

Sunday 1st September



The Bible at a Glance

The greatest human words in the world cannot compare with God's word. Made up of 66 books written by over forty different authors from three continents in three different languages over a period of around two thousand years.

If someone described a compilation of documents to us in this way, we would probably expect it to be a mish-mash of thought of various quality and

relevance, with little connection between them. Shepherds, kings, scholars, fishermen, prophets, military generals, and priests wrote portions of Scripture. They had different immediate purposes for writing, whether recording history, giving spiritual and moral instruction, or pronouncing judgment.

They composed their works from palaces, prisons, the wilderness, and places of exile while writing history, laws, poetry, prophecy, and proverbs. In the process they laid bare their emotions, expressing anger, frustration, joy, and love. Yet despite this dynamic array of topics, styles and goals, the Bible displays one flawless storyline. Its words point unerringly to Christ, whose work on the cross was planned and promised by God – the true author of the Bible – before the world began. Every age, story and teaching fills out the picture of our Saviour so we can see him all the more clearly.

These short introductions to the Bible's books are like little launchpads into each one. They don't just say what to expect from each book but give us reasons why we should read them. Some of the Bible's books are hard to get into; these introductions will give us a starting point we need! We will be more confident to open up any book of the Bible, knowing what to look for and what the relevance will be for our own lives. Why does the Bible have such an impact when we read it? Because even though human hands write it, it comes from the mind of God. When we hear his rock-solid truth, something deep in the core of our being responds. We cannot be left unmoved by God's voice of love.

From, and with the permission of, our friends at Our Daily Bread Ministries.

Hugh

This Week's Bible Readings:8am: Deut 4:1-2, 6-9, James 1: 17-end & Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23. **10am** Josh 1: 1-9.

From the Diocesan Calendar of Prayer: Giles of Provence, Hermit, c.710

Anglican Church: Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola.

Prayer Focus: Sudan.

We continue to pray for: Break through the barriers that set people apart and the suspicions that make them walk alone. We remember our World, particularly the many troubled spots including Gaza, Israel, Ukraine and the Sudan. The governments and their leaders.

Show to all their need for each other and their shared responsibility for the world. Grant compassion in the little things of life, as well as the great, that all humanity may be united in your love.

Please remember our Mission Partner:

The Walton and Hersham Food Bank and Rentstart.

We pray for the sick in our parish: especially remembering all who suffer from mental ill health and are victims of abuse and discrimination.

The recently departed: Gerry Gage and Karen Harris.

From the Memorial Book at their year's mind: Peter Vicary, Margaret Hunter-Brown, Anthony Cresswell and Eileen Basham.

Please pray for Hector and his family as they prepare for baptism on 8th Sept and for the families of Noah and Arthur as they prepare for baptism on 22nd Sept.



Film Night: Next Film Night Sept 18th 6.30pm for light meal and drinks. Film 7pm. Please use the signing-up sheet at the back of the Church.

Meeting Point: 'A lunch club for the young at heart'.

Next meeting on Wed 25th Sept. 12.30-2.30 pm.

Contact Jane R 07775 9317333 for more details.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon in the Chapel Friday 27th

Sept 2-4pm

Vicarage Garden Tidy: Sat 28th Sept 10am-12noon

Ahead of interviews for the new Vicar of Oatlands, we plan to tidy the vicarage garden. If you can help please get in touch with Rachel Bainbridge 07557 408085. Thanks.

Church Clean and Garden Tidy: Light Cleaning and Gardening Sat 12th October 9am-12noon If you can help please let the parish office know. Thanks.

Confirmation Course: Please speak to Hugh M.

Confirmation within a Celebration of Holy Communion Service Sun 29th Sept 10am. Rt Revd Paul Davies, Bishop of Dorking, will confirm the candidates. And afterwards in the Church hall for a celebration cake and coffee.

Welcomers and Servers: We are in urgent need of Welcomers and Servers.

If you can help, please contact Hugh Montgomerie

07921 000038 s23932514@gmail.com

Walton & Hersham Food Bank: Please help if you can during this critical school holiday period. Please bring your food gift to the back of the Church. Thank you.

Winter Fair: Saturday 23rd November 11am-2pm We would love a team of people to help in organising and running the Winter Fair this year. It is one of our greatest fundraisers and a much-loved community event. If you are able to help in any way such as - contacting local businesses for raffle prizes, sharing ideas for new stall, sorting through donations, baking, making jams/marmalades/chutneys, setting up tables and gazebos on the day or running a stall then please get in touch with Claire Goodfellow on 07956 590665 or clairegoodfellow@hotmail.co.uk

We look forward to hearing from you.

'Light up the Church'

This week the floodlighting of the church has been sponsored

David Davis

'Successful treatment and speedy recovery for Eliza and prayers for the Davis family'.

If you would like to sponsor the lights for an anniversary or other special occasion, please

contact: parishoffice@oatlandschurch.org.uk 01932 231274