

Sunday 9th June



Friend, I hope you and all your family are doing well. Like many at Saint Mary's, my week has been in upheaval. I, like you all, am trying to come to terms with Kieran's death. If you don't know, he was a young (26-year-old) member of our congregation who died suddenly in his sleep last week. Although he had MS, his death was unexpected in many ways, and he was last seen in church two weeks ago. The more I

reflect on his death, the more I think of the words from Psalm 22. In this Psalm, the writer shows his dismay and frustration at God's seeming lack of response and the feeling that God has abandoned him. This Psalm shows the raw emotion of human pain and suffering. Jesus, our Lord and Master, quoted this Psalm when he was on the Cross. It is thus apt that it comes to mind at a time like this. It echoes not just our immediate pain. It echoes that of those who mourn Rob Burrow. This week marks the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landing; one but not least, ask, where is the peace our forebears fought for? The words of the Psalm also echo our anguish when we look around us and see war and anguish in Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, South Sudan and many other places of unrest. The Psalm also represents our anguish



Make a joyful
noise to the Lord,
all the earth.
—Psalm 100:1

when we think of our situations and pain. It is easier to wallow in such pain and distress, but we would do well to "borrow a leaf" from the Psalmist. At the end of this same Psalm, he paints a picture of a God who does not despise our pain and who will come and rescue us all. A God called El Roi, the God who sees us. This is why the Christian Faith is unique. We have a God who is

not aloof or distant. He feels our pains and wants to share our burden. He is the one who can turn our songs of pain into songs of praise. Whatever we think about Keiran's death or Rob's or Ukraine or Isreal or Gaza, let us hang on to God, for we know that our Redeemer lives, and He will stand upon the earth. (Job:19:25). We will be doing this Sunday as we celebrate Music Sunday. This is a Royal College of Church Musicians-inspired celebration. Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord, not because all is well and perfect but because we know that He has a plan, and with Him on our side, all will be well. We will meet at 8 and 10 am for Holy Communion and on Wednesdays at 10.30 am. I hope you can join us. I wish you a blessed week. Revd Folli Olokose vicar@oatlandschurch.org.uk / 01932840077

This Week's Bible Readings: Gen 3: 8-15, 2 Cor 4: 13-5:1 and Mark 3: 20-end. **Anglican Church:** Columba, Abbot of Iona, Missionary, 597; Ephrem of Syria, Deacon, Hymn Writer, Teacher of the Faith, 373 Anglican Church Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo. **From the Diocesan Calendar of Prayer:** **Parish:** All Saints, Headley. **Incumbent:** Yann Dubreuil. **Other clergy:** Helen Kempser (PTO). **School:** Holme (The) CofE (Controlled) Primary School, Headley. **Prayer requests:** Our monthly Messy Church; Our All Saints Safari Supper event on 15th June; our 1st Sunday of the month fellowship breakfast. **We are praying for** We continue to pray for peace in Ukraine, Sudan, Gaza, Isreal and so many other places.

Landslide in Papua New Guinea. For all refugees and displaced people and all who welcome and support them. For families, individuals and businesses who are suffering from the impact of the increased cost of living.

Please remember our Mission Partner: The Leprosy Mission.

Please pray for: Daniella Humble and Robert Hutton-Attenborough and for Chloe Dowsett and Max Barton as they prepare for their weddings in June.

We pray for the sick in our parish: Freya Le Hunt, Stephanie Zeelie, Margaret Robinson, Doreen Clements, Madge Campbell, Graham Hunter Brown, Barrie Railton, Ray Newell, Parang, Shirley Rhodes, Alice Kendall, K.B, Caroline, Veronica, Joan Ewing, Janet Williams, Diana Parker and especially remembering all who suffer from mental ill health and are victims of abuse and discrimination.

The recently departed: Paul Richmond, Anne Smith, Gary Scott and Keiran Chalkley.

From the Memorial Book at their year's mind Francis Wright, Leonard Williams, William Richards, Cdr. John Ferris RN, Andrew Sturgis, Alec Carnegie-Potts, Peter Davies, Norah Lewis, Peter Ede and Dorothy Reading.



Christians Against Poverty with Kings Church, Walton. Manage Your Money. 11 & 18th June 7.30pm at Bell Farm School, Hersham Rd. KT12 5NB. Book your free place now 0771 889 3464 capuk.org/trymoneycoaching

Knit Wits and Colouring Club Wed 19th June 12.30-2.30pm in the Octagon Room. Bring a packed lunch, tea and fellowship

provided! **Film Night:** Wed 19th June 6.30pm for a light meal and drinks. 7pm Film. Please use the signing-up sheet at the back of the Church. **Kim & Malcolm Groom's Open Garden**

Sat 15th June 2-5pm 'West Lodge', 169 Burwood Road, Hersham, WOT, KT12 4AT. (near Squires Garden Centre). **Sokkie Night** Sat 22nd June 6-10pm Join us for a unique experience!

We are supporting the work of Leon Chaunga St Mary Oatlands Pais apprentice with a Sokkie Night including a Fish & Chip supper and wine in the Church hall. Sokkie is a style of dance that is unique to Southern Africa, is great fun, easy to learn and take part in. Tickets £20 available NOW. **Meeting Point:** Wed 26th June. 12.30-2.30 pm. Lunch and Beetle Drive.

Contact Jane R 07775 9317333 for more details. **Oatlands Scout Group** Are looking for volunteers to join the Board of Trustees, help run the Beaver, Cub, or Scout sections, or provide other support, such as fundraising and social events. The Scout Group wholly relies on volunteers to continue to provide exciting opportunities and experiences for our young people. If you would like to support a local community organisation and are interested in being a Trustee, supporting a section, or providing other support to the group, please contact Andrew Fisher, the Scout Group Leader. gsl@oatlandsscouts.org.uk

07598 680978 **Foodbank:** Please donate to the Foodbank if you can. Drop your donations at the back of the Church, and we will do the rest. **Items currently needed:** Pasta sauce.

Tinned tomatoes. Rice. Pasta. Instant pot noodles. Tinned sweetcorn. Biscuits, crisps, savoury snacks. Long-life juice or squash. Hot chocolate and decaf coffee. Long-life sponge puddings. Custard. Mayonnaise, Kitchen roll, Deodorant. Laundry Pods, toothbrushes. Dog food. **Items currently not needed:** Cereal, soup, teabags. Tinned meat and fruit. Tinned carrots and peas. Rice Pudding. Sanitary items and toilet rolls. Nappies size 1-5. **Thank You.**