

The Good Shepherd Church
Park Road Loughborough
June Focus 2016

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"The Message"

So did we have our summer at the beginning of May – is that all we will get? In our nice British talk about the weather that seems to be the common theme at the moment. The weather is so important, to us isn't it? As I am writing this I am already thinking of going to put a thicker jumper on as it not as warm today as I had expected! But for everyone around the world so much of our lives is governed by something over which we have no control: the clothes we wear, the way we build our houses, the ways we do, or don't, manage the land and the waterways and then of course climate change in all its forms is bringing further concerns and rain!!

Over the next few weeks in our services we are going to focus our thoughts on Paul's letter to the Galatians. These six short chapters seem to talk about some akin to the weather! They talk about something that we have no control over – the Gospel! But Galatians at some level challenges that thought. We don't have any control over the Message of the Gospel that is true, but we do have control over what we do about that message, how we let it affect our lives and the consequences of that for ourselves and for others. I hope that as we think about it together we'll find that it becomes our topic of conversation in the same way as the weather – instead of what shall I wear today; how about what shall I do about...

But of course there are lots of other things that we seemingly have no control over but can affect us so deeply. Just at the moment there is the on-going debate leading up to the EU Referendum later in the month, there have been various disputes concerning the National Health Service and discussion concerning big firms going out of business and making people redundant. In some ways yes, it does seem that we have no control over these things, but we do know someone who has, and he is just waiting for us to talk about these things to him, like we talk to our friends and neighbours about the weather! Prayer is such an important part of who we are as Christians, we talk to friends and family about the things that concern us, we listen to them too, so let's talk and listen to God, after all he does have the power to do something about these things. Some of this we can do together and sometimes we will need to be alone, but the key thing is that we do it, that we pray – it's all part of letting that Gospel Message affect our lives, not just when we first come to faith but everyday thereafter too.

Let's work together at all this together as we seek to find God's plans for our Parish. Let's listen and talk together, with God, I'm sure it will be more exciting than having to decide whether we dare go out without a coat!

Yours in Christ
Sue

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new Vicarage
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June 2016 News, Views and Calendar

Church Services in June. Every Sunday Morning

8am

Holy Communion Traditional Prayer Book
(BCP)

10am Services

June 5th Morning Worship
June 12th Holy Communion & Sunday Club
June 19th Holy Communion & Sunday Club
June 26th Morning Worship

Sunday Prayer Meeting

June 12th 6pm.

Every Wednesday Morning 9.30am

Holy Communion (said)



Parish Breakfast.

**PLEASE NOTE
PARISH
BREAKFAST IS
CANCELLED
UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE**



**June
25th
4.30pm**

Teen's Club 6.30pm
Meets every Monday

Stage Group
Rehearsals every
Wednesday 7.30pm

Toddler Group
Meets every Friday
Morning 10am –
11.30am.

Wednesday Friendly Meets 2.30

June 1st
June 8th
June 15th No Meeting
June 22nd
June 29th

Christian Aid Lunch
June 26th 12.30pm
Trinity Methodist
Church

Home Groups

Thursday Ladies' study group

2-3.30pm Please
contact Jackie for
details 01509
212207. New
members Welcome.

Tuesday Group
**8pm (1st & 3rd
Tuesdays)**
8 Freesia Close.



Gardeners Coffee Morning

The Gardeners Coffee Morning at the end of last month was very successful raising £465 for the church funds. A big thank you to those who grew plants, helped in any way on the day, and of course to those who came along to buy the produce. We hope your gardens are in full bloom throughout the summer

July Christian Aid Lunch

The Christian Aid Lunch on July 31st will be at The Good Shepherd. As in past years we will provide a list of items that will be required for the meal, this will be in the Vestibule during July. If you would like to provide an item please see the list or if you prefer to make a donation towards the cost please let Ed or Mick have it. Thank you.

Sunday 10am Coffee Rota.

There is still a vacancy on the Coffee Rota for the 5th Sunday of the month. If you would like to help out on these few Sundays during the year, please let us know. It would be very helpful.

Afternoon Tea for the Queen's 90th Birthday

A date for your diary July 10th, time to be confirmed. Please join us as we share an afternoon tea to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations. More details will be given in the June Focus, but we plan to share tea in the grounds in wonderful sunshine !!! and afterwards go into Church for a short period of worship when we can give thanks to God for Her Majesty the Queen.