

# WONERSH CHURCH

*St John the Baptist, Parish of Wonersh with Blackheath*

*Hello & welcome*

to our service today, as Debbie takes her final service before departing to be the Bishop of Southampton. If you are new or visiting, we do hope you will feel at home.

Do please introduce yourself and join us for coffee after the service.

## Sunday 9th June

10.00am Morning Worship

Rev. Debbie Sellin

Acts 2: 1-13 (pg. 1093)

12.00pm Debbie & Paul's Leaving Party!

Join us in the Vicarage Garden for a bring & share picnic!



### Pentecost

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH at Blackheath

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June

6.00pm - Choral Evensong

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## **Please pray for our Mission Partner...**

### **The Tulpan Family**

Ema has had an exciting time recently as she was selected to go to Germany on an educational cultural exchange. She was away for a month. She took eight of her students with her. She had to do all the planning for them and being with teenagers was not exactly restful! They went to cultural events and were involved with contests and youth exchanges. It was a very worthwhile time and she is grateful to God for his help and guidance, especially when she lost her bag with her most precious things in it! (She got it back!)

The Alpha courses mentioned last month have now finished. As a final thing, Viorel took the young adults on a day's outing. Most of them had never been in a minibus before, nor had they been to the castle they visited. Since then they have been meeting every Saturday to cook and have a bible study and prayer together, there are about 17 of them.

The younger Alpha group, of which Caleb is a part, stopped midway because of exams but they are now asking when it will begin again!

Luis Palau visited Romania recently, speaking in neutral venues like restaurants and libraries. There were separate meetings for adults and youngsters and he was well received. Several people for Vio's church went, including all the younger Alpha group.

Vio has recently been invited to preach in other churches.

In July they will be visiting America which is a great excitement. They have family and friends over there and it is the country where Ema studied after she had visited England 25 years ago!

Things to pray about:

- the Alpha groups, that both the young adults and the youngsters will continue to have a hunger to know more about Jesus.
- that Vio will be guided in knowing how to continue to lead them.
- that there will be growth and change for those who went to the Luis Palau meetings.
- for Vio in his preaching, both in his own church and in other places, and that he will find all the cover he needs for their 8 weeks away.
- that as a family they will have a safe, happy and rewarding trip to America!

## **NEWS**

### **Debbie's Last Service & Farewell Party – TODAY!**

Today will be Debbie's last service preaching with us. Following the service everyone is invited to the Vicarage garden from midday for a Farewell Party! It will be in the form of a 'Bring and Share' picnic.

If you would like to contribute anything towards Debbie & Paul's leaving gift it's not too late... you can pay online to Account Number: 00015176, Sort Code 40-52-40, using reference 'Leaving Gift' or leave cash or a cheque in the Church Office clearly marked 'Leaving Gift'.

## Thy Kingdom Come – TODAY at Guildford Cathedral



Thy Kingdom Come is back at Guildford Cathedral! From 4pm, Christians of all denominations will gather in praise and prayer – come along and join your brothers and sisters in Christ from around the area at this special event.

From 16:00 – 18:00 bring your picnics to enjoy some live music and entertainment outside the cathedral before we join together in a contemporary worship service led by the soon-to-be Bishop of Southampton, Debbie Sellin, with a message by Pete Greig until 19:00. There will then be a chance to join a prayer vigil led by the Bishops of Guildford and Dorking that will finish at 23:00.

No need to book – just show up for as much as you would like! Please note there will only be parking at the cathedral for blue badge holders. All others should park as directed on the University of Surrey campus (about a 10 min walk).

## Wonersh Village Fair – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July

This year's Wonersh Fair takes place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 1 – 4.30pm. Our Church would like to have a strong presence and continue to run the cake stall and a couple of children's games as we did last year which were each a great success. We hope that you will be able to help set-up or strike our pitch, and we would like teams of volunteers who could fill rotas to run the pig racing and shoot-the-ducks games and for the cake stall. Our cakes are famous and there is great anticipation of them so we also need plenty of baking for the day, please. More information in due course but do please consider volunteering for a stint - it's fun to share.

## Connections Summer Walk – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June

The Connections Group for the actively retired or semi-retired have planned a walk on Friday June 21<sup>st</sup>, starting at Itchingfield Parish Church (RH13 ONX) at 10.30 am. The walk is 4½ miles long, with no steep hills and 3 straightforward stiles. It goes through woodland, open country and farmland (lots of cows, sheep and occasional horses in neighbouring fields). You will be able to walk (legally) through a field with waist high barley and alongside a wonderfully scented wild rose hedge. Lunch afterwards will be at the George & Dragon near Shipley about 3 miles away. Contact James Cooke (276049) if you would like to come.

## Summer musical soirée – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June there will be a short, informal concert featuring talented young musicians from St Catherine's school. The concert starts at 7pm and lasts about an hour, followed by refreshments. No tickets required; free entry with a retiring collection in aid of Wonersh and Shamley Green School. Further info from Liz Hayley ([elizabeth.hayley@stcatherines.info](mailto:elizabeth.hayley@stcatherines.info)).

## Congratulations to the Bell Ringers!

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May we rang a full peal on Wonersh bells to celebrate Debbie's appointment as Bishop of Southampton. As you will all remember a full peal comprises 5040 changes, ringing every combination of the order of seven bells (with the heaviest bell rounding off each change to provide a steady rhythm). On Wonersh bells it takes almost exactly three hours of continuous ringing for a peal. It is the bell ringing equivalent of a running a marathon and peals are generally rung to celebrate special state or local occasions.

The band on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> included ringers from our tower and from Godalming, Cranleigh, Shalford, St Nicolas Guildford, Witley and the Master of Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers to celebrate the fact that Debbie has served a wider role in Guildford Diocese. We started ringing a peal of Stedman Triples at 10am but at 10.40 it came to a halt with several of the band losing their place in the changes. Being determined to ring a full peal for Debbie we started again at 10.50 ringing Grandsire Triples. Happily at the second attempt we managed to ring a full peal in just under three hours. Standing the bells we were surprised to hear the sound of applause from the churchyard and were delighted looking down from the Lady Chapel roof to see a crowd of people as delighted as we were to have rung the peal. We were even more delighted when Paul Sellin appeared with a tray of drinks for everybody to toast Debbie's forthcoming appointment.

## Training for Leading Intercessions

Is this an area where God is nudging you to discover more? If you are interested in this do come along - no obligation to sign up to a rota but you are always welcome! Rev. Sarah Hutton is leading an evening called Breathing New Life into the Prayers of the People which is Intercession Training on Wednesday 19 June in St James' Church Shere from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

Whether you are new to leading Intercessions or have done it for years this workshop aims to give you a chance to reflect on what you are doing when you lead people in prayer in services. It will be theological, practical and creative giving you a chance to gain new ideas and fresh insights. It will be both theoretical and hands on and is an opportunity for you to explore discovering your own unique 'praying voice'. Please let Kia know if you plan to come – [kiapakenham@icloud.com](mailto:kiapakenham@icloud.com).

## Installation at Winchester Cathedral – Sunday 14th July 2019

Debbie will be installed at Winchester Cathedral at the afternoon service on Sunday 14th July (service times to be confirmed). This will be an open service for everybody and there are no tickets required.

## Coach to Winchester Cathedral

The Church has hired a coach to go to and from Winchester Cathedral on 14th July. Please can you use the sign-up sheet in the porch to indicate whether you would like to travel this way? For those who are willing and able to contribute, the cost is equivalent to £15 per person. You can either leave cash or a cheque in the Church Office or pay online to Account Number: 00015176, Sort Code 40-52-40, using reference 'Winchester – your surname'.

## *The week ahead...*

<b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Youth Team Meeting, Lawnsmead Hall
<b>Weds 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Coffee on the Green, The Grantley Arms 
	<b>6.00pm</b>	Big Worship Leaders Meeting, Lawnsmead Hall
<b>Thurs 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Chatterbox, Lawnsmead Hall
	<b>10.30am</b>	Midweek Service
<b>Sun 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.00am</b>	Holy Communion BCP
	<b>9.50am</b>	Sparks, Blaze & Glow, Lawnsmead Hall
	<b>10.00am</b>	Morning Worship
	<b>7.00pm</b>	Youth Café @ Forge, Lawnsmead Hall

## Prayer for Vacancy

“Lord Jesus, we thank you for Debbie our Vicar and her leadership of our churches over the past eight years. As we pray for your blessing upon her in her new ministry as Bishop of Southampton, so we pray your blessing upon us too. Give wisdom to our Area Dean and Church Wardens in this time of vacancy; give grace to us in our support of them; and give clarity of mind to those who will discern your choice of a new Vicar for this parish, that we may continue, in the strength of your Holy Spirit, to transform church and transform lives for your glory. Amen.”

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