shared Mary's grief but also the final realisation of the Resurrection. The three actors drew us into the story at every moment and made it very real and powerful. Simple staging and costume were very effective, enhanced by the use of sound effects and music.

The scenes of drama were interspersed with time for reflection and prayer, allowing us to think about the ways in which we have let Jesus down, but also about believing that we are loved and accepted. As we heard, "*In the example of Peter, we see how Jesus loves us, his disciples. Jesus chooses men and women of clay, that by his Spirit we may be transformed into the building blocks of his kingdom.*"

Tenebrae Service April 13th at Gosbrook Road with Caversham Heights

Tenebrae is the Latin word for shadow, I expect you knew that but I didn't until I came to write this. The purpose is to increase the emotional aspects of the Passion story. It is not meant to be a happy service simply because the occasion is not happy. A shadow hangs over this day because it is leading up to our Lord Jesus being crucified.

Over thirty members from both Churches sat at a long table lit only by candlelight. Hymns were sung and eight passages read from the Bible telling of the events leading to the final moment of the crucifixion. Due to Reverend Jenny Dowding being unwell our service was ably led by Brenda Caborn while Kathy Munns played the piano. As each passage was read by different members from the two Churches one candle was snuffed out until eventually only one large candle was left glowing. When this was extinguished we sat in silence praying while *Allegri's Miserere* was played. Then we all filed out in silence to our homes...

Walk of Witness 2017

This year's Good Friday's walk-of-witness began with a service at Caversham Baptist church followed by our walk with the Cross, which was carried at the front making its own witness. It certainly drew the attention of the public and those travelling in cars along the high street, first calling at the Caversham shopping precinct where a reading was read and a hymn sung, the walk then continued onto Caversham Court Gardens where a short service ended the proceedings. Walking behind a cross through Caversham via our main shopping street was a simple but powerful declaration of faith in Jesus Christ. It is also a visible reminder to all who watched that there is hope to be found in the death and resurrection of Christ. Hope of forgiveness, of new beginnings and a purpose to live for. The walk -organised by Churches together in Caversham - celebrated openly to all the Good Friday message across all denominations in Caversham, and provided the opportunity for a united witness to the people of Caversham.



Caversham Shopping precinct

Easter Day dawn service

I can't honestly say that I set off with enormous zest to the Macrae's garden at 5.45 am on Easter Sunday..... my normal waking times are around 7.30!

However I had been cautious about other new ideas but found them well worthwhile and I knew that our minister and our host were self-confessed 'not morning people' so there must be a good reason for this suggestion?

In a quiet part of Ken and Barbara's beautiful spring garden a circle of chairs was arranged and smiles and quiet greetings were exchanged amongst the 20 or so people there aged from 10 - 80+.

The dawn chorus of the birds was complex, joyous and enthusiastic and they provided God's musical accompaniment throughout.

As the story of the women at the tomb on the first Easter morning was read I really felt as though I was there with them. They too had set off apprehensively (obviously with enormous sadness and grief too) but had experienced the unexpected, new light and joy.

We passed round bread and grape juice and gave it to each other with words or in silence which made it profoundly personal and special. We remembered in a unique way the last supper Jesus shared with his friends.

As Barbara assured us 'no neighbours would be concerned' we broke into song at the end. For me I felt the joy of Easter in a way I had never done before.

Thank you Barbara, Ken and Jenny for making it possible.

Lesley Boardley

**Both churches celebrated with their own Easter breakfasts.
Thanks to all who contributed to the 'feast'**

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH LIBRARY



If you have never read an Eddie Askew book there is a real treat in store for you. Eddie died in 2007. A large part of his working life was with the Leprosy Mission. After being a hospital superintendent in India, he became the Mission's International Director.

Eddie wrote and illustrated 17 best-selling books and our church library contains 12 of these! One of the latest, which has been completed with a new up-to-date chapter by his daughter, is 'Edge of Daylight – memories of a life with the Leprosy Mission'.

The books do not date and are well illustrated by Eddie who was a talented artist and poet.

Many have found his books very useful for prayer times, either alone or with others.

Best sellers: '*Walking in the Light*', '*Facing the Storm*' and '*I've been thinking Lord*' tackle some real life situations that all of us face from time to time.

Have a browse when books are displayed after the Sunday morning service on the second and last week of the month, then borrow and enjoy!

Meryl Beek

Stay Awhile Lunch Club

The Stay Awhile lunch club has been part of our church for many years now, and has existed in a variety of formats, supported over time by many dedicated volunteers both from within and without the church. The club provides a three course hot meal for about 20 guests. Things have been happening recently so now is a good time to reflect on where we are at the moment.

Over the last couple of years, a number of our volunteers have had to step down for a variety of very good reasons. In common with many other organisations we have struggled to recruit more volunteers, as the demand for the service grows and the pool of available helpers shrinks! We recruited an administrator and a cook via the Reading Voluntary Action website, who gave much to the club but again, moved on – Will, our cook, gained employment in a job cooking for older people so the benefit was definitely two-way there. Last summer, our faithful pairing of Colleen and Penny also stood down and we owe them a great debt of gratitude for their many years of service. We have, happily, welcomed Julie to the cooking team, ably assisted in the kitchen by Alison.

Unfortunately, however, we reached the point where we were unable to provide a meeting every week, as we did not have either enough cooks or enough helpers to cover the rota. We know that

the guests really value both the food and the company and so it was with great reluctance that we decided to reduce meetings to fortnightly. Much time was also spent trying to think of ways of recruiting more help!

This time, social media has come to the rescue. I am a Facebook user, and while there are aspects which disturb me it can also be used for good. I use it to keep in touch with friends and family, to widen my professional work awareness and I also use it to provide a platform for our church – if you haven't yet looked, check out the church Facebook page. You don't have to have an account yourself, just go to the church website and click on the little Facebook icon to see what we have been doing!

On Facebook, I have joined a group called Caversham Gossip Girls, a network of local women who share information about anything and everything, from recommendations for tradespeople to local events and lost property. I decided to ask this group if there was anyone who would be prepared to help with Stay Awhile, and was amazed at the response! From this we have gained a number of new helpers, and they are now coming on to the rota to help. After Easter, we plan to run weekly again – which is brilliant for our guests. It has involved many hours of work, contacting and meeting potential volunteers, and collating the necessary Safeguarding forms and references (to comply with the Methodist Safeguarding guidelines each volunteer needs two referees, and thanks are due to Jan Talbot and Brenda Caborn for their help and advice on this). Cooks also have to complete a Food Safety course to meet Environmental Health standards. We also held a meeting for the volunteers so that those new to it could meet others and learn about what we do.

So, all being well, we now have a full team of helpers. We are very grateful to those who stuck with it and continue to give their time willingly to provide this much-loved service, especially Linda Dudley for her help in keeping the rota running as best we could. And to those who have helped and supported in the past, thank you too – you have helped to make it what it is today. In God's name and with His help, we go on...

Kathy Munns

Absolute Beginners – learning to pray for and with others



Have you ever struggled with prayer? If so, you are in very good company! Most Christians would like to be able to feel much more confident in prayer. Nowhere is that more true than when praying aloud *for* or *with* others, when most of us consider ourselves absolute beginners, and often feel too scared to start.

Jenny and David are offering two evening sessions, when we will explore some simple approaches to these two particular areas of prayer. **Both sessions are open to anyone** from our two Methodist churches, but the first session is geared mainly to people who might play a part in leading prayer in Sunday worship, and the second to those who are involved in any way in pastoral visiting, pastoral care etc. The sessions will not be scary or difficult, we promise! We will share our experience, and resources that might help us develop our confidence. You do not have to be an expert to come along.

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CAVERSHAM METHODIST CHURCH, GOSBROOK ROAD



Saturday 8 July 2017

at 7.00pm

DAVID JENKINS IN CONCERT
with
RACHEL SCARLETT (Soprano)
RENATO FONSECA
(Flautist)
and **MYSTERY GUEST**
ARTISTE

'MUSIC TO SHARE'

Refreshments will be served during the interval when copies of "The Salisbury Suite" and "The Dartmouth Suite" CD's will be on sale.

This concert is raising money for
THAMES VALLEY AIR AMBULANCE

Tickets £5.00 – pay on the door



The Great Get Together
Sunday 11th June

The Great Get Together is a series of events to mark one year since MP Jo Cox was killed. Jo lived her life according to the belief that

we have more in common than that which divides us.

In that spirit, her husband Brendan and friends are hoping as many of us as possible will mark the anniversary by organising or attending

a celebration in their community the weekend of 17-18 June.*



Picnic/BBQ

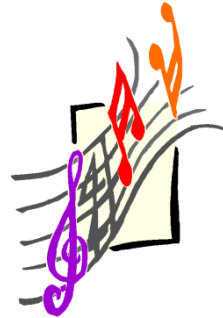
At Caversham Heights, we are inviting all our neighbours to a picnic/BBQ (bring your own food) on Sunday 11 June at 12 noon after our morning service.

**(This is a week earlier than most community events)*

One Day - Celebrating Hope

The morning worship at 10.30 will be a lively, welcoming service suitable for all ages, and will take place on the grass outside.

We expect all our usual congregation to be there, and we hope everyone will bring a friend, and that some of our neighbours will join us, too!



Make sure you don't miss this really special event!

PASTORAL NEWS FROM CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS:

We remember in our prayers **Myra Emerson home after a spell in hospital, Joan and Simeon Beaumont, Vera Young, Jeanne Farmery, Derek and Mary Richings.** WE send our love and sympathy to **Claire Leckie and family**, following the death of Claire's father. It is great to have **Jean Bean and Clarice Lott** back amongst us. **Congratulations to Mamie and Ken Lunnon and Barbara and Ken Macrae celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversaries.**

PASTORAL NEWS FROM GOSBROOK ROAD:

Please pray for **Joy Bosier** in hospital following a heart attack. Also pray for **George Cooper** (grandson of Eunice and Les) in hospital in Bristol having fluid drained from a cyst close to his optic nerve.

Harold Barker, a former member at GR., died in April and his funeral was held at GR. We remember in prayer the family of Harold.

We also remember our housebound friends **Alma Alexander and Gwenda Buckledee.**

We were sorry to say "Goodbye" to **Paras** at the end of April as he moves to a new job in Dublin. Our love and prayers go with **Paras, Saritha and the children.**

Thank you, Eunice

The church family at Gosbrook Road has accepted the resignation of Eunice Cooper as a steward with some sadness. Eunice has served the church and circuit faithfully over many years, having held the posts of both circuit steward and senior church steward, but understandably, health concerns have led to her decision.

We will miss her leadership and full involvement in Gosbrook Road, but she is not pulling out of everything, and she will still be bringing her gifts and skills to church life. Eunice has managed always to have her finger on the pulse of what's happening, but still kept a 'light touch' with a smile, and has always been a calm, unruffled presence. She took things in her stride, and kept everyone around her positive. She has not been content

just to 'do what we always do' but looked for opportunities to try new ideas. Her faith in God has often been evident in quiet ways. Thank you, Eunice.

Jenny

A tribute to Harold Barker a man of many talents. (7th March 1923 – 27th March 2017)

Harold was a member of Gosbrook Road church for many years but after the death of his wife Margaret several years ago, he never managed to return to worship with us. Nevertheless, he continued to maintain a lively interest in his church and always looked forward to receiving his newsletters and annual membership card - which he regarded as his most important document of the year. I had the privilege of seeing him regularly as his pastoral visitor.

Harold was an unassuming chap who never gave any indication of his wide range of interests during the many years I had known him in church. It wasn't until I visited him after Margaret's death that I uncovered an amazing treasure trove of knowledge. During the war he served in the army in Burma on radio communications. The skills acquired during the years he spent there gave him a lifelong interest in radio, including short wave radio, television, Morse code and numerous related activities. He could repair radio and TV sets and rapidly diagnose faults. I remember one occasion when I was thinking of scrapping my bulky, heavy TV set, long before slim line models were available, because it emitted alarmingly loud cracks every time I switched it on, I thought it was ready for the tip. I mentioned this to Harold and, in an instant, he said 'corona discharge' was the problem. Evidently this condition results from a build-up of dust on the rear of the cathode ray tube and is readily rectified by gently removing such dust with a fine brush after first disconnecting the set from the mains. Sure enough, this solved the problem and the set served me for several years before it had to be replaced. His interests were too numerous to cover here but I will try to give a flavour of why he was never bored.

One day, I was introduced to the inner sanctum - his short wave radio room, record/CD collection and miscellaneous emporium. Pride of place was given to an ancient gramophone complete with 24 inch horn, it was in superb condition! He was delighted to give me a rendition of some wonderful gems from his extensive record collection. I was amazed to hear such clear voices from the distant past including Dame Nelly Melba, Caruso, Gigli and more. Harold was proud to point out these were no ordinary records but very early versions recorded on one side only. Needless to say, each one had to be played with considerable 'welly to appreciate the sound quality which was brilliant considering some of the records were almost 100 years old. I was then introduced to his short wave radio apparatus; he communicated with other enthusiasts all over the world and many certificates on the wall above the radio are testament to the proficiency he achieved.

During his time in the army on signals work, repair of radio equipment etc. he achieved enviable speeds in Morse code, I'm sure a speed of 70 words per minute was mentioned. But, he ruefully added, he couldn't achieve this now, now being age 87 when we discussed it-he could **only** manage 45-50!! Also on this occasion we talked about his life-long enthusiasm for British manufactured motor bikes and cars - he had been the proud owner of several over the years. I readily admitted I could only remember a handful of the superb machines this country produced. However, starting with motor bikes, he mentioned at least 30 in alphabetical order. I could scarcely keep up with him as I made a list of them all from AJS and Ariel through to Velocette and Villiers. He also gave an account of the engineering feats of British manufacturers who were world leaders in motor cycle technology. Next, he proceeded to recall from memory British made cars,

including some of the better known models produced by some of his favourite manufacturers, from Austin and Bentley through Jaguar, Lanchester, Morris, Singer, Sunbeam, Triumph to Zodiac without scarcely a pause for breath; he managed 37, a considerable feat for someone approaching 90!!

We had many a chat about music. Highlight of his year was The Proms, he never missed a broadcast on Radio 3 or TV. He particularly loved British and Russian music but his tastes covered almost every musical genre including traditional jazz, the Big Bands and much more. Fats Waller was a particular hero and we frequently enjoyed tracks from one of his favourite Fats' CDs. He often reminisced about the Big Bands - Dorsey, Ellington, and 'Satchmo', Les Brown and his Band of Renown and countless more. He frequently said how much he preferred vinyl records to present day CD's which to his great delight were making a well-deserved re-appearance.

I shall never forget our last chat a few days before he was admitted to hospital. He was clearly unwell that day when I arrived so I said I would stay for only a few minutes. "Not likely!" was the response; he then started chatting and before long, again raised the issue of vinyl versus CD -at this stage he was feeling a little better! He repeated his views about the purer quality of sound available from vinyl and the process of how stereo sound is produced from a single groove. He explained that the single groove on a vinyl disc actually contains two tracks, one each side of the groove, thus enabling a stereo-split to be relayed to the speakers via the stylus. What a bloke!! Even though he was far from well, his mind was as clear as ever and he was ready to launch into further technicalities about the production of vinyl. But, I eventually persuaded him to have a rest and he reluctantly agreed. I left him with foreboding that morning. A few days later, his niece Sue phoned to say he had been admitted to the RBH with fluid on the lungs and other complications. Sue and her husband had continually supported Harold following his wife's death and he constantly mentioned how much this meant to him.

Harold died on 27th March shortly after his 94th birthday. I am going to miss our fellowship and the opportunity to enhance my knowledge particularly on all matters technical. I constantly reminded him that I always left 31 Briants Avenue more knowledgeable than I was on arrival. May God richly bless you Harold. It has been a pleasure and privilege to know you, the greatest of great blokes!! **Jim Plunkett**

Elizabeth Anne Porter Head

For this magazine it seemed appropriate to look at a female hymn writer, and as we approach the feast of Pentecost who better than Elizabeth Anne Porter Head. She was born in Norfolk in 1850, the daughter of a flour miller, Tobias Porter. Unusually, for a lady in Victorian times, she travelled extensively doing God's work. Best known as the author of 'Oh Breath of Life come sweeping through us', Elizabeth (or Bessie) did many great things both at home and abroad.

Her various forms of Christian service included being secretary of the Swansea branch of the YMCA before leaving these shores to work for the South African General Mission in Cape Town and Port Elizabeth.

Whilst working for them she wrote many magazine articles on the deepening of spiritual life and the work of the Holy Spirit. Some of these are still available today on-line.

The South African General Mission was started in the Cape as a home to look after returning soldiers from the Boer War, from that humble beginning Christianity spread across

Southern Africa and the islands of the Indian Ocean, following the Boer War. Elizabeth was with them between 1897 and 1901.

In 1907, Elizabeth married a family friend and widower, Albert Head. Some years earlier Elizabeth had been one of many Christian leaders who paid tribute to his first wife Caroline who had come from a Quaker family but became an Evangelical Christian. Her husband Albert was one of the first Chairmen of the Keswick Convention which started in 1875, and has gone on from strength to strength.

Elizabeth passed away in Wimbledon on 28th June, 1936. Within a couple of years of her death some of her hymns appeared in the Keswick Hymn Book.

AM I 'JUST' A QUILT?

By SWAN



I am a quilt... pretty colours... dark colours...

At times plain... Oh well!

I come in a large variety.

but am I just a quilt?

Funny as it may sound, I may not be 'just' a quilt you know;

I will share this with you, although I am
unable to respond.

I do listen silently as you lie on the bed...
on the floor... at home.

But where is home for an asylum-seeker refugee?

I have learnt in my walk with asylum-seeker refugees that home can be the jungle at
Calais, a hostel or even out on the streets.

I tag along faithfully as you journey into the unknown my friend.

I may be 'just' a quilt, but by virtue of being a quilt I am privy to your hidden pain.

I listen to your deep cries as you sob with anguish

I hear you cry out after a nightmare

I get to hear the whispered prayer.

I witness your sleepless nights, your torment.

Helplessly, I the quilt listen to what the outside world is not 'privileged' to.

**TODAY I LONG TO SAY TO YOU MY
FRIEND, MY BROTHER, MY SISTER...
HAVE HOPE! DON'T GIVE UP!**

Yours, the quilt

Swan is an asylum seeker in Nottingham.

She made a patchwork quilt using donated remnants which she intends to give a refugee family.

This poem is written from the perspective of the quilt.

This is an article in The Big Issue



DIARY DATES - CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS

JUNE

Saturday 3rd CRAFT GROUP 1.30 to 4.30 p.m. in the church

Sunday 4th

9 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev'd David Jenkins

10.30 Mr John Phillippo

NO EVENING SERVICE

Thursday 8th June - 4 p.m. TIME FOR PRAYER with David in Highmoor Room

Sunday 11th

10.30 Worship will be on the church lawn and we hope everyone will attend as usual. This will be followed by a 'bring your own food to barbeque' but if you prefer you could bring your own picnic lunch.

6.30 Holy Communion led by Rev'd Jenny Dowding

Sunday 18th

10.30 Mr Robin Gowers

NO EVENING SERVICE

Sunday 25

10.30 Rev'd Dr John Sumitra with Holy Communion

NO EVENING SERVICE

JULY

Saturday 1st CRAFT GROUP 1.30 to 4.30 in the church

Sunday 2nd

9 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev'd Jenny Dowding

10.30 Rev'd David Jenkins

NO EVENING SERVICE

Thursday 6th July – 4 p.m. TIME FOR PRAYER with Jenny in the Church

Saturday 8th – David Jenkins in Concert at Gosbrook Road

Sunday 9th

10.30 Rev'd Jenny Dowding with Holy Communion

6.30 Rev'd Andy Moffoot

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Sunday 16th

10.30 Local Arrangement

NO EVENING SERVICE

Session 2 - Thursday 20 July at 7.30pm at Caversham Heights. Praying aloud with others – offering a simple prayer for someone else.

Sunday 23rd

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6.30 Rev'd David Jenkins with Holy Communion

Sunday 30th

10.30 Mr Stephen Appiah
NO EVENING SERVICE

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NO EVENING SERVICE

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6.30 At Caversham Heights –
Rev'd Jenny Dowding with Holy Communion

Sunday 18th

10.30 Kido Baek
NO EVENING SERVICE

Sunday 25th

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NO EVENING SERVICE

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**DEADLINE DATE FOR AUGUST SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER IS
5TH JULY 2017**

Prayers from the Ark
By Caoldrmen Bernos de Gasztold

The Prayer of the Butterfly



LORD !

Where was I?

Oh yes! This flower, this sun,
Thank you! Your world is beautiful

The scent of the roses. . .

Where was I?

A drop of dew, rolls to sparkle
in a lily's heart

I have to go . . .

Where? I do not know!

The wind has painted fancies on my wings.

Fancies . . .

Where was I?

Oh yes! Lord,

I had something to tell you:

Amen

