

OUTLOOK



St James the Apostle

Jul/Aug 2010

Readers' Rota for July and August

July 4 th	am	All Age Worship
	pm	Anne & Arthur Boynton
July 11 th	am	Jean Firth
	pm	Michael Dobson & Norma Waller
July 18 th	am	Glenn Guilliat
	pm	Jean Firth & Ann Simpson
July 25 th	am	Ann Simpson
	pm	Anne & Arthur Boynton
Aug 1 st	am	All Age Worship
	pm	Michael Dobson & Norma Waller
Aug 8 th	am	Rob McWilliam
	pm	Jean Firth & Ann Simpson
Aug 15 th	am	Jean Wilson
	pm	Anne & Arthur Boynton
Aug 22 nd	am	Judi Watson
	pm	Michael Dobson & Norma Waller
Aug 29 th	am	Closer to God
	pm	Jean Firth & Ann Simpson
Sept 5 th	am	All Age Worship
	pm	Anne & Arthur Boynton

Prayer Rota for July and August

July 4 th	All Age Worship
July 11 th	Ann Simpson
July 18 th	Karen Adams
July 25 th	Jean Wilson
Aug 1 st	All Age Worship
Aug 8 th	John Dodsworth
Aug 15 th	Glenn Guilliat
Aug 22 nd	John Weir
Aug 29 th	Closer to God
Sep 5 th	All Age Worship
Sep 12 th	Averil Tate

Growing up in London half a mile from two tube stations on different lines, I often travelled via the underground in my early years. I recall on more than one occasion going to a station in central London that is positioned on a bend in the track, such that there is a visible gap between **the train and the platform**. To ensure people weren't taken by surprise as they left the train, there is a resounding monotone voice saying 'mind the gap... mind the gap'. I pity the poor folk who have to work on the station!

As Christians, we live in 'the gap' between the first coming of Jesus and his return. We live in the tension of the 'now and the not yet' of the kingdom that Jesus inaugurated but is yet to be brought to completion. We see glimpses of the kingdom but not its fullness. Amazing supernatural healings, reconciliation, miraculous provision, forgiveness exist side by side with the frustration of seeing many sick not healed, the Church in **conflict, the world's poor yet poorer and the many other ills of the world** we live in. There is a gap between the blessings promised by God and our experiences on earth.

Revelation 1:9 records John the apostle saying, 'I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are **ours in Jesus**'. This serves as a sharp reminder that **blessings aren't all** that is promised in scripture; trouble is also certain to be our lot.

Being 'in Jesus' means that we are promised the inheritance of the kingdom in its fullness in the future, and can expect to experience more and more of it in the here and now too. Yet being in Jesus also means we can be sure of suffering and hardship as Jesus Himself encountered during His time on earth. Paul understood this connection. In Philippians he expresses *a desire* to suffer for Jesus *in order to share in Jesus' resurrection life*: 'I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,¹¹ and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.' (Phil 1:10-11). Being Christ-like isn't only seeking to be faithful to God and living fruitful

A young charismatic pioneer had a powerful vision of seeing God's kingdom come: to transform the lives of the people in the communities he encountered. A bright and innovative teacher, thousands travelled miles to hear what he had to say. A powerful healing ministry saw hundreds more wanting a piece of him.

He could have founded a mega-church with eye-watering numbers of attendance, but instead he called a motley crew of just a dozen, with whom he spent just three years of his life. When he died at the tragically early age of 33, the 12 were down to 11 - just as well then there were no funders to answer to - they may well have been less than impressed with the return in their investment after three years.

Yet these eleven, energised by the spirit went on to found a church movement that would see their founder's vision of the kingdom being experienced to the very ends of the earth. For Jesus, discipleship was intensely relational; he invested himself deeply into discipling that small group of twelve. In whom are we relationally investing in our church?

For Jesus, discipleship was also highly risky. After just three years, he was ready and willing to entrust his precious vision to those he had been apprenticing.

[In three years time, who could you hand over to? Who are the indigenous leaders in your FX, in your church, who could take the vision on to the next level. Or could you in three years time be ready for leadership responsibilities?]

As we follow Jesus today, and share in God's mission, are we being called afresh to a discipleship that is both deeply relational, and adventurous.

Andrew Roberts

(Submitted by Richard Cooke)



Thank You

We want to thank you all for being such a wonderful part of our Golden Wedding celebrations in June. For your cards, flowers, gifts and donations towards the refurbishing of the Standerling Hall. For the pleasure of your company at our home, and in sharing together in praise and worship (and cake and wine afterwards!) on the Sunday. To be able to celebrate with our family, and you, our extended family was such a joy and blessing. Thank you all for your love and support over the years and we look forward to all the future brings as we continue our journey of faith together.

With our love...

Peter and Maragret

Jesus - Our Wounded Healer

If we are saying that Jesus is the centre out of the many things that endear Christ to His Church, one of the chief reasons, must be that He has worn our flesh, measured its frailty and experienced exactly how we feel. Our Lord is a wounded healer; His ability to heal our wounds flows from the fact that He has known our wounds. Jesus has taken the entire range of our emotions with Him into the Godhead so that now our Creator feels as we feel. What a mystery!

It is important now to note the way Jesus responded to the wounds He received compared to the way, generally speaking we respond to our wounds. When we are wounded, our natural response is either to nurse our hurt in an attitude of self-pity, or flare up in unrighteous anger. Comb the record of Jesus' days on this earth and you will not find one ounce of self-pity. When the daughters of Jerusalem wept over Him on His way to the cross, He said, "Do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children" – no self-pity.

Neither did He harbour unforgiveness. When men laid his weary body upon a cross and transfixed Him to the wood, the cry rose from His heart was not for justice, but forgiveness: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing". That was the most sublime prayer that was ever prayed, for it embodied the most sublime spirit ever shown. The cross shows us how Jesus dealt with hate, He held it to Him and quelled it in His mighty heart of love. The boomerang lost its power because the venom which flew towards Him at the crucifixion did not fly back again in revenge. He freely forgave those who hurt Him – so must we.

I read this and thought it worth sharing – Jean Wilson

Readings July 2010

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| Sun
4th | 10.30am | All Age Worship With Baptism
Leader All Age Worship Team & Rev Jason Reid
Preacher All Age Worship Team |
| | 6.30pm | Holy Communion (Galatians 6:1-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20)
Leader and Preacher Rev Margaret Cundiff |
| Sun
11th | 09.00am | Holy Communion
Leader /preacher Rev J Reid |
| | 10.30pm | Holy Communion (TBC)
Leader Rev Jason Reid Preacher Rev M Cundiff |
| | 6.30pm | Evening Prayer (Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37)
Leader/Preacher Rev jason Reid |
| Sun
18th | 10.30am | Morning Worship (2 Chronicles 26:1-22)
Leader Stuart Muir Preacher Rev Jason Reid |
| | 6.30pm | Holy Communion (CW) (Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42)
Leader/Preacher Rev Jason Reid |
| Sun
25th | 10.30am | Holy Communion (TBC)
Leader Rev Jason Reid Preacher Richard Cooke |
| | 6.30pm | Evening Prayer (Colossians 2:6-19
Luke 11:1-13)
Leader/Preacher David Keel |

Readings August 2010

- Sun 10.30am All Age Worship
1st Leader /Preacher Holiday Club Team
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer (Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21)
Leader/Preach David Keel
- Sun 09.00am Holy Communion
8th Leader/Preacher Rev Jason Reid
- 10.30pm Holy Communion (All Age) (TBC)
Leader/Preacher Rev Jason Reid
- 6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP) (Genesis 15:1-6
Luke 12:32-40)
Leader/Preacher Stuart Muir
- Sun 10.30am Morning Worship (All Age) (TCB)
15th leader/Preacher Stuart Muir
- 6.30pm Holy Communion (CW) (Gal 4:4-7
Luke 1:46-55)
Leader/Preacher Rev Jason Reid
- Sun 10.30am Holy Communion (All Age) (TBC)
22nd Leader Rev Margaret Cundiff Preacher Rev J Reid
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer (Isaiah 58:9b-14
Luke 13:10-17)
Leader/Preacher Rev J Reid
- Sun 10.30 am Closer To God (All Age) (TBC)
29th Preacher/leader Rev Jason Reid
- 6.30 pm Holy Communion (CW) (Proverbs 25:6-7
Luke 14:1, 7-14)
Leader/Preacher Rev Margaret Cundiff

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UPDATE FROM UDONG



Andy and Mings students at Udong.

Is there much on the news about the trouble in Bangkok? No-one talks about it here really, but I am keeping an eye out on the internet. There are going to be more deaths here for sure as the army tightens its grip. Actually, Thailand is not the land of smiles as many people imagine, it's a quasimilitary dictatorship like most countries out this way.

Been busy here as usual, teaching, fixing computers, going to AFS etc. We didn't get a break over the Kings birthday, despite the fact that it's meant to be a 4 day holiday, but we're going to take a break after next week and to Kampong Som to relax on the beach.

Tomorrow (Monday we're off to teach a Udong as usual, then on Tuesday we're going to Kampong Speu about 50km from PP to visit a Singapore-run organisation (Christian) which helps poor kids with training etc. Maybe we can cooperate with them in some way. We might visit a school over there as we are thinking of starting another school or two! We still have some computers in the warehouse and we need to something with them, so we might as well give the to a school if we can find one that we think will pull their weight—now that's the hard bit!

Deanery Festival 2010

The service took place at St John the Baptist Church, Haddlesey on Wednesday May 12th, It was well attended and banners were presented.

Chris Wilton (The Rural Dean) gave the talk in which he spoke of his own experiences with the Mothers Union and how at one time it was predominately ladies, but now men were also accepted. The mothers Union is sometimes the backbone of the Church and how important members abroad are, the work they do and their commitment. Chris told us of one member in Cape Town who took in washing to support her son through college, he is now the Bishop of Cape Town. He also spoke of visions and the future on the church, he reminisced about the war years and about his life since he became a vicar. He told us how he was influenced by the Simions when he was growing up and how we are to look to the future as well as the past and that evangelism is still needed.

After the talk there were presentations of long service certificates and the Commissioning of Yvonne Greene as Deanery President.

The Service was followed by tea , sandwiches and fellowship with other members.

June Ratcliffe

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Groups meet 10.30 on Sundays		
Adult Events		
Mother's Union - meets 2.00pm 3rd Tuesday of Month		
Mothers Union – Holy Communion 9.45am 1st Weds of Month		
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St James Fellowship – Tues evenings at various homes		
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