

The Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends,

As I write (I always seem to begin these pieces with that phrase) the Busk family is waiting for the birth of our third child, due on 10 September. Yoko is waiting with a mixture of frustration with the discomforts of late pregnancy and anxiety over the rigours of labour, while Simon and Karin can't understand why the baby isn't here already – quite often the first words of one of them as they come into our bedroom in the morning are, 'Has the baby been born yet?' All of us, of course, are also waiting with that suppressed excitement that we call 'looking forward'.

This phase in our family life has set me thinking about waiting in general. We tend to regard waiting as, at best, a period of empty time to be somehow got through, at worst a torment to be avoided when possible and endured when we have no choice. We wait with longing for the things we desire, with dread for the things we fear, with a mixture of longing and dread for some great challenge or an uncertain outcome, with varying degrees of calmness or irritation for things we regard as simply necessary – for a train to arrive, for food to be ready, for the day's work to be over. The waiting itself is not welcomed, because waiting makes us dependent upon whatever or whoever it is we are waiting for – nothing we do will make the train (or baby) arrive any sooner, nothing we do will now change the result of that exam or blood test. The less waiting we have to do, we usually feel, the better.

However, this attitude says something about those who have no choice but to wait. If that time of waiting is simply dead time, then the lives of those who wait are, in a certain sense, on hold. A life on hold is not a full life. If someone has to wait for years, to recover from an illness, say, or to overcome grief or depression, or if there is no hope of recovery or if a person is waiting to die, does that life become less full of value and meaning because what they are mostly doing is waiting?

For anyone with faith in God, the answer to that question must be 'no'. No life, made in the image of God, can be considered diminished by circumstances. There is a wonderful book by W.H. Vanstone called 'The Stature of Waiting', which has helped me re-consider what it means to wait. Vanstone shows that it is when Jesus is handed over to his captors, when in other words he stops being active and becomes someone who is acted upon, that he reveals the full meaning of his life. For as Jesus, the human face of God, waits to see what will happen to him, he shows us God waiting to see how we will respond to him. God, who makes the universe happen, has made himself vulnerable to our actions. God waits for us, and so he has given us a dignity beyond comprehension. When we wait, we share the viewpoint of God.

If you are waiting for something, or someone, whether the wait seems relatively trivial or absorbs the whole of your life, may you know that God, who is in everything, is exactly where you are, and sees the world through your eyes (whether your eyes work well or not at all).

With love,
David

This month's cover

An essential pit stop outside Hartford Church for Mike Weedon, David and Toby Richardson, Nicholas Leigh-Smith, Simon Summers and Karin Busk during last year's Historic Churches Trust sponsored cycle ride. The missing cyclist is photographer David Busk. For details of this year's event see p.5

Mothers' Union

Tuesday 5 August dawned bright and clear. The weather forecast, however, was doom and gloom. The cloud looked thin though, so we looked on the internet. That showed rain all day. We did not even have to wait until 10.30 am, the time for putting up gazebos. By 10 o'clock it was raining steadily and all ideas for an afternoon in Trish's lovely garden had to be abandoned. So, one o'clock found a group of us setting out tables etc. in the Queen Elizabeth School Hall. It was a bit of a squeeze in the kitchen as we unpacked home made cakes and put them out in tempting arrays on plates. We had to leave them in the kitchen until most people had arrived. Several people said that it was the first time since starting

fifteen years ago that the event had been rained off. We gave everyone a quiz to do as they came in so that kept them busy until it was time for tea. We were pleased to see a good number of people so our entertainers had a sizeable audience. Maisie and John Hammond came along with lots of music and a violin, and they were ably accompanied on the keyboard by their Churchwarden, Ken Dawson. They played and sang a varied selection of tunes from Victorian times. We all enjoyed this very much and completely forgot about the weather. All of us spent a very enjoyable afternoon despite the change of venue. The next meeting will take place on 2 September when Janet Cockcroft will talk about the Australian Home exchange.

Jean Morgan

Wives' Group

There was no meeting of the Wives' Group in August but our next meeting is our Annual Dinner, which will be held on 9 September in The White Hart. If you would like to join us please contact Sheila Hartwell on 453336 for more details.

Barbara Thirlwall

Men's Social Group

Unfortunately our planned walk to the Brampton Mill had to be cancelled – another victim of this dreadful summer weather.

It is hoped that this will be re-arranged for September; please see notice in the Newsletter.

Peter Irving

Charity of the Month

Mashambanzou Care Trust

Mashambanzou means 'dawn of a new day' and was chosen to offer inspiration to those suffering from HIV/AIDS. Mashambanzou Care Trust – supported by St Mary's for a number of years – is an inter-denominational, non-profit organisation that offers comfort and reassurance to poor people infected – or affected – by HIV/AIDS. Its vision is 'to contribute meaningfully towards a reduction in the vulnerability associated with HIV prevalence, so as to witness healthier individuals that are better able to take responsibility for their own lives.'

Through six community outreach programmes, Mashambanzou offers holistic health care to the poorest suburbs of Harare. This includes:

- Care for the sick in their homes and provision of counselling for their families
- Support to AIDS orphans including school fees and uniforms; blankets, food and counselling

- Raising public awareness in order to fight stigma and discrimination
- Providing palliative care
- Mobilising community support centres, care givers and counsellors

AIDS is one of the most serious problems confronting Africa today and in Zimbabwe over a million people are living with the disease. Nevertheless – and despite the political difficulties the country has faced in the last few years – the prevalence of HIV is slowly declining, showing that Africa in general, and Zimbabwe in particular, is not a lost cause. Please give generously – a little of our money can make a vast amount of difference.

Dilys Ward

The Friends of St Mary's 100 Club needs you!

Are you aware of The Friends of St Mary's 100 Club, which is now ten years old? Over that time we have had as few as 36 members and as many as 48, currently there are 37.

The more members we have, of course, the more money for the church fabric, but we are also able to increase our prize money. With 100 club members, prize money each month would be £45. Could you help us reach this target?

The annual membership costs £12. So please consider joining the Club – new members would be warmly welcomed. Just make contact with our Treasurer, Peter Ballantine, Tel: 450432.

Who's who in the parish

Samantha and Nicholas Leigh-Smith.

Two sides of the same coin.

Nicholas. When we set off in the morning, we head towards our respective work places to practice law. But our objectives are absolutely opposite. As a barrister, I am keen to get cases into Court and do my best to win; as a Judge, my intention is to stay in court and hear as many cases as possible. For Samantha's clients to appear in court is a failure, and trusts are drafted and agreements reached with Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs to ensure that it never happens.

I normally have to wait until I arrive at Court to find out what the day will bring and this is often the first chance to see any papers relating to the day's cases. Courts tend to involve trials where people have pleaded not guilty, sentencing those who have been found guilty and managing cases at an early stage to decide if they will be heard in the Magistrates' Court, the Crown Court, or whether people should be held in prison or released on bail.

When I go into Court I do not know whether the next person will be charged with murder or driving without insurance, and each case gets the same care as all the others. As a District Judge (Magistrates' Court) – formerly a Stipendiary Magistrate – I have to hear long and complex trials. It may be a serious case like a robbery or a riot, or a case in the Youth Court lasting for several weeks

where many witnesses will give evidence. Or it may be an application by a Local Authority to take someone's children away and I will have reviewed thousands of pages of reports and statements showing how a family has functioned (or not), often covering a period of years before the hearing.

When not in Court I have a range of management duties as the designated District Judge for Bedfordshire, attending the Courts' management meetings and liaising with Crown, County and High Court Judges who have an oversight of the work of the Magistrates' Courts and are watching to see work is dealt with quickly. Also important is having a good working relationship with the lay Magistrates, usually achieved by recounting mutual experiences and problems in Court.

Samantha. I am a solicitor working in a City law firm specialising in looking after the interests of individuals rather than companies.

I head off to London by train arriving at the office at about 7.30. I am typically greeted by my secretary, who brings me a large cup of tea, reminding me of the people I need to call and the important things I need to do. The majority of my clients are wealthy international families, involving me in a lot of travelling (which I hate). It sounds an exciting lifestyle – jet setting to New York, Liechtenstein, or Switzerland – but unfortunately the time is normally spent working in a bank or an office from early to late with very little time in between (although I do remember the odd occasion sitting in a restaurant on a beach on a warm evening in the

Cayman Islands eating tuna caught that morning and sipping chilled white wine!). The majority of my clients fall into the super-wealthy bracket. Notwithstanding this, most of them appear to lead perfectly normal lives, with the same worries and concerns as me. Many clients are keen collectors of art and visiting their homes is a wonderful experience, with paintings by Monet and Bacon, for example, on the walls. One client was an avid collector of all sorts of things, and my favourite story was when she went into Harrods and asked to buy the Christmas lights. To the answer 'Those are for sale of the fourth floor, Madam,' she replied that, no, she wanted the Christmas lights on the outside of the shop. I am told that they actually sold them to her...

I primarily give tax and trust advice, advising on all aspects of estate planning, and helping, say, Middle Eastern families on the establishment of offshore structures. I've also worked with foreign jurisdictions in drafting their trust and other related legislation. The difficulty in working for individuals is that they expect you to be available pretty much all of the time. As one of my clients put it 'But, Samantha, I regard your home as an extension of your office,' before asking why I could not put my chattering two year old child alone in a room away from the telephone!

Nicholas' job is as different from mine as night from day. He says that his is 'proper' law and I am merely a tax anorak. I have to say that while his work is arguably more socially useful, I think mine is more fun

Parish Nurse Awareness Meeting

A meeting will be held in the Church Hall on Monday 15 September at 8pm to offer information on the scheme, which is new to this church. Speakers will be Laurel Fennell (Parish Nurse from the Baptist Church) and Margaret Caroe. This will be an opportunity to ask questions and become familiar with the Parish Nursing concept. All are welcome. An invitation has also been sent to Godmanchester Baptist Church.

Margaret Caroe (393806)

The Bible Study Group

Will recommence on
Wednesday 17 September at 8.00 pm at
10 East Chadley Lane.

Our study will be the Corinthian
correspondence
Everyone is very welcome
Further details from Jerry Craddock
Tel:458011

Sponsored Ride and Stride 13 September 2008

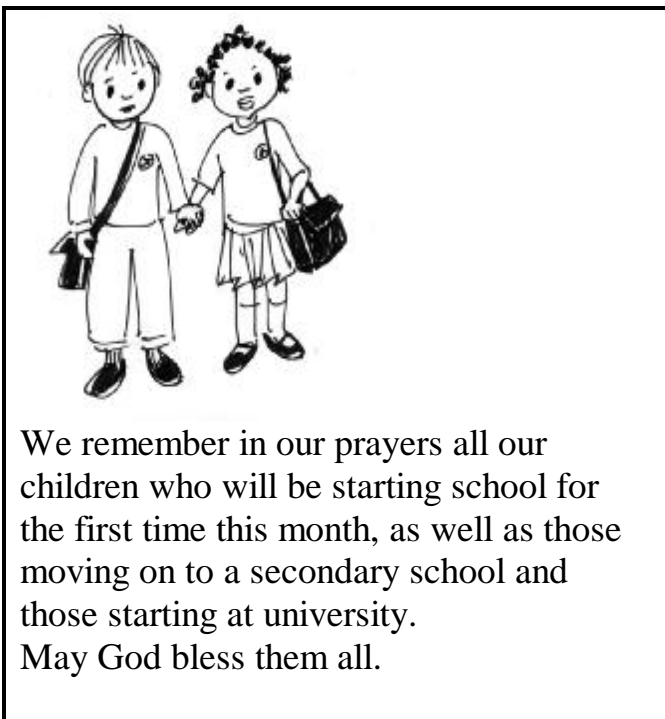
As in previous years, there is to be a sponsored cycle/walk around the Diocese, in support of the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust. Of anything we raise, we get 50% back! Each year we at St Mary's have been amongst the most successful in getting sponsorship and in this 25th anniversary year it would be good to be

up at the top again. Please do get a sponsorship form and join us on bike or foot on the 13th. The riders will set off from the Church at about 9.50 in the morning and have usually been back in time for a late lunch after a ride through some very pretty parts of the Ouse Valley. If you don't feel energetic enough to ride/walk with us, we are also looking for volunteers to staff the church hall during the day in order to welcome riders from other churches with refreshments. Or you could sponsor a rider...

Peter Irving (382144) has kindly agreed to set up a church hall rota for the day and I will manage the riding side. Peter will have the sponsorship forms until I return from my holiday on 1 September, after which I will have the forms and will collect the sponsorship money.

Do join us in a financially rewarding and fun event!

Nicholas Leigh-Smith (433467)



We remember in our prayers all our children who will be starting school for the first time this month, as well as those moving on to a secondary school and those starting at university. May God bless them all.

The WEA

Early autumn is the time to think about joining a class, starting a new interest and meeting new friends who share similar ideas. The WEA is an educational charity that has been organizing courses for over a hundred years. The courses are chosen by the students themselves, meeting at times and in venues that are convenient to them. They will always welcome newcomers, so why not go along to the first session and see if it is for you?

Several groups meet in Huntingdonshire, all starting ten-week courses towards the end of September.

In the mornings:

'Dickens'

Tuesdays, 10.00 am from 23 Sept at the Memorial Hall, Alconbury.

'Fenland Landscapes'

Tuesdays, 10.00 am from 30 Sept at Buckden Towers

'History on Your Doorstep'

Wednesdays, 10.00 am from 24 Sept at Upton Village Hall

'Introduction to the Bloomsbury Group'

Wednesdays, 10.00 am from 24 Sept at Hemingford Grey Reading Room

'Victorian Social History' Thursdays, 10.15am from 25 Sept at Queen Elizabeth School, Godmanchester

'Antiques and Collectables' Thursdays,
10.00am from 25 Sept at the Reading
Room, Great Gransden

'The Story of London' Thursdays,
10.00am from 25 Sept at S.Ivo School,
S,Ives

In the evenings:

'19th Century European Leaders'
Mondays, 7.45pm from 22 Sept at
Hemingford Grey Reading Room

'History of the Netherlands' Tuesdays,
7.30pm from 23 Sept at Godmanchester
Primary School, Park Lane

**'The Private Lives of Plants and
Animals'**
Wednesdays, 8.00pm from 1 Oct at
Upwood Village Hall

'Dickens' Thursdays, 7.30pm from 25
Sept at S.Neots Community College,
Barford Road, S.Neots

Give Sue Young, WEA Cambridgeshire
County Organizer, a ring on 01480
455080 and ask for a brochure to be sent
to you.

Churches Together

The Salvation Army, Silver Street

**Coffee Mornings recommence this
month**

Tuesday mornings 10.00 am – 12 noon

Everyone welcome!

What about Heaven? **

The vicar was visiting a man who was very ill. At the foot of the stairs the sick man's wife whispered apprehensively, *'Say something hopeful to him - not about heaven and all that'*. We tend to imagine heaven as something remote and less real than this life. However, C S Lewis in *The Great Divorce* describes a heaven where everything is more solid than on earth, with flowers like diamonds and leaves heavier than sacks of coal. So what are the important questions to ask about the reality of heaven?

What is heaven like?

Importantly, heaven is being in the presence of God and his Son Jesus Christ. *'Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God'* (Rev 21:3). This also means an end of all insecurity, pain, suffering, sin, death and evil (Rev 21:4). As a result we will worship and be united with all God's people; this is what we were created for – *'to glorify God and to enjoy him forever'*!

What will we be like?

When sharing in the community of heaven, how will we recognise each other? Just as Jesus' followers were able to recognise him after his resurrection, so we shall know one another. We will have 'spiritual bodies' appropriate to the life of heaven. But it will be knowledge on a deeper level, with fuller love and understanding than we have ever known before.

Where is heaven?

Is heaven simply 'pie in the sky when you die'? As a sphere of existence outside of time and space, it is better to think of it as '*a dimension of present reality*' (Bishop Tom Wright). Indeed, the Holy Spirit is the '*deposit guaranteeing our inheritance*' (Eph 1:14), giving us a foretaste of heaven in the present.

Who will be there?

Jesus is clear about heaven, '*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*' (John 3:16). If we enjoy a relationship with God today, we can look forward to the fuller experience in heaven. However, God simply underlines our choice if we reject him now! We live in a real world with real choices; what we choose today affects our lives now and in eternity!

The Revd Paul Hardingham,
Rector of Bolton

By courtesy of Godmanchester
Community Association
**'The Last Night of the
Proms'**

**will be performed by the renowned
Fosse Dyke Band from
Lincolnshire
at The Comrades Club on
Saturday 13 September at 7.30 pm**

Tickets cost £11 for an adult and £5 for a child and will include a hat, flag and party whistle, so everyone can join in the fun.

Home & Family becomes Families First**

Britain's biggest selling Christian magazine, *Home & Family*, has just re-launched itself as *Families First*. Produced by the Mothers' Union to promote good parenting, encourage loving and lasting marriages, and to support people in an active, Christian faith, *Families First* will be a lifestyle magazine for people who care about family life in their own communities and around the world.

With a focus on relationship – with real people facing real issues – each edition will include interviews and articles on marriage, family life, parenting, Christian faith in action, stories of lives changed, community action ideas, campaign issues and reviews of books, music, films, DVDs, and websites for children.

The existing readership is over 44,000, so *Families First* inherits not only the title of biggest selling Christian magazine, but also will exceed the circulation of the UK's top parenting magazine.

'*Families First* will appeal not just to Mothers' Union members but to all people who want to support a positive, supportive approach to families and communities' says editor Catherine Butcher. 'Politicians and statisticians paint a gloomy picture of family life in the UK, but working through churches, Mothers' Union and many other means, Christians are making a tangible difference to family lives in communities.' To subscribe, or view a sample copy of *Families First* visit www.familiesfirstmagazine.com

Holy Cross Day **

On Holy Cross Day the Church celebrates the Cross as a symbol of triumph, as the sign of Christ's victory over death. Holy Cross Day goes right back to 14 September 335, and we have the mother of a Roman Emperor to thank for it. Helena was a devout Christian, and after her son, Constantine, was converted, they agreed that she should travel from Rome to Israel, and seek out the places of special significance to Christians.

Of course, much of Jerusalem had been destroyed by the Romans, around 135 AD. Even so, Helena finally located what she believed to be the sites of the Crucifixion and of the Burial (and modern archaeologists think she may well be correct). The sites were so close together that she built one large church over them – the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. That church, built in honour of the Cross, was dedicated on 14 September 335.

The sign of the Cross has been used by Christians since early times. Tertullian, writing his *De Corona* (3:2) around AD 211, noted that Christians seldom did anything significant without making the sign of the cross. What is its significance? Well, people often put their initials or some sort of personal mark on something to show that it belongs to them. The Cross is the personal mark of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we mark it on ourselves as a sign that we belong to him. Even in the book of Revelation, we read that the servants of God are 'sealed' or 'marked' on their foreheads as a sign that they are His.

A preacher once put it this way: if you

were explaining to someone how to make a cross, you would say: 'Draw an I.' That is you standing before the Lord, saying, 'here I am'. Then cancel that vertical stroke with a horizontal stroke – as if to say: 'Lord, I abandon my self-will and make you the centre of my life instead. I abandon myself to your love and service.' On Holy Cross Day, we recall Jesus' wonderful promise: 'And when I am lifted up, I will draw all men unto me.' (John 12:32)

July PCC meeting

As the PCC did not meet in August, you will have to wait until next month for a summary of this meeting.

And finally ...

Traditionally this is the time of year when parents wave their children off to school for the first time, and conversation is full of one-liners like: 'So what did you learn today, Johnny?' 'Not a lot. I've got to go back again tomorrow'. But if it's the time of our lives when one door opens, it's also the time when another closes. If you still have children at home, pick up a copy of Rob Parsons' *The sixty minute father* next time you are passing the bookstall at the back of the church. This one-hundred page paperback is a salutary lesson in living for the day, giving your children time while you still have them, and working hard at not saying 'Can't you see I'm busy', 'I'm too tired right now' or 'Can't it wait until the weekend?' While pulling at the heart-strings of fathers, the book will help mothers too. So please read it now before it's too late. Who said tomorrow never comes? Don't you believe it!

The Registers**Baptism**

3 August	Oscar Beckett
10 August	Aleasha Marie Moate Elizabeth Anne Grist
17 August	Hazell Summer-Leigh
24 August	Sophie Grace Orbell
31 August	Mia Dawdry

Holy Matrimony

2 August	Christopher Ness/Danielle Mason Klie Brighton/Melissa Hardial
23 August	Richard Dunbrill/Marina Lavallin

Funerals

20 August	Josie Adams
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The Lectionary

7 September	The Blessed Virgin Mary Isaiah 61:10-end; Luke 1:46-55
14 September	Holy Cross Day Numbers 21:4-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17
21 September	Matthew the Apostle Proverbs 3:13-18; Matthew 9:9-13
28 September	Trinity 19 Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-end; 1 John 2:22-end; Psalm 124

21 September – World Alzheimer's Day **

It might surprise you, but there are an estimated 24 million people around the world who currently have dementia. World Alzheimer's Day aims to raise awareness of this devastating disease, and also to the reality of life with dementia.

The theme for 2009 is, 'No time to lose!' with a focus this year on carers. The Day will emphasise the enormous contribution that the carers make, and give them the recognition that they deserve.

** Items marked with asterisks have been taken from *The Parish Pump*, the Church News Service on line.

G O D M A N C H E S T E R P A R I S H N E W S

Dates for your diary**SEPTEMBER 2008**

Mon	1	3.30 pm	Staff Eucharist	St Anne's School
		8.00 pm	Signing Group	18 Windsor Rd
Tue	2	10.00 am	Churches Together Coffee Morning	Salvation Army Hall, Silver St
		- noon		
		2.00 pm	Mothers' Union	QE School
		7.30 pm	Men's Social Group	Church Hall
		8.00 pm	Worship Group meeting	10 East Chadley Lane
Wed	3	Mary Jepp away until 14 th September		
		11.00 am	Holy Communion	The Chestnuts
		6.00 pm	Wedding rehearsal	
Thu	4	9.45 am	Holy Communion	
		8.00 pm	Communications Committee meeting	23 Earning St
		7.00 pm	King's Choir Festival rehearsal	Ely Cathedral
Fri	5	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Church Hall
Sat	6	1.00 pm	Wedding: David Short / Katie Sewell	
Sun	7	Blessed Virgin Mary - Patronal Festival		
		8.00 am	Holy Communion	
		9.45 am	Sung Eucharist – Admission of children to the Eucharist	
		11.30 am	Shalom – Service of wellbeing & wholeness	
		6.30 pm	Sung Evensong	
		8.00 pm	Children's Church Planning meeting	Vicarage
Mon	8	1.30 pm	Stepping Stones	Baptist Church Centre
		7.30 pm	Fabric Committee meeting	Vestry
		7.30 pm	Churches Together members meeting	Huntingdon Methodist Church
		8.00pm	Signing Group	18 Windsor Rd
Tue	9	10.00 am	Churches Together Coffee Morning	Salvation Army Hall, Silver St
		- noon		
		7.30 pm	MAP meeting	Vicarage
		8.00 pm	Wives' Group Annual Dinner	White Hart
Wed	10	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Oak Tree Court
		7.00 pm	Wedding rehearsal	
Thu	11	9.45 am	Holy Communion	
		10.00 am	St Mary's 0s – 5s	Comrades' Club
Fri	12	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Church Hall
		8.00 pm	King's Choir Festival Practice	Church Hall
Sat	13		Historic Churches Cycle Ride	
		3.00 pm	Wedding: Jonathan Mills / Stephanie Skrzypczak	
		7.30 pm	Last Night of the Proms Concert	QE School
Sun	14	8.00 am	Holy Communion	
		9.45 am	Sung Eucharist	
		6.30 pm	Sung Evensong	
		6.45 pm	Youth Group - Bulb planting	Church Hall
Mon	15	10.45 am	GMC Churches Together Ministers	Salvation Army Hall, Silver St
		1.30 pm	Stepping Stones	Baptist Church Centre
		8.00pm	Signing Group	18 Windsor Rd

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Tue	16	10.00 am - noon	Churches Together Coffee Morning	Salvation Army Hall, Silver St
		10.30 am	GMC Churches Together Lunch Club planning meeting	Salvation Army Hall, Silver St
		7.30 pm	PCC Meeting	Church Hall
Wed	17	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Woodley Court
		8.00 pm	Bible Study Group	10 East Chadley Lane
Thu	18	9.45 am	Holy Communion	
		10.00 am	St Mary's 0s – 5s	Comrades' Club
		7.30 pm	Prayer Group	36 Old Court Hall
Fri	19	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Church Hall
		7.30 pm	Training for Alpha Course	Salvation Army Hall, Silver St
Sat	20	am	Friends of Derby Cathedral visit	Church
		6.00 pm	King's Choir Festival	King's College Cambridge
Sun	21	8.00 am	Holy Communion	
		9.45 am	Sung Eucharist	
		11.30 am	Civic Service	
		3.00 pm	Memorial Service for David Carter	
		6.30 pm	Sung Evensong	
		6.45 pm	Youth Group – Ipods and God	Church Hall
Mon	22	1.30 pm	Stepping Stones	Baptist Church Centre
		8.00pm	Signing Group	18 Windsor Rd
Tue	23	10.00 am - noon	Churches Together Coffee Morning	Salvation Army Hall, Silver St
		7.30 pm	MAP meeting	Vicarage
Wed	24	9.45 am	Holy Communion	McCartney House
		3.30 pm	Pastoral Group Meeting	Vicarage
Thu	25	9.45 am	Holy Communion	
		10.00 am	St Mary's 0s – 5s	Comrades' Club
Fri	26	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Church Hall
Sat	27	2.00 pm	St Anne's School Michaelmas Fair	
Sun	28	8.00 am	Holy Communion	Back to Church Sunday
		11.00 am	Parish Praise	St Anne's School
		4.00 pm	Ecumenical Service	Rectory Gardens
		6.30 pm	Sung Evensong	
		6.45 pm	Youth Group – T'ai Chi	Church Hall
Mon	29	1.30 pm	Stepping Stones	Baptist Church Centre
Tue	30	10.00 am - noon	Churches Together Coffee Morning	Salvation Army Hall, Silver St

The Editorial Committee meeting for the October magazine will be held on **Sunday, 21 September**. Would you please ensure that material is with one of the following by that date, and if possible not later than **Friday, 19 September**:

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