

***DAGNALL STREET BAPTIST CHURCH AND  
CROSS STREET CENTRE ST ALBANS***



***MAGAZINE JULY/AUGUST 2018***

***Free***

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## THEMES FOR JULY & AUGUST

	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>
<b>July 1st</b>	<i>The Grace of Giving</i> II Cor 8:7-15 Communion	<i>Church in the Café</i> <i>Renew Cafés</i> Ruth Rice
<b>July 8th</b>	<i>A Managed Retreat?</i> Jonah 3:1 – 4:4	<i>A Thorn in the Flesh</i> II Corinthians 12:2-10
<b>July 15th</b>	<i>Why didn't you do something?</i> John 11:17-27	<i>Happy Birthday?</i> Mark 6:14-29 Communion
<b>July 22nd</b>	<i>A proverb a day keeps the doctor away</i> Proverbs 3:1-6	<i>Breaking Down Barriers</i> Ephesians 2:11-22
<b>July 29th</b>	<i>The importance of roots</i> Ephesians 3:14-21	<i>What makes a King?</i> John 6:1-21 <b>NB 7.00pm at Marshalswick</b>

	<b>10.30 am</b>
<b>August 5th</b>	<i>Growing into your body</i> Ephesians 4:1-16 Communion
<b>August 12th</b>	<b>Megan Thompson</b> and the Dagnall Street Deacons
<b>August 19th</b>	<b>Revd Peter Laws</b>
<b>August 26th</b>	<i>The Struggle</i> Ephesians 6:10-20

Dear Friends,

Through Jonny, our Associate Minister, I have discovered podcasts. The particular podcasts that I have been listening to take me have taken me back to listening to Alistair Cooke's *Letter from America* on the radio as they look at aspects of life that are interesting, but often overlooked. I started off listening to one weekly podcast, but have now added another which has the title, *This is Love*. Each week there is an unusual love story and the trailer for the series really was unusual in that it described the mother love of a spider, to be specific, the black lace weaver spider. I should warn anyone of a sensitive disposition that this is a rather grisly story ...



A female spider lays a number of eggs and once these have hatched she lays another set of eggs. This second set of eggs become food for the spiderlings that have hatched. Once this food supply has run out the spiderlings look for more food. The mother spider then vibrates her web with her legs and this encourages the spiderlings to come to her. And then they eat her.

The black lace weaver spiders are not unique in this way of feeding their young – it's called matrophagy – if you're interested. It doesn't always result in the death of the animal – for example certain nematode worms feed their young by allowing them to eat their outer skin which then grows back.

Cannibalism was an accusation levelled at the first Christians because they were eating the body and drinking the blood of Jesus. There are different views within the Christian Church about how literally one understands "this is my body", the statement that Jesus made as he shared bread with his disciples. However, this story of the mother spider offering herself up for her young has reminded of the words that I pronounce at the communion table, "Feed on Him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving."

Love is manifested in different ways – for example, it can be shown by holding on and by letting go. Jesus proclaimed that greater love has no one than to lay down their life for their friends. The female spider gives up its body through instinct – it can do no other. Jesus gave up his body for love.

*Simon*

**1st JULY  
4.00pm**

RenewWellbeing

***What does the Church have to offer our communities?***

There are many ways we could answer this question, Ruth Rice's response was "care, welcome and prayer." The outworking of these answers led to Ruth setting up and establishing the first Renew Wellbeing Cafe in Nottingham.

Come and hear the encouraging and challenging story of how God has used Renew Cafes to bless the most vulnerable in Nottingham and now throughout the country.

*Jonny*



BUILDING YOUR  
COMPASS

# SCBA Gender Identity Training Days

Saturday 30th June 2018, 9.30am-3.30pm

United Church Ferndown, Dorset

Saturday 8th September 2018, 9.30am-3.30pm

Kidlington Baptist Church, Oxfordshire

The "Building Your Compass" training will provide an opportunity to understand the wider frameworks around gender identity, exploring how gender identity is formed and what the different ideological positions about it are.

Ticket Price: £10.00

*(Refreshments will be provided but please bring your own lunch)*

Please note that spaces are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment! Payment for this event is by Credit / Debit card

To book and for more information, please go to:

[SCBA Gender Identity Bookings](#)

# NewsFlash!

## Pastor's News

A brief update on a number of items that might be of interest to the congregation and the wider readership of the magazine.

### Bible Studies

We will be meeting for Bible Study on **10th July** at **10.30am in Cross Street** and **8.00pm at the Manse**. This month we will be looking at how we wrestle with ethical issues and in particular abortion. There will be **no Bible Study** group meeting in **August**.



### Winter Beds Project

After a lot of talk, the Winter Beds ran from January to April this year. We will be running the project again from November and starting to plan from September. If you are interested in joining supporting some of the most vulnerable people during the coldest months of the year, look out for information on training events.

### Centre 33

In a similar vein, Centre 33 is a drop-in centre that provides two meals a day for anyone who needs it. We are responsible for two evenings each month and have a small team who share these duties. If you would be interested in joining our team, please speak to me.

## August

I am taking four weeks sabbatical leave from the end of July. During this time, Jonny will be leading most of our services, although Megan and the deacons will take one week and our friend Peter Laws, a former minister at London Colney, will take others.



**Please note that there will be no evening services during August.**

*Simon*





# SANDRINGHAM SCHOOL COMMUNITY CHOIR

## SUMMER CONCERT

*LIVE MUSIC from Bach to Stevie Wonder*

Alex Flood

Conductor

Nicholas Robinson

Piano

**7pm Saturday 7 July 2018**

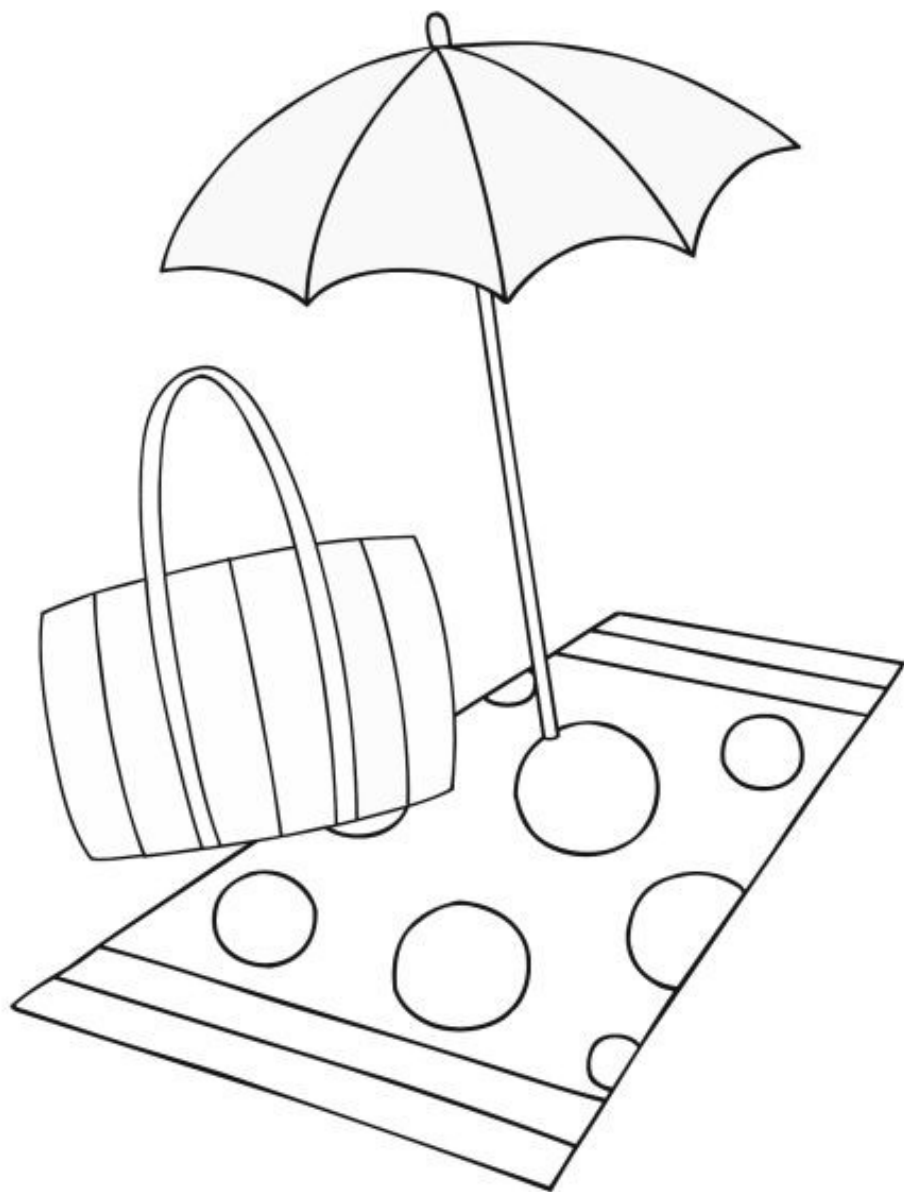
St Paul's Church, St Albans

Blandford Road AL1 4JP

**Admission FREE**

*Retiring collection in aid of Herts Musical Memories*





## ***Pastoral Prayers***

Please continue to remember the following people in our prayers:

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Brian Branch, David Hance, Jenny Johnson, Janet Movery-Peers, Bryan Pandal, Beryl Russell and Stuart Turnbull.

We also remember those amongst us who may be lonely, troubled or unwell and who prefer to deal with things privately.

We praise God for the safe delivery far away in Australia of a grandson for Jill and Alan Potter.

We also think of Shannon, Richard and Ella Beadle as they prepare for their new arrival.

***Lord, we give our worries and anxieties to you, even though you already know what they are. We rejoice because you have a plan for our lives and nothing can separate us from your love.***

***We thank you for working within us.***

The Ministers, Simon and Jonny, and members of the Pastoral Team are always happy to make appointments to visit, talk or pray with you. This can take place in your home, at Cross Street or at our homes at your convenience and at mutually convenient times.

Marjorie and Leslie Jones (01727 841845)), Liz Blight (07884 431051) and Sue Owen (01727 867784) are also active members of the Pastoral Team.

Simon, Jonny and the team hope you will notify them of anybody who you think may be ill, lonely or who needs help.

***Liz Blight***





## **MANIPUR SUMMER BARBECUE**

***Saturday 14 July from 12 noon***

***In Kai and Muriel's garden  
12 Worcester Road Hatfield AL10 0DX***

Do come and join us, whatever the weather!  
We would love to see you and would also  
value your support - as many of you know,  
we are now raising money for the new and  
much needed Primary School building which  
will be the final stage of the Manipur Christian  
School Project!

***Muriel and Kai***

## ***Mission News***

### ***Unlock Walk 2018***

This year's walk was a 7 mile circular route through Tottenham, with stops at seven churches en-route. There were 8 of us in the party and despite Chris Penn's absence we all made it round safely.

We started our walk at Seven Sisters Station and our first stop was at the Highway of Holiness Church (Pentecostal). Here we were treated to a very interesting talk by the Revd Alex Gyasi who established the Highway House Shelter in 2009. He told us how one of their members met two alcoholic homeless men and invited them to a meal at the church. The following week they came back with 20 of their friends and through word of mouth these numbers grew. What started as a place for a hot meal is now a homeless shelter 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The next section of the walk was alongside the River Lee to St Francis at the Engine Room (Anglican). It was opened in November 2017 and is the first new Anglican Church to be built in a new place in London for over 40 years. The Engine Room includes a nursery, a community café run by a local independent operator, 3 spaces for multi-purpose use and a small chapel. A feature of the church is artwork by the London artist Graeme Evelyn, including 'The Eternal Engine' (incorporating themes of the Trinity) and an earlier piece created for Gloucester Cathedral. The next 'stop' was at the Engine Room ( a Victorian pumping station) which certain members of the party seemed to find more interesting than the church which takes its name.

From there our walk took us past Tottenham Hale station to the Freedom's Ark Church (Pentecostal) which started in 1993. However, in 2011 it moved into the new refurbished Tottenham Town Hall. The church's aim is to bridge the gap to the local community, particularly providing pastoral care to gun and knife crime victims and their families. Also their work in the community includes children's, prison contact, outreach and music ministries as well as involvement in the Peace Alliance.

The next stop was St Mark's Methodist Church. The first chapel was built on the High Road in 1817 and then a new church built on the present site in 1867. During the Second World War, 2 land mines fell on either side of the building shifting the church roof and destroying most of the Sunday School premises. The church was rebuilt with a new "OXO" tower and rededicated in 1963. Initially the new church struggled but they now have a membership of over 350 (mainly people of Caribbean and West African heritage) and are still growing. They also offer a free Immigration Advice Surgery, the only church to do so according to the Home Office.

From here it was on to St Francis de Sales (Roman Catholic) which is directly opposite and dwarfed by the partly completed new Tottenham Hotspur football ground. The church was established at the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century after the passing of the Catholic Relief Act and with the arrival of clergy fleeing the French Revolution. More recently this church was also a victim of the Luftwaffe when a bomb came through the convent roof in October 1940. The parish now draws its support from its diverse demographic. Unfortunately we were unable to enter the church as there was a wedding taking place.

On leaving here disaster struck with 7 of our party (of 8) getting lost. The lone survivor had to sit in Bruce Castle Park and gather the rest up as they passed by!

Reunited we continued to the Church on the Farm (Anglican) on the Broadwater Farm Estate, infamous for its riots of 1985 and 2011. Originally, Hetty, a Lay Reader, tried to interest St Philip's CofE in outreach to the estate. However, it was St Ann's CofE who planted the church by sending an ordained minister, Hetty and several other people. Initially, they worshipped in a local school but later approached the management of the present building and were invited to meet there. As well as youth clubs, they also have 'drop-ins' free piano lessons and food and clothes banks.

The walk then took us through Lordship Recreation Ground passing the model traffic area. This is a model road system for children to ride their bikes around. The pictures suggested it was extremely popular when originally built in 1938.

Last but not least we visited the West Green Baptist Church. The site was originally the Salem Chapel which opened in 1864. When the chapel ceased to be a place of worship the building was transferred to the London Baptist Association. It was officially opened under its present name in October 1868. Since then it has sent missionaries to China, India and Nigeria, They have suffered from dwindling numbers of young people in the church over the past decade and need prayer for their Youth Department, mission and witness in the area.

It was then a short walk back to Seven Sisters Station and the journey home.

***Next year's walk will be Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> 2019 – see you then.***

*Colin Owen*



## ***Christian Aid 2018***



The Christian Aid week this year was 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May. As usual Dagnall Street participated in the door-to-door collections as well as collecting in the Sunday services.

The amounts collected were:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Door-to-door	847.67	1107.82
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	847.67	1117.82
Sundays	455.09	607.27
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	1302.76	1725.09
Gift Aid	105.82(25% of 423.30)	188.50
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	1408.58	1913.59

\* Charities Aid Foundation

As you can see, the amount collected door-to-door was down on last year's total but it was in line with the previous year.

I would like to thank all the people involved: obviously those who did the door-to-door collecting, but also Trevor Oakley who helped with the counting.

*Colin Owen*



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Thanks to Shirley Ostrander

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HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD  
ONLY GETS 10%?



June 2018

Dear Friends,

It's four months since we moved house in Kathmandu and we have felt welcomed into our new community. We seem to be close to all the action... next door to shops and the market and on a busy road. Nepalis really live outdoors... we tend to wake to voices and busyness around 6am when the street will already be full of people shopping, going for a morning walk or doing their washing (outside). Last week, I nipped to the shops for milk and was invited to stop for tea and cake to celebrate a birthday. Strangely to me, we were celebrating the birthday of the shop-owner's son, who is working in Dubai. He has been gone a year or two and won't be home for some time. I felt really glad I had stopped to help make what could be a sad occasion of missing their son into a fun time with neighbours.

About 10% of Nepalis work overseas providing about 25% of the income for the country; the employment opportunities in Nepal are so poor. Whole villages are without men in their twenties and

thirties, children grow up without fathers who feel their only option is to earn money abroad. Flights are so costly that it can be years between visits and so families live apart.

Several friends are involved in businesses to try to stimulate the economy in Nepal. From restaurants to shoe factories, to knitting businesses and clothing manufacturers. Run ethically and often with a focus on women at risk, or recruiting based on need for a job not skill (imagine running a business like that!). Whilst our skills and work tend to be in Christian development, we are reminded again that God uses people with a range of skills to transform lives.

But back to Christian development... here are two fabulous short films that have been released this month to show more about what we were involved in in Afghanistan and are now part of in Nepal. If a picture speaks a thousand words, I should think a 5 minute film is worth at least a million. We'd love you to watch, share and enter into our world a little.

Healing and Hope

<https://www.inf.org/news/healing-and-hope/>

Life's First Cry

<https://vimeo.com/266073291>

Many thanks for all your support, prayer and interest.

**Chris and Debbie**

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Here's a photo of (most of) the BMS team in Nepal meeting to bid farewell to a couple of families who are leaving this summer.



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# Dynamo Dagnall Street Fantasy Football League End of season review

He took over top spot in November last year and led the table for the next 26 weeks, two-thirds of the season. His name? Mark Taylor, manager of Messi Church XI. But waiting in the wings was Colin Owen, manager of All Change Please!, who waited until the last two weeks of the season to pounce. And pounce he did, which makes Colin Owen the winner of this year's Fantasy Football League.



If you would like to pit your wits against the football cognoscente of Dagnall Street (who am I kidding?) talk to me.

## *Mike Plant*

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Thanks to Pam Winn (See Matthew 4:6)

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THINGS EASED UP ON GUARDIAN ANGELS AFTER  
AIR BAGS WERE INVENTED

## **TWO PEOPLE FELL IN LOVE AND CROSS STREET HAD A PARTY!**

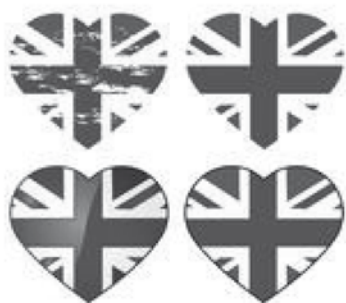


A motley crew of enthusiastic royalists gathered in Cross Street to celebrate the marriage of Harry and Meghan and, as we were so powerfully reminded by our preacher for the day, Love.

There was tea and cake and lovely sunshine. A good time was had by all.



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## **NEW FLAVOURS OF SUMMER AT CROSS STREET**

### **COOLER CHAT**



***Quick Quote from the History of Ice Cream,  
Ice Cream Alliance***

***'In this country Ice Cream was served at a banquet for the Feast of St George at Windsor Castle in 1671. It was such a rare and exotic dish that only the guests on King Charles II's table had 'one plate of white strawberries and one plate of ice cream'. All the other guests had to watch and marvel at what the Royal table were eating.'***

Luckily that's not the case these days and we can all participate in the eating of ice cream.

Here in the café throughout the summer months we are introducing some new varieties of ice cream alongside the traditional vanilla flavour.

We will be offering a new flavour each week, starting with Ginger and Honey—crushed crystallised ginger with a drizzle of honey. Then in any order we will introduce a chocolate chip, a Cross Street Café coffee flavoured ice cream (cappuccino style made with the Cross Street filter coffee base with a sprinkling of chocolate chips, a strawberry and cream flavour—with fresh berries and clotted cream, a honeycomb ice cream and no ice cream collection would be complete without a retro Italian classic—The Tutti Frutti!



So we do hope that you will come along and enjoy the different flavours and sunshine throughout this Summer.

***Best Wishes from all of us at The Cross Street Centre Cafe.***



## The Ice Cream Diet

I recently started a brand new diet.  
It lets you eat ice cream,  
you really should try it.

You eat it for breakfast,  
for lunch, and for dinner,  
and in between meals.  
It's really a winner!

It comes with some coupons and a list of their flavours.  
They start you with three  
that you don't have to pay for.

And then, they keep  
sending the rest to your door.  
Before you run out, they  
send you some more.

Here are the flavours that  
I like the best.  
But, beware of unusual  
side effects.

There's Blueberry Blush,  
and that's just what it  
does.  
It makes you pee blue  
whenever you flush.

The Perfectly Peach  
will make your house gleam,  
as it gives you the urge  
to constantly clean.

The hypnotizing smell  
of Honeydew Passion,  
gets your man on the go  
in that "honey do" fashion.

Another blessed flavour,  
Orange Citrus Crime,  
makes the kids disappear  
so you can unwind.

My poor worn-out husband  
thinks I'm addicted.  
To the doctor he sends me,  
hoping I'd lick it.

"Now, about this  
funny ice cream diet,"  
says my concerned doctor,  
"you shouldn't have tried it."

"Why not?", I opposed  
her medical view.  
"You've *gained* more weight.  
You're three hundred and two!"

"But I don't care!",  
the words escaped from my  
lips.

"I *like* how ice cream looks on my hips."

"My husband is helping, away my kids flew, the house is still clean, and the toilet is blue.

"So what could be wrong with results like these?"  
She paused, and then said,  
"Could I try it, PLEASE!!!?"



By Dessa Lim

### **John 14: 1-3**

**Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.**

**In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.**

**And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.**

<http://butterflypoemawards.blogspot.com/>

## ***Felden Lodge***



### ***Church Family Outing***

There is a sign up list for Felden Lodge in the Vestibule for those of you wishing to join in the Family day on Sunday September 2<sup>nd</sup> .

I will need to know numbers by the end of July, so please sign up with me as soon as you can. It would be lovely to have families and young children join us and please invite a guest if you wish.

Numbers are limited at about 65 and the cost will be £20 per adult, which includes a buffet lunch and afternoon tea and cake. Children under 16 go free. Please have a quiet chat with me if cost is an issue.

Once again a Sunny Day is on order  
I have my List at the ready!

*Flo*

## **CHURCH & CENTRE ROOM BOOKINGS**



To contact Danny Smith regarding Church and Centre room booking enquiries:

Tel: 01727 568162 (new number)  
email: [bookings@dsbc.org.uk](mailto:bookings@dsbc.org.uk)

## **Monday Table Tennis/ Games Club**



*There Are No Meetings in July and August So Have a good holiday break We recommence on Monday. 3rd September meeting in the Church Hall from 10.30 am till 1pm through to Monday 10th December 2018.*

Refreshments available in the Cross St Centre Cafe



All are welcomed for a time of fun and fellowship

## **DAYCARE**

Daycare meets every Tuesday during school term time, at the Age Concern Centre, St Peters Street. If you know of anyone who would like to come along for lunch and companionship please contact **Jessie Blair on email: [jessieblair37@gmail.com](mailto:jessieblair37@gmail.com).**

## **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**

The Fellowship Lunch this month will be held on Thursday, 19th July at 12.30pm in the Cross Street Café.

Everyone is welcome.

*Diane Graham*



## **WHO LET THE DAD'S OUT!!**

***The meeting will take place on Saturday,  
14th July in the Lower Hall from 10am to  
12pm***



## **KNITTING GROUP**

The knitting group will meet on Tuesday, 17th July, in Cross Street from 11am—12.30pm and welcomes anyone who would like to join with us. Some bring their own knitting or crochet projects whilst others knit and crochet for the charity 'Knit for Peace'.

*Judy Pandal*

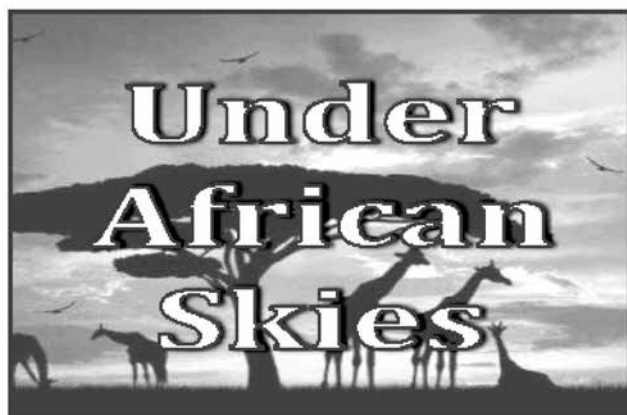


## **SCRABBLE CLUB**

Scrabble Club will be held on Tuesday 10th and Tuesday 24th July at 2.30pm in the Cross Street Centre.



Conductor: Marianna Freeman



With special guest organist  
George Throup

Saturday 7th July  
at 7.30pm  
Dagnall Street Baptist Church  
St Albans

**Admission free**

Retiring collection for Christian Aid's work  
Supporting children affected by HIV/Aids in Kenya



For up to the minute information see our website: [quorumsingers.org.uk](http://quorumsingers.org.uk)

Find us on [facebook](#) and [twitter](#)

**QUORUM SINGERS OF ST ALBANS  
CONCERT  
SATURDAY 7th JULY**

Quorum is delighted once more to present their Summer concert here at Dagnall Street Baptist Church on Saturday, 7th July.

The concert 'Under African Skies' will bring a flavour of Africa to you with music ranging from 'Adiemus' from Karl Jenkins' 'Songs of Sanctuary' to a choral arrangement of songs from 'The Lion King'. We are pleased to be performing 'Songs of a Rainbow Nation' by local composer Alexander L'Estrange.

On this occasion we will be joined by guest soloist George Throup. George is in the sixth form at St. Columba's College, where he is studying for his A levels. He is an organ scholar at St. Michael's Church and recently won the Secondary Piano/Organ section of the St. Albans Young Musicians competition.

Entrance to the concert, which starts at 7.30pm is free, with a retiring collection to support Christian Aid's project 'Helping children affected by HIV/Aids in Kenya'.



We look forward to seeing you.

*Jill Halsey*

## ***Rendezvous Summer Outing Wednesday 18 July***



### **C H E N I E S   M A N O R   H O U S E**

Our summer outing this year will be an afternoon visit to Chenies Manor, near Rickmansworth.

The house dates mainly from Tudor times and has a very interesting history. It was visited by both Henry V111 and Elizabeth 1. The tour guides tell the story of the people who lived there, including tales of treason and imprisonment.

The gardens were laid out by Lucy, Countess of Bedford, in 1594. Over the years they became neglected but were rescued by the present owner, Mrs Macleod Matthews. The gardens form a series of 'rooms' – among them, a sunken garden, a white garden and a kitchen garden. In the parterre there is an ancient oak tree and a challenging yew maze which nearly defeated us!

Entry to the house and gardens is £8. To the gardens only it is £6. There is a tea room and a small shop. Chenies Manor is open from 2pm to 5pm.

If you would like to join us on 18 July, please let Linda or Christine know.

*Linda Williams and Christine Boot*



## ***Prayer Week*** ***Advance Notice***



We plan to hold a prayer week during the first week of September.

We will aim to make this something that everyone can take part in regardless of their personal circumstances. There will be a prayer guide available near the time so that you can pray whenever convenient for different aspects of church life and the local community and we are also expecting to hold a number of events including first Saturday prayer and Tuesday prayer before the Church meeting.

If you have any items or suggestions you would like to include in the week please let me know.

Please join in and make a real difference!

*Megan Thompson*



## *St Albans Organ Theatre*



See and hear the fascinating world of mechanical musical instruments in a magical atmosphere that has been lost in today's digital age

As some of you know, I have been volunteering at the Organ Theatre in Camp Road for a number of years. The society looks after and has regular concerts on a number of dance and theatre organs including a Wurlitzer organ. We also have a collection of beautiful old music boxes and even a gramophone which, on a good day, can still give an almost perfect rendition of "The Teddy Bears' Picnic".

The society has reached its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary but the volunteers are still young at heart. This month we were delighted to discover that we had been given the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. This is a prestigious national award and we will be having a special celebration event with the Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire when the award will be presented to our chairman.

If you haven't been to the Organ Theatre for a few years (or at all) why not come to visit if you have a spare afternoon? We open **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month from March-November from around 2pm to 4.30pm** when most of the organs are demonstrated informally.

There is a small charge for admission (cash only) which goes towards running costs and the afternoon includes a cup of tea (or fruit juice for children). There are also concerts on some Saturday evenings and special events such as vintage teas and craft fairs. Larger group visits at other times are welcome too. It would be of interest to anyone who enjoys organ music but also fascinating for anyone who likes technical or mechanical items.

Come and discover this hidden gem on your doorstep!

*Megan Thompson*



## ***Mission News***



### ***Heritage Open Days Thurs. 13<sup>th</sup> – Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018:***

We have once again registered DSBC for Heritage Open Days 2018 when the Church will be open for visitors on four consecutive days, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>, Friday 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Thursday to Saturday we will open from 10am – 6pm, and on Sunday from 1pm – 5pm.

I will be looking out for volunteer stewards so if you are able to help, say for a 2 hour stint, or more, please have a word with me. We will need a minimum of 2 stewards at any time but more would be helpful, so please consider if you could offer to help.

On the Sunday afternoon, Churches Together in St Albans will be visiting us on their Prayer Walk at 3.30pm, when they will call in for a short prayer session before moving on to St Michael's.

HOD's is a great opportunity to welcome new people into the church and to show them around; in the past, some interesting and fascinating contacts have been made.

***Chris Penn***

## ***Tools With A Mission***



A big thankyou to everyone who donated tools and equipment for our recent TWAM collection. The good news is that the quantity donated exceeded previous collections by quite a margin, and the even better news is that by the time you read this, it should all have been collected by the TWAM van from Ipswich! We are fortunate in having space to

organize these collections and it is amazing how the quantity collected has risen year on year since we started our annual collection days 7 years ago.

What is more amazing is the recent news from TWAM that they are now sending over 20 shipping containers overseas each year, (just a few years ago their turnover was 1 container a month). There is a clear and increasing demand for the tool kits and the stories published in the quarterly TWAM News are inspiring. Here is an example:

TWAM tool kits are just collections of unwanted implements until they are handed over to someone like Pastor Ruth. Pastor Ruth founded El Shaddai Christian Church in a poor community on the outskirts of Lusaka in Zambia. A community with crippling unemployment, virtually non-existent education, and chronic social problems including alcohol, drug and gambling addiction. Could one person really change this? The answer is no, but one person who can inspire many others and who receives the tools they need certainly can.

It is about inspiring people like Pastor Winston, who has his own church to lead, but comes four days a week to help build the church and while doing so teaches young people carpentry. Another is Moses, the bricklaying instructor who says, "I did building construction at a training centre, and have been building here for five years. This is my church and where I come to pray,

so I wanted to work and build for them so they can save money for other things. It would be very hard to buy tools we need as they are very expensive. The tools we could afford, are not good and would break quickly. The tools we have from TWAM last many years and are everything we need. Without them we could not build this church”

The tools TWAM has provided include carpentry kits, builders’ kits, and electricians’ kits, to build the church and skills centre while also training young people. Sewing and knitting machines have helped women earn their own money to send children to school and avoid them being driven on to the streets by their husbands. Typewriters, computers and motor mechanics’ kits have been sent to train young people. The main church building houses the tailoring workshop and computer room, and adjacent buildings house a skills centre and workshop for other trades. One young trainee sums up the difference Pastor Ruth, her amazing team, and TWAM are making. Isaac says: “I wanted to experience the good tools and work. Building is a good job and it will make it easier for me to find work. Without this, I would have nothing.”



*Chris Penn*





**FAMILIAR FACE—BUT IS HE WORKING OR POSING?!**  
(sent in anonymously)



## Summer

Summer, summer almost here.

Let's give summer a big fat cheer!

Of this fact I'm surely clear:

Summer is the best time of year.

—Tim Rasinski



## ***JULY BIRTHDAYS***

7th - Carol Macey and Christine Boot.

We remember Jo Ashmore, whose birthday was on the 6th.

***Summer  
In lovely harmony  
The wood has put on its green mantle,  
And Summer is on its throne,  
Playing its string music.  
Hush! Listen!  
The world is alive.***

Happy Birthday to all with summer birthdays!

***Linda Williams***





## **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

**1st - Bill Allen  
5th - Mark Taylor  
22nd - Ray Saunders  
31st David Hance**

**We remember Cyril Taylor, whose birthday was on the  
6th.**

*I always like summer  
best  
you can eat fresh corn  
from Daddy's garden  
and okra  
and greens  
and cabbage  
and lots of  
barbecue  
and buttermilk  
and homemade ice-cream  
at the church picnic  
and listen to  
gospel music  
outside  
at the church  
homecoming  
and go to the mountain with  
your grandmother  
and go barefooted  
and be warm  
all the time  
not only when you go to bed  
and sleep*

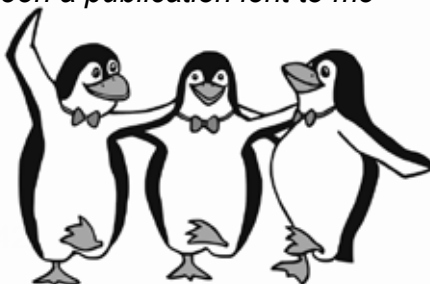
## **PENGUINS ON PARADE**

We're all off to Edinburgh Zoo  
To see the penguins  
And what they do.  
The crowd gathered round  
And out came the king  
Followed by the rest  
Two by two and all dressed  
Up in their best.  
They walked up and down  
And they flapped their wings,  
And they bowed to the crowd,  
The crowd all clapped  
And someone said: "Jings! Did  
Ever you see such a thing?"  
So they did it all again.  
They walked up and down  
And flapped their wings  
And bowed to the crowd.  
Then they walked up the path  
And through a wee gate  
Where the keeper was waiting  
With a teapot and a plate.  
They all sat down  
And had fishcakes and tea  
Because the next parade  
Was at half past three.



**Ethel Thomas**

*(printed in Evergreen a publication lent to me  
by John Mills)*



**DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF COPY FOR THE  
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I hope everyone has a lovely summer and that we have wonderful weather throughout July and August.

Please send me any lovely snaps you may take in the next few months so that I can put them on the front cover.

The beautiful picture on the cover this month is, once again, one of Caroline's photographs. I am very grateful to her for sending them to me..

Also keep your eyes out for any interesting articles or stories you would like to see in print. All contributions gratefully received! A favourite recipe or poem, anything of interest that catches your eye.

I have brought myself a raised vegetable planter—so I will be experimenting over the next few months. It is deep enough to grow carrots so I might try them first along with some salad vegetables.

Wish me luck!!

*Glynis*

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# World Cup Boggler Puzzle

How many words of 3 letters or more can you find using the letters below? Words are formed from adjoining letters. Letters must join in the proper sequence to spell a word and may join horizontally, vertically, or diagonally, to the left, right, or up-and-down. No letter square, however, may be used more than once within a single word. You may use plurals if available. Score 1 point for each 3 letter word, 2 points for 4 letter words, 3 points for 5 letter words and so on. Score an extra 2 points for every World Cup themed word that you make!

F	P	H	Y
O	I	E	F
O	R	N	L
T	B	A	L

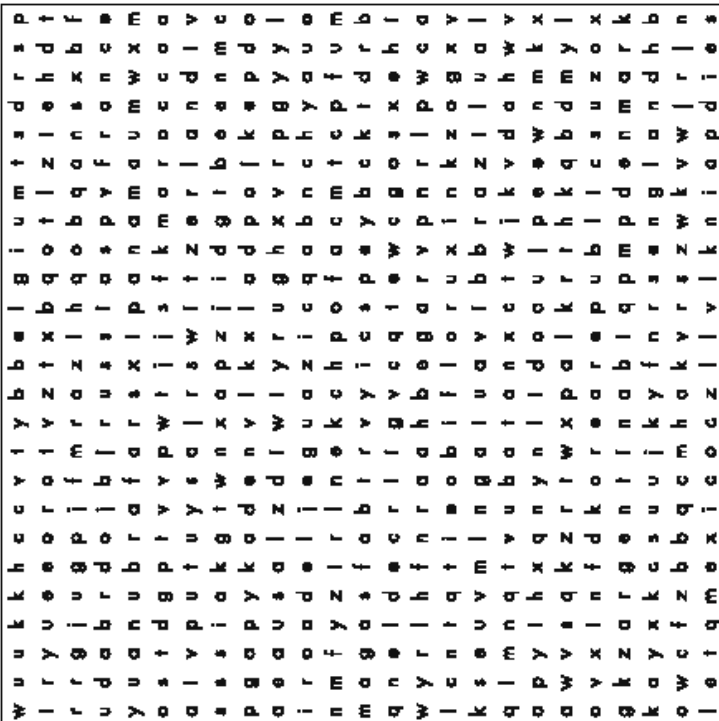


My points \_\_\_\_\_



This is the story of how I came to lift the World Cup. It started out as a perfectly normal day. I got rudely awakened by my alarm at 7am, dressed, brushed my teeth and went down for breakfast. It was at breakfast that I got the first surprise of the day.

# World Cup 2018 Countries Word Search



Argentina  
 Australia  
 Belgium  
 Brazil  
 Colombia  
 Costa Rica  
 Croatia  
 Denmark  
 Egypt  
 England  
 France  
 Germany  
 Iceland  
 Iran  
 Japan  
 Korea Republic  
 Mexico  
 Morocco  
 Nigeria  
 Panama  
 Peru  
 Poland  
 Portugal  
 Russia  
 Saudi Arabia  
 Senegal  
 Serbia  
 Spain  
 Sweden  
 Switzerland  
 Tunisia  
 Uruguay

## ***PATCHWORK CHAIR***

I'll tell you of my favourite chair  
Rather old not quite threadbare  
It used to be one of a pair  
It's in the alcove by the stair  
And through the years it has been there  
I've tried to keep it in repair  
But still despite the wear and tear  
It's still my quaint old patchwork chair

It's patched in several types of cloth  
And mended where it had the moth  
It was restored and opened wide  
And many things were found inside  
Some cough sweets and a bunch of keys  
As many coins as you please  
A comb and several balls of hair  
All buried deep within my chair

And when there's sleet or hail or snow  
I know exactly where to go  
I put the kettle on to boil  
And rest from all my weary toil  
I wrap a rug round nice and tight  
To shut out the cold winter's night  
And dream of days devoid of care  
Enveloped in my patchwork chair

I've tried to look for one that's new  
I've searched the shops but none will do  
They're all too hard or soft or low  
And charmless stood there in a row  
They're narrow where they should be wide  
With too much padding at the side  
By contrast there is room to spare  
In my old comfy patchwork chair

It's been a good friend through the years  
In happy days and sorrow's tears  
The colours of a brighter shade  
Have over time begun to fade  
But all the places I have sewn  
Have gained a charm all of their own  
And it's so snug I couldn't bear  
To part with it my patchwork chair.

*Megan Thompson 2018*



## ***THE HOT WATER BOTTLE***

One night I had worked hard to help a mother in the labour ward, but in spite of all we could do, she died, leaving a tiny premature baby and a crying two year old daughter. We would have difficulty keeping the baby alive as there was no incubator or special feeding facilities. Although we live on the equator, nights were often chilly, with treacherous drafts.



A student midwife went for the box we kept for such babies and cottonwool to wrap the baby in. Another stoked the fire and went to fill a hot water bottle. She came back in distress to tell me that the bottle had burst. Rubber perished easily in tropical climates. “And that is our last hot water bottle!” she exclaimed.

As in the west it's not good crying over spilled milk. So in Central Africa it's no good crying over burst hot water bottles; they don't grow on trees and there are no chemists down forest pathways. “All right,” I said, “put the baby as near to the fire as you safely can, and sleep between the baby and the door, to keep it free of draughts. Your job is to keep the baby warm”.

The following noon, as I did most days, I went to have prayers with any of the orphanage children who chose to gather with me. I gave them suggestions of things to pray about and told them of the tiny baby, explaining the problem about lack of warmth and mentioning the hot water bottle. The baby could easily die, and I told them of the two year old sister crying because the mother had died.

During the prayer time, Ruth, a ten year old, prayed with the usual bluntness of our African children. “Please God, send us a hot water bottle. It'll be no good tomorrow, as the baby will be dead, so please send it today”. While I gasped inwardly at the

audacity of the prayer, she added, “and while you are about it, would you please send a dolly for the little girl, so she’ll know you really love her.”

As I often found with children’s prayers, I was put on the spot—could I honestly say “Amen”? I just did not believe that God could do this. Oh yes, I know that He can do everything. The Bible says so. But there are limits, aren’t there? The only way God could answer this particular prayer would be by sending me a parcel from the homeland. I had been in Africa for almost four years at the time, and I had never received a parcel from home. Anyway, if anyone did send a parcel who would put in a hot water bottle? I lived on the equator!

Halfway though the afternoon, whilst teaching in the nurses’ training school, a message was sent that there was a car at my front door. When I got there, the car had gone but on the verandah was a very large parcel. I felt tears pricking my eyes. I could not open the parcel alone, so I sent for the orphan children. Together we pulled off the string, carefully untying each knot. We folded the paper, taking care not to tear it unduly. Excitement was mounting.



Some thirty or forty pairs of eyes were focussed on the large cardboard box. From the top I lifted out brightly coloured jerseys. Eyes sparkled as I gave them out. Then there were the knitted bandages for the leprosy patients and the children looked bored.

Then came a box of mixed raisins and sultanas—that would make a batch of buns at the weekend. Then, as I put my hand in again, I felt the ....could it really be? I grasped it and pulled it out—yes a brand new, rubber hot water bottle!! I cried.

I had not asked God to send it; I had not truly believed that he could. Ruth was in the front row of the children. She rushed forward, crying out, "If God has sent the bottle, He must have sent the dolly, too!"



Rummaging down to the bottom of the box, she pulled out the small, beautifully dressed dolly. Her eyes shone! She had never doubted! Looking up at me she asked, "Can I go over there with you, mummy, and give this dolly to that little girl so she'll know that Jesus really loves her?"

The parcel had been on the way for five months, packed by my former Sunday School class, whose leader had heard and obeyed God's prompting to send a hot water bottle, even to the equator. And one of the girls had put in a dolly for an African child—five months before—in answer to the believing prayer of a ten year old to bring it 'that afternoon'.

***'Before they call, I will answer'***  
***Isaiah 65:24***

*Sent in by Elizabeth who is a regular customer at the Cross Street Café*



## ***WITH GOD IN THE UMPIRE CHAIR***

Whither the Wimbledon we knew and loved to hate? Where have all the young brats gone? Gone to Sunday School every one.

Messrs. Connors and McEnroe are here again, sure, but now only as geriatric talismans to remind us of the long ago when—you can NOT be serious! - a simple game of tennis could readily degenerate into, well, the very pits of the world.

Michael Chang, the 17 year old Californian and the new champion of France, is the pole, frail, gentle standard bearer of the new breed. Oh, yeah. Him and whose army? God's, as a matter of fact.

A new sporting movement has been taking over the locker rooms of America. Cynics call it the 'Jocks for Jesus' brigade. It is gathering ground, less flamboyantly but just as diligently in Britain too. They are athletes prepared to speak up in the name of the Lord—to offer up their successes and failures to Christ. He who gave them their cross-court back-hand return in the first place. S

Chang looks an unlikely prophet and missionary. He is shy, thin and managed and 'minded' by his Mom, Betty, who doles out the pocket money. At tennis, as Paris showed us, he has the stamina, heart and grit of a fighting terrier. He has not long been a committed Christian.

Michael was still in his cot when Jimmy Connors had his first tantrum on Centre Court. His other minder, apart from his Mom, is Brian Gottfried, the US pro who was at the other side of the net, of course, when McEnroe made his pong about the pits. So every thing sort of ties together. No wonder Michael has turned to God.

When he won so dramatically in Paris, he stood on the victory rostrum, a tiny waif with a massive cheque—and a microphone. He thanked everyone, as is the custom, then added, “And thank you to the Lord Jesus Christ, without whom I would be nothing.” He then told the packed amphitheatre, the smartest turnout in world tennis: “And please pray for the people of China.” Gerald Williams, the BBC tennis correspondent was there, and deeply moved. “I’m glad I wasn’t ‘on mike’. It was so touching I would have been lost for words.

It was remarkably brave of Michael in the first place, mentioning our Lord, Jesus. Because he’s so well aware how all the jaundiced cynics in sport have been trying so desperately and cruelly to undermine the other young American tennis star, Andre Agassi, for being such a publicly committed and devout Christian. They try to say that Agassi’s committed Christianity proves he’s the ultimate phoney.”

The winner’s speech in Paris also heartened the Rev. Drew Wingfield-Digby, a former first class cricketer and now the full-time director of the British Christians in Sport movement. “Sport, at last,” he says, “is waking up to the idea that the Christian ministry is now a totally acceptable thing. Michael Chang’s courage at standing up to be counted was gloried in by all of us. Mind you, in Britain our ministry, culturally, has a more modified way of expressing our devotion and commitment. It’s just not the winning or losing that’s remotely important in this context. When someone like Michael Chang nobly gets up in public and says, ‘Jesus helped me win,’ he’s not invested himself with supernatural ‘coaching’ in fact, he’s just setting himself up to be rubbished by you blokes, if the truth was told. No, the committed Christian knows only too well—think of Gethsemane and the Cross—that losers are just as important as winners.

The point of Christianity in sport is that, sure, you can want to win, indeed you play to win, but you can also cope with losing and you must give thanks for that, too.”

Other Christian ports men and women to look out for:

**Athletics:** Kriss Akabusi, Barrington Williams.

**Golf:** Bernhard Langer, Larry Nelson, Kitrina Douglas.

**Rowing:** Martin Cross

**Football:** Len Hoddle, Garth Crooks, Justin Fashanu, Bernard McNally,

**Rugby:** Kevin Simms

**Hockey:** Violet McBride

**Cricket:** Alan Knott, Jane Powsell, Vic Marks, Duncan Martindale, Roland Butcher, Graham Cowdrey, Mark Frost.

**Badminton:** Paul Whetnall.

**(Source: *The Guardian, Christians in Sport handbook*)**

***Extracts from an article which appeared in The Guardian on 24 June, 1989, at the start of the Wimbledon fortnight.***

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**What, When and Where July 2018**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Church Members meeting</b> 7.45pm Room 3 Cross Street Centre
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Free Church Service in the Abbey</b> 11.00am – The Rev'd Nick Young, Methodist Minister S Albans & Welwyn Circuit
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Prayer Hour</b> 10.00am Room 5 Cross Street Centre
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Quorum Concert – “Under African Skies”</b> 7.30pm – Church – supporting our CA project
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Bible Study Groups</b> 10.30am – Cross Street Centre 8.00pm at the Manse
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10, 24</b>	<b>Scrabble Club</b> 2.30pm Cross Street Centre
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Who Let the Dads Out?</b> 10.00am – 12.00pm Lower Hall
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Manipur Summer BBQ</b> 12 – 3pm 12 Worcester Road Hatfield
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Knitting Group</b> 11.00am – 12.30pm Cross Street Centre
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Baptist Fellowship Lunch</b> 12.30pm Cross Street Centre
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Deacons' Meeting</b> 7.45pm Room 4 Cross Street Centre

**What, When and Where August 2018**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Free Church Service in the Abbey</b> 11.00am – The Very Rev'd Dr Jeffrey John, Dean, St Albans Cathedral
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Prayer Hour</b> 10.00am Cross Street Room 5

**Regular Events**

**Mondays: (not July or August)** Games Club 10.30am – 1.30pm Lower Hall  
(next meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept.)

**Tuesdays: (term time)** Daycare 10am – 2pm Age Concern St Peters Street

**Wednesdays: (not July or August)** Toddlers 09.45am – 11.15am Lower Hall  
(next meeting - 12<sup>th</sup> Sept.)

**Fridays: (term time)** TFN 6.30pm – 7.30pm Lower Hall

**Fridays: (term time)** TFN (Seniors) 7.30pm – 9.00pm Lower Hall

**Sunday Services**

10.30am, with groups for children, every Sunday

4.00pm Church in the Café, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month, otherwise 6.30pm

No pm services during August