

The Good Shepherd Church
Park Road Loughborough
July Focus 2016

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By the time you read this we will know whether we are to remain as part of the European Union or not. Perhaps you will be pleased that the campaigning is over, maybe you are concerned for whatever the future will now hold – whichever way the vote goes. But like me, I expect you are wondering what will really be impact on me as an individual – what difference will it make to me, to my family, to my church, to my town... but is that the right attitude to have? It's very difficult isn't it to really understand what the future might look like but one thing is certain – it will be different regardless. Why, well because the future always is different! We can never really be sure of what will happen, tomorrow, next week, next month, next year – oh yes we can make plans and have ideas but are they set in stone as it were – of course not!

As the Queen's official birthday was celebrated in early June, many folks had made plans for big parties, special services, etc. and they all went ahead, but how many of them had to make adjustments to the original idea simply because of our glorious English summer weather!! And maybe that will happen to us as we celebrate and pray on 10 July (see over for more info on that). But one thing I am sure, very few were cancelled – if any! Would it be fair to say that we Brits' pride ourselves in our 'true grit', our determination to carry on regardless? I wonder where that comes from in us, and does it make us perhaps a bit too self-centred, too self-reliant?

In our sermon series on Galatians, we have been looking at Paul's letter all about freedom. His whole letter addresses division in the Churches in Galatia based on racial and social divides. I wonder what he would say to us today? Probably things like – don't you read the Bible and learn from it? Don't you trust God for the future? Actually in essence the same things he said to the Galatian Christians. So do we? Do we read the Bible and try to apply its principles to our everyday living – do we really trust God for the future? Tough questions actually when we really think about them – aren't they? But Paul is just re-iterating what Jesus had said so many times to so many people – trust me, just trust me! There is nothing for us to do but that – although sometimes it is easier said than done, I'm sure you will agree. But there is nothing else we can do – we cannot work ourselves into heaven because it is God's amazing grace alone that will get us there – so we just have to trust Him.

We just have to trust him with the in/out issue of the EU, with the futures for our children and grandchildren, with our own future. But you know I don't believe that this is something we can do alone, we need to do this in community, we are 'wired' that way, to be alongside others, helping each other in our 'trust' journeys. So I hope that you will walk with me, and allow me to walk with you, as we face the future and he'll guide me with his hand *Sue* or as the song says 'I know who holds the reins don't just happen, everything by him

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July 2016 News, Views and Calendar

Church Services in July Every Sunday Morning

8am

Holy Communion Traditional Prayer Book
(BCP)

10am Services

July 3rd Holy Communion & Sunday Club
July 10th Morning Worship
July 17th Holy Communion & Sunday Club
July 24th Morning Worship
July 31st Holy Communion & Sunday Club

Sunday Prayer Meeting

July 10th 6pm.

**Please see details below about
afternoon tea and Worship.**

Every Wednesday Morning

9.30am

Holy Communion (said)



Parish Breakfast.

Please note that the
monthly
Parish Breakfast
is cancelled for the
time being.



**The next
Messy Church
will be on 8th October
when we will be
focussing on Harvest**

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.



Teen's Club 7.15pm

Meets every Monday

Stage Group

Rehearsals every
Wednesday 7.30pm

Toddler Group

Meets every
Friday Morning
10am – 11.30am.

Wednesday Friendly meets at 2.30pm

July 6th
July 13th
July 20th No Meeting
July 27th

July Christian Aid Lunch

The Christian Aid Lunch on July 31st will be
at The Good Shepherd at 12.30pm. 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.

Advance Notice

Holiday Club this year will run from August
22nd to August 26th. More details regarding
this will be published soon and a special
service not be missed on 4th September!



Afternoon Tea to celebrate with the Queen in the year of her 90th birthday.

You are all invited to a special afternoon tea party with fun and games at the
Church on July 10th at 4pm to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday.
The event will be a traditional afternoon tea with sandwiches (not necessarily
with the crusts cut off) cakes and, of course, tea. It is hoped that the
afternoon will be dry so that we can sit outside, if not we will go indoors.
If you wish, please wear something patriotic. The tea is an open invitation to
all so please feel free to invite family and friends. Afterwards at approx.6pm
in the Church we will have the opportunity to offer prayers for the Queen and
the Nation, and we hope you will be able to stay and share this short
interactive time of Worship.

