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Going Green (Spiritually)



The seasons of the church year are traditionally marked by colours: Lent is purple - calling us to be penitent; Christmas and Easter are white or gold as befits festivals of glory; Pentecost is red with the flames of fire and the dynamism of the spirit. But the longest of all these seasons, Trinity with its following Sundays, is green.

This has been explained as 'green for growth'. It is literally vital because the spectacular and the wonderful are most usually the

result of processes that occur quietly over time. Jesus told the parable of the growing seed in Mark 4 v26. God's kingdom is likened to the quiet forces of nature bringing change and development which the farmer can observe and describe but never completely understand. God can bring spiritual change and growth in our lives (and to our church) that seems imperceptible but ultimately makes all the difference. For the farmer there is no purpose to sowing without the hope of growth, no point in reaping unless growth has given rise to the harvest.

The long green season of growth is our preparation time. In ready prayer, by acts of kindness, with forgiving hearts, let us use it wisely and well so that come the Day we may yield abundant harvest.

Hugh Symes-Thompson

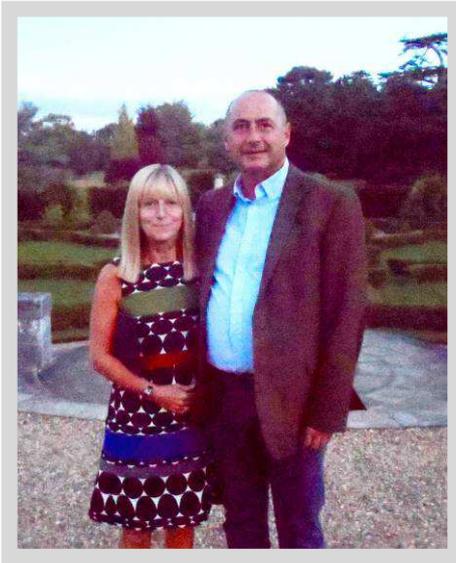


PRAYERS FOR JUNE

This month, please pray for:

- ◆ The residents of Orchard Way and Orchard Close;
- ◆ Students sitting exams;
- ◆ ICS (Intercontinental Church Society);
- ◆ Wedding couples.

Andy Garner - Farewell



We are preparing to say farewell to Andy and Shirley Garner on Sunday 11th June at our 10.30am service. They have been in Cranfield for 11 years and for the past seven Andy has been a reliable and much respected Churchwarden. He compiled the quarterly rota which co-ordinated our various roles and contributions at church services and will be much missed from the 8.00am Holy Communion which he delighted to attend whenever possible. Andy and Shirley have sold their home in Lincroft and are moving up near to Loughborough to reduce their long hours of commuting. Do plan to come along and show your appreciation as we wish them every blessing for their future.



Recently the Rector gave a talk on Noah's Ark. Here are some of the jokes he left out!

What did Noah say as he was loading the Ark?
"Now I herd everything".

Why weren't there any worms on the Ark?
Because worms come in apples not in pairs.

Where did Noah keep the bees?
In the ark hives.

Which animal could Noah not trust?
The cheetah.

Was Noah the first one out of the Ark?
No, he came fourth out of the ark.

Which animals were ready for the journey?
*The elephant took his trunk.
But the fox and the rooster took a brush and comb between them.*

*Manor House
String Quartet*

SUMMER CONCERT



Saturday 15th July 2017, from 7.30pm

St Peter & St Paul Church
Court Road, Cranfield
MK43 0DR

Tickets £10:00 · £5.00 students

Tickets available on the door
or call:

Andrew **01234 75 13 58**

Bookcase Restored

We are grateful to Alan Merritt for his skills in bringing the bookcase by the organ back to prime condition with the wood beautifully polished and varnished. It provides storage for music and other booklets - and now looks wonderful again. It even opens and closes neatly and with a satisfying click! Thank you also to Diana Lord for inspiring the project.



ICS is an international Church of England mission agency to English-speakers who live, study, work or holiday abroad, in countries where English is not the main language. Founded in 1823,

the Society started in a small way as a mission to educate English-speaking settlers in Newfoundland. Following the end of the Napoleonic Wars and the subsequent expansion of the British Empire, the Church also developed its work in the colonies. The Society was often a major player in the spread of the gospel. It occupied a sphere where it could do much good and where others were often either unable or unwilling to develop opportunities. In time it became, through broad vision and lively faith, a partner in the missionary enterprise that paralleled the spread of the English language world-wide, through the 19th and 20th centuries.

The Society's 'continental' work in Europe began from 1825 with ministry to English-speakers. As more English-speaking people moved to live and work in Europe, so the 'continental' work of the society increased. Europe is now the major focus of ICS's outreach but we also minister around the Mediterranean, North Africa as well as the South Atlantic and South America.

We aim to plant and grow international churches with outreach to tourists and through seasonal chaplaincies. Our ministry is to people who speak English – of which there are around 1.5 billion in the world when you take into account people who speak it as a foreign language as well as those for whom it is their mother-tongue. ICS partners around 55 chaplains and assistant chaplains working in 65 new and long-established congregations. We also provide seasonal chaplains in holiday resorts in Europe and the Mediterranean. From its earliest days, the Society has always ministered to anyone (be they diplomats or refugees) who speaks English, regardless of nationality or background. If you are visiting abroad this summer check out if there is a Church or chaplaincy nearby where you could meet local/English-speaking Christians. For more information see: <http://ics-uk.org/churches/>

A Prayer at Election Time

Heavenly Father
source of all truth and wisdom,
watch over our country at election time:
that truth may prevail over distortion,
wisdom triumph over recklessness
and your love uphold our nation.

Lord Jesus,
who looked first to the interests of
others
and chose the way of the cross,
help us to turn away from selfishness
and seek to benefit the needy, anxious
and vulnerable of this world.

Holy Spirit,
who brought together diverse peoples
in many languages of praise at
Pentecost,
give to all your people a passion for
peace
and inspire us to seek the good of all.

DIARY FOR JUNE 2017

Day	Time	Service/Event	Venue
Thursday 1st	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice (and every Thursday)	Cranfield Church
Sunday 4th	8.00am 10.30am	PENTECOST Holy Communion Joint Churches Open Air Worship Service	Cranfield Church Church Green
Tuesday 6th	10.30am 7.30pm	Academy (KS1) Assembly "Sounds Familiar" (and every Tuesday)	Cranfield Church Baptist Church
Thursday 8th	10.40am 7.30pm	GENERAL ELECTION Bible Study (and following Thursdays) Deanery Synod	Rectory All Saints, Kempston
Friday 9th	8.00pm	Home Group – Contact A. Pearson (Tel: 751358)	7 East Hills
Sunday 11th	9.15am 10.30am	Holy Communion Holy Communion	Hulcote Church Cranfield Church
Tuesday 13th	10.30am	Academy (EYFS) Assembly	Cranfield Church
Sunday 18th	8.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion Father's Day Family Service	Cranfield Church Cranfield Church
Monday 19th	7.45pm	PCC Meeting	Church Room
Tuesday 20th	10.30am	Academy (KS2) Assembly	Cranfield Church
Saturday 24th	1.00pm	Wedding of Jake Toms & Faye Tompkins	Cranfield Church
Sunday 25th	9.15am 10.30am	Holy Communion Holy Communion – St Peter & St Paul	Salford Church Cranfield Church
Tuesday 27th	10.30am	Academy (EYFS) Assembly	Cranfield Church
Friday 30th	8.00pm	Home Group – Contact A. Pearson (Tel: 751358)	59 Springfield Way
JULY			
Saturday 15th	7.30pm	Manor House String Quartet – Summer Concert	Cranfield Church

MOTTO 2017 " I am here with good news for you " Luke 2 v10