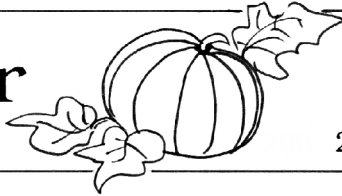


# CROSSTALK

HIGH CROSS CHURCH MAGAZINE

## October



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Psalm 16 vs 11:

You will show  
me the path  
that leads to  
life; your  
presence fills  
me with joy and  
brings me  
pleasure for  
ever.

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# Worship in October 2009

Sunday 4th

10.30am Morning worship led by Revd David Hamblin

6.30pm Evening worship with Holy Communion led by Revd Rachael Hawkins

Sunday 11th

9.00am Morning worship with Holy Communion led by Revd David Hamblin

10.30am Morning worship led by Thelma Roberts

Sunday 18th

9.00am Morning worship led by Mr Francis Jasper

10.30am Morning worship with Holy Communion led by Revd David Hamblin

Sunday 25th

9.00am Morning worship with Holy Communion led by Revd David Hamblin

10.30am Morning Worship led by Revd David Hamblin

# The Lectionary

Dear Friends,

A couple of times recently I have mentioned the Lectionary and several people have looked at me with blank faces and asked me to explain more. As a result I have been asked to write about it in Crosstalk, so I thought I would use this month's letter to do so.

The lectionary is all about Bible readings.

Have you ever wondered how preachers choose the Bible readings for each Sunday? Many choose their readings after careful prayer and thought, or to fit in with a theme that the church has chosen, or to fit in with the season of the year or a current issue in society. Many preachers though, also make use of the Revised Common Lectionary.

The lectionary that we currently use was put together in 1983, but there have been previous versions. For each Sunday of the year it gives an Old Testament reading, a New Testament reading, a Psalm and a Gospel reading. It does this twice, acknowledging that many people have a second service for which they might also want readings.

In the Methodist and URC church the lectionary is not compulsory, but is there if you want to use it. In other churches such as the Anglican Church, there is an expectation that it will be used (that's my understanding anyway).

To my mind there are several advantages to using the lectionary. These include:

- Variety – with the best will in the world, it is very easy as a preacher to focus on the same subjects and readings, which isn't good for congregations or preachers. The lectionary pushes preachers to look at a variety of readings, some of which can challenge and stretch us more than we are used to.
- Commonality – A wide variety of churches use the Revised Common Lectionary. As Christians we can all be looking at the same readings at the same time – not a bad thing
- Organisation – Sometimes the readings in Sunday services can jump around and it can be difficult to build on ideas from one Sunday to the next. The Lectionary is organised in a 3 year cycle with each year concentrating on one of the synoptic Gospels - Matthew, Mark and Luke. John is then slotted in at various points during the whole cycle; for example, John is used a lot in the period after Easter. Congregations then hear readings that follow on from each other and are more able to see the whole picture rather than hearing passages that are read in isolation. So, this year we have been concentrating on the Gospel of Mark and hopefully you will have noticed that you have heard quite a lot from Mark and begun to get a feel for that particular Gospel. In recent weeks the NT reading has been looking at James, which I've concentrated on in a few of my sermons and it's been good to take time to think a bit more about James' letter which I find very challenging with its focus on the importance of putting our faith into action.
- Inspiration – Sometimes as preachers we struggle to work out what God wants us to say on a particular day. Allowing God to speak through the thoughts and considered ideas of some of the top theological thinkers who devised the lectionary is no bad thing.

Using the lectionary strictly can however have its disadvantages, the main one of these being that readings may not always match up with what you want to say on a given Sunday.

As a result most preachers that I know will use a mixture of lectionary readings and other readings as they devise their services, depending on what comes to mind as they prepare and pray.

My introduction must be brief, but hopefully that's given you a basic idea as to what the lectionary is all about, plenty more can be found on the internet if you have a few moments to while away! And as you sit there on a Sunday morning, take a few moments to think about the readings - what have you heard over the last couple of weeks and how do the readings of that day build upon what you have already heard? I know it's not always easy to remember from one Sunday to the next, but maybe it's a good way to help us remember and help us to learn more about the great book that God has given to us in the Bible.

Blessings,  
Rachael

P.S. As I write, preparations for the Centenary celebrations are continuing apace. By the time you read this they will all be over and done with! Can I express my thanks to all those who have been involved and who have given their time so freely. It promises to be a very busy weekend, but celebratory, meeting old friends and new. Well done to everyone!



"But, Mum, if the vicar wasn't coming here Trick-Or-Treating, why did she still take the chocolates I gave her?"

## Focus on Friends

On September 6<sup>th</sup> Michèle Hackney was thanked for all she has done during her time as Church Secretary she was relieved of all her duties and then Sue Shoveller was welcomed as our new Church Secretary.

Both were presented with baskets of flowering plants.

At the moment Sue K is in hospital after a fall, thankfully she has not broken any bones. Betty S was in hospital but has now gone to Sunrise at Bagshot. Hopefully they will both soon feel better.

Margaret T has also moved to Sunrise and we wish her well in her new abode.

It was very sad to hear of the death of Keith C's mum Vera. She had been on our prayer list for some months. We send our love, sympathy and prayers to Keith and Liz and all their family.

At the end of August we had two baptisms, the first was for Cade Harry Vincent-Shipton. His older brother and sister had previously been baptised at High Cross they came with mum Rebecca and dad Rory. A week later Fiona and Andy Dawkins brought Freya Elizabeth to be baptised she is the granddaughter of Linda and Rodney Alderman.

Our love and congratulations go to Glynis Sweetinburgh who is delighted to have a new granddaughter called Lily, proud mum and dad are Clare and Mark, to Eileen Jarvis's granddaughter Emily who did very well in her exams and is going to Royal Holloway, and to all our young people who have so well in their AS and other exams including Rebekah Williams, Michael Everard and Juliet and William Wou.

With Best Wishes

Margaret Coleman

## Summer Organ Recitals

We would like to thank all those who supported this summer's series of lunch time organ recitals. We had some wonderful performers and an increasing number of people attending and enjoying the music. The retiring collections achieved a magnificent total of £720 which will be divided equally between ASCT and Church funds.

I think we might have to do it all again next year!

John Wood and David Markby

## Shakespeare in Love

Concert - Saturday October 3rd 2009, 6 pm

St Michael and All Angels Church  
Church Lane Sunningdale  
SL5 7DD

Those who came to the organ recital in July given by Rufus and Bimbi Frowde, will be interested to know that they are giving a concert in Sunningdale in October, entitled Shakespeare in Love . This will feature music for voice, piano and organ from the 1600's to the present day, inspired by the words of Shakespeare, including works by Beethoven, Richard Strauss, Mendelssohn and Madeleine Dring

David Markby

Tickets available at the door £10 (£5 concessions)

# BE A STREET ANGEL

Camberley Street Angels has grown from Christian beliefs and a long Christian heritage of service and loving one's neighbour. It stems from a desire on the part of the Christian Community in Camberley to show care and love to all people in need in our town.

We are recruiting a team of volunteers to train as Street Angels - adult volunteers who care and provide practical support for the people who use the night clubs and other venues in Camberley town centre on a Friday night - the night designated by the local Police.

Their needs may be the result of homelessness, drunkenness, drug abuse or any other issue, which has caused personal distress or the potential for physical harm.

Values of selflessness and being non-judgemental, excellence and professionalism, integrity and honesty, collaboration and partnership lie at the heart of everything a Street Angel does.

Street Angels will need to commit to volunteer 1 night per month and to a number of training sessions before they start. Training will cover personal safety and a wide range of other useful issues and skills.

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If you are interested in joining the Street Angels team  
please apply by 14 October 2009.

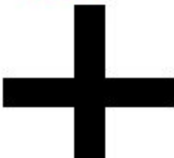
An application pack is available from David.

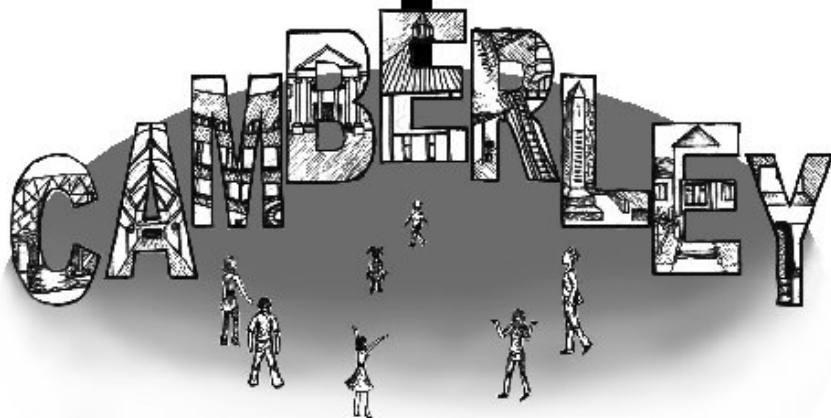
Street Angels is part of Churches Together in Camberley

Churches Together in



Camberley invite you to

Pray  for



Join Christians from every church in  
Camberley as we pray for our town

Focus: the Police and Street Angels

Wednesday 7 October 2009

7:30 p.m. Refreshments ◆ 8:00 Prayer & Worship ◆ 9:30 Close

High Cross Church, Knoll Road

Prayer is... powerful and effective James 5:16

To find out how to help with this event please turn over

## Pray for Camberley

Help needed: If you are able to help with stewarding this event, Pat Fahey would be delighted to hear from you - see her at church or contact her.

Look forward to seeing you all there.

## From the new Church Secretary

Sometimes it's difficult to sleep at night. It's very easy to doze off in the armchair watching the programme you've been wanting to see. It's not unusual to be overcome with drowsiness in after-lunch meeting or when it's time to get up in the morning. So why does our mind stubbornly refuse to close down when the appropriate conditions apply?

We all can list our own reasons. It can be not wanting the next day to come because of concerns about how that 24 hours will turn out. Perhaps it's excitement and anticipation. Or physical pain. Or emotional hurt or regret... 'why did I say that?...' Since I agreed to become Church Secretary I have had the odd sleepless night. But not over that decision. Not because I don't think it will have its challenges. Not because I'm certain I'm 'qualified'. But having been asked 'Yes' seemed the only answer. Probably because I know that I'm surrounded by a great network of people who contribute to High Cross' life and work in so many practical or prayerful ways. Already Michele, and others, have been so very helpful and I would like to add my thanks to her for the wonderful job she has done over the past two years.

So whether it's for a long or short time that I have this role, if I do find myself tossing and turning because I haven't set an agenda correctly, I shall try and remember the anonymous saying:

'If at night you cannot sleep, talk to the Shepherd and stop counting sheep!'

But on to business.

A summary of the main points of Church Council meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September is as follows:-

Synod Pastoral Committee Visit on 20<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm is an important opportunity for all Church Members to consider High Cross strengths, areas for development and future direction – a good turnout is important.

A Safeguarding Policy and Procedures for High Cross was adopted which states that all individuals and groups who use/hire the premises and work with children and vulnerable adults should follow the Home Office code of practice 'Safe from Harm'. A copy will be available in the Office for reference.

A new amplifier and induction loop in the Chapel is being purchased.

The options/costs of refurbishing the ladies downstairs cloakroom are being explored.

Keep your eyes open for new posters in the Concourse, organised by the Mission & Outreach Committee, to make a clear Christian statement to all users.

Please pass any nominations for our new Church Charity to me before October 7<sup>th</sup>. Note down sufficient details for Church Council to be clear of its remit; how funds are used and where it is based. Church Meeting will vote for the Charity to be supported on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

The popular organ recitals in the summer raised £702.

Next Prayer for Camberley 7<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm – theme 'Street Angels' project.

The Property Committee are looking for additional members and anyone who thinks they can help in this way (particularly ladies) are encouraged to contact Chris Hitchins on. He awaits your call.

And finally...

Do you enjoy a cup of something after the service on Sunday mornings?

Many of us do and there is an urgent need for more people to be part of the rota. Please contact Viv Slater before the coffee and tea run dry.

Sue Shoveller



## Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice

Dear supporter,

I wondered if you would like to join us at our very first open day on Thursday 22 October?

The day has been organised for anyone in the local community with an interest in our work and we are really excited to be able to invite you to visit the Hospice, tour the services and meet our teams. There will be a real mix of people attending, from prospective patients to local healthcare professionals to people interested in getting involved with our fundraising events. It's the perfect chance to visit the Hospice informally and really see what an amazing service our clinical teams offer free of charge to our local community.

There are three sessions available -

12pm to 1.30pm, 1.30pm to 3pm and 3pm to 4.30pm.

Please do let me know which time you would prefer and I would be delighted to book you in. We expect this to be a popular day so please book soon!

Thank you for your continued support and interest.

Best wishes,

Elle

## Thank you from Caroline Forsyth

Many thanks to all at High Cross for their prayers, good wishes and for keeping in touch with Mum regarding my progress following my skiing accident and subsequent spinal operations. Thankfully I am now on the road to recovery.

Caroline Forsyth.

[ Helen Mill's daughter ]

## Church Fellowship

Here is the programme for Fellowship in October

07/10	Local Solicitor	Richard Whittington
14/10	Salvation Army Officer	Major Barbara Howe
21/10	Outing to Forest Lodge	
28/10	Why recruiting?	Heather Andrew

As always everyone is welcome

Julie Kennedy

## Spiritual Journeying

Our next three evenings, all at St. Mary's Church, Park Road, from 7.30-8.30 are as follows:

Tues 29th Sept:

Theme 'Seeing Daylight' to be led by Jenny Hattersley

Tues 27th Oct:

Theme 'Friendship' to be led by Trish Ellis

Tues 24th Nov:

Theme 'Dreams' to be led by Else Hicks

As from January we are hoping to hold also an afternoon session at High Cross once a month.

Jenny Hattersley

## Book Aid

On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December, Bob Hiley is coming to our 10.30 a.m. Service to talk about "Book Aid". He devised the project and began operating in 1988 from a small London church with very little equipment, but with plenty of faith and hard work on the part of dedicated volunteers. From their new and wonderfully spacious premises in Sydenham, Bob and his team pray each morning that books will keep coming so that they can build on the 25 million or so books already sent to the book-starved areas of the world.

Bob has requested that we bring with us any Bibles or Christian books surplus to requirements, so that he can take them back in his van. You can learn more about Book Aid if you re-read the update I produced on page 20 of this year's April Crosstalk. Bob will be telling us in his own words the story of his "dream come true".

I hope that you can be there on 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Heather Garner

## Thank you from Keith & Liz Cooper

Keith & Liz Cooper would like to thank the Ministers and all their friends at High Cross for the kindness shown following the recent death of Keith's Mum.

The many cards and good wishes received have helped them both through this difficult time.

Your thoughts and prayers are much appreciated.

Keith & Liz Cooper.

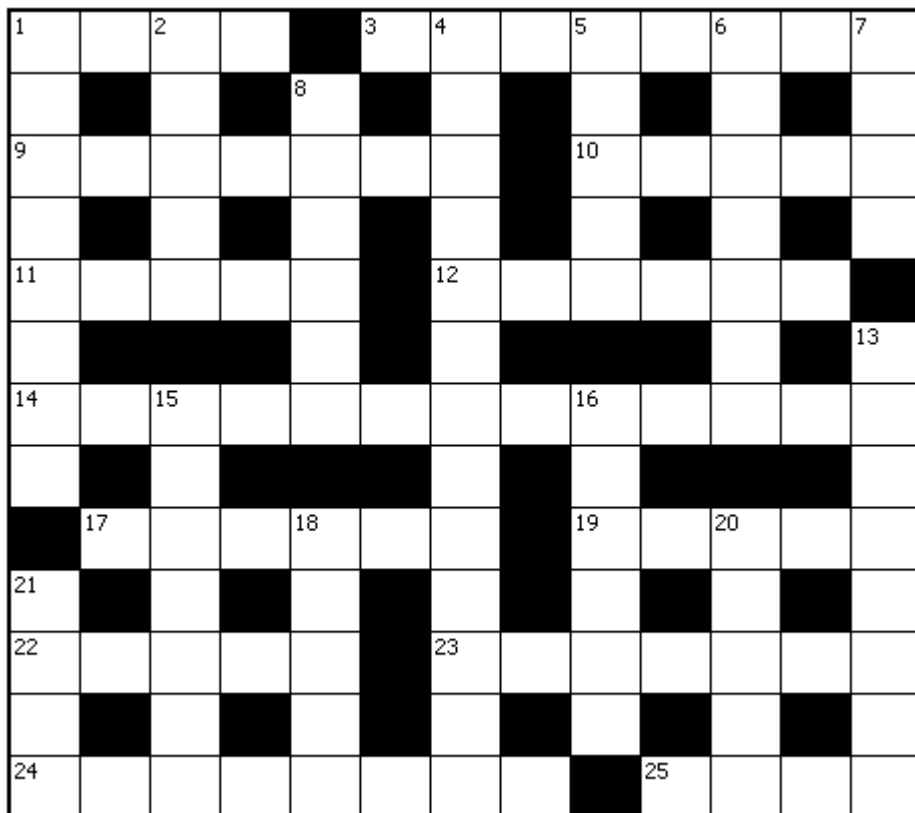
# Men's Group

In October, there will be a skittles evening with food.

This will be at the Jolly Farmer, Bagshot, starting at 8pm on the MONDAY 19th.

Details and menu from Roger Fahey

Please note change of date. Open to all.



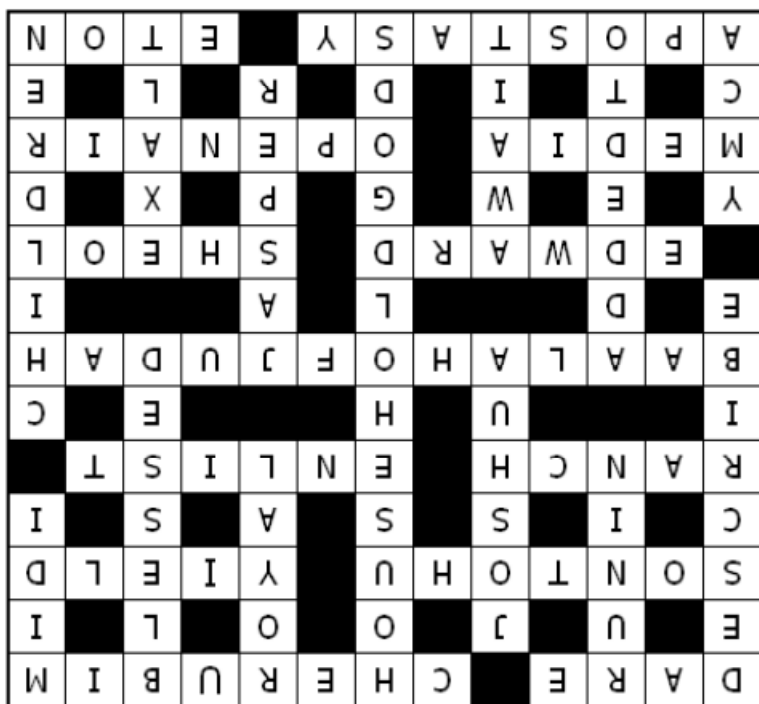
## Across

- 1 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You — to insult God's high priest?"' (Acts 23:4) (4)
- 3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8)
- 9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the — of — , the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4)
- 10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5)
- 11 Where American livestock can be reared (5)
- 12 Listen (anag.) (6)
- 14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5)
- 17 He founded Westminster Abbey, — the Confessor (6)
- 19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5)
- 22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5)
- 23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3)
- 24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)
- 25 Note (anag.) (4)

## Down

- 1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8)
- 2 'I — — the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free' (Psalm 119:32) (3,2)
- 4 'He took the ephod, the other — — and the carved image' (Judges 18:20) (9,4)
- 5 'You are a chosen people, a — priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) (5)
- 6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4–5, 7) (7)
- 7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1)
- 8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
- 13 'Let the little — come to me' (Matthew 19:14) (8)
- 15 'About three thousand were — — their number that day' (Acts 2:41) (5,2)
- 16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this (Revelation 21:18) (6)
- 18 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly — a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5)
- 20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us — his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5)
- 21 Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)

# Crossword answers



The Rector made a lethal mistake when he criticised Joyce's sponge cake.

## Social 16th

Friday October 16th 7.45 - 10pm

This month we are holding a quiz evening at High Cross to raise funds for ASCT. The cost to enter is £3 per person and teams can be up to 6 members. Please do not feel you must have a team arranged in advance, so come along and join in on the night. You do not need to be Brain of Britain! Please feel free to bring friends - the more the merrier!!

Bring your own drinks and nibbles. There will be a raffle to raise extra funds.

## Autumn Fair

High Cross Autumn Fair - Saturday November 7th.

This is our major fund-raising event of the year and we want to make it the best yet!

Donations are welcomed (and needed!) for all stalls:

CAKES TOMBOLA GIFTS PLANTS BOOKS  
CHAMPAGNE/CAVA RAFFLE , DVDs and CDs  
PRODUCE (jam, chutney etc) RAFFLE

These can be brought to the church office from the 1st week in November, or given in on the morning of the fair.

We are hoping to have more games and activities for children and young people this year, so PLEASE tell your friends and neighbours. Buy your Christmas gifts and produce early at bargain prices!

Posters and fliers will be available soon, so please help by taking some to display in schools, shops, car windows etc!

If you are able to help with setting up or on a stall on the day, please see your Elder or one of the Social Team.

Thanks for your support.

# Arthritis Research Campaign

## Quiz Night

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009

The Old Wheatsheaf Pub

Frimley Green

20:00 start

Teams of 4 maximum

Entry fee £4 per head

Have fun and raise money for the Arthritis Research Campaign

*For more information please email  
kathy@thefoys.co.uk  
with "Quiz Info" in the subject line.*

## Epworth Choir

On Wednesday 28th October, the Epworth Choir has a Musical Extravaganza with Staftkapelle Kirchheim unter Tech (wind orchestra) at Guildford Cathedral in support of SSAFA Forces Help .

Performance starts at 19:30 with tickets costing £15, £20 or £5 (West Gallery)

Box Office 01483 750506 or 440000

[www.yvonne-arnaud.co.uk](http://www.yvonne-arnaud.co.uk)

[www.epworthchoir.org](http://www.epworthchoir.org)

Contact Irene Rowe for details

# Crossgroups



Time for Prayer. Meets in the Chapel at High Cross Church.  
There is a Prayer Session each Tuesday at 12.30pm.  
Led by Mary Ireland and/or Andrea Wood.

Evening Crossgroup. Meets in the Annexe at High Cross Church each  
Tuesday at 7.30p.m.  
Co-ordinated by Pam Boyle.

Daytime Crossgroup. Meets in the Vestry at High Cross Church. from  
Wednesday 9th September at 9.45am.  
Studying :- The Holy Spirit.  
For details contact :- Liz

Central Camberley Group. Meets at the home of Jenny and David  
Hattersley, at 7.45pm.  
Studying - Integrated Faith - Making a difference in the real world  
29th September - 1st part  
20th October - 2nd part  
Led by David Hattersley.

South Camberley Group. Meets at the home of Colin & Alison Morey,  
Camberley, at 8pm.  
Acts: Seeing God's Power in Action  
October 19th- Acts 25: 13 - 26: 32 - Testimony before Agrippa  
Led by Sydney Shore.

Berkshire Borders Group. Meets at the home of Andrea & John Wood,  
Sandhurst  
Monday 12th October 8.00pm  
Led by Revd Stephen Thornton

Southern Fringe Group. Meets at the home of Glynis Sweetinburgh,  
Frimley Green  
Matthew's Gospel  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October  
led by Francis Jasper



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OCTOBER BOOK OF THE MONTH

J JOHN 'The Happiness Secret' Foreword by Bear Grylls

It's something we all want. But what is happiness and where can we find it? In this thoughtful and uplifting book, inspirational speaker J John takes a look at the most famous teachings of Jesus - the Beatitudes - to find clues to embracing a life of joy and fulfilment. He unpacks each of Jesus' great sayings, placing them in their first-century context and also revealing how they are applicable in our lives today. (*£10.99*)

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## Regular Weekly Activities

(held in the church unless otherwise stated)

Mondays	12.30pm	Lunch Club
	7.30pm	Patchwork Group
Tuesdays	9.30am	Babies and Toddlers
	12.00pm	Little Angels and Lunch
	12.30pm	Time for prayer
	7.30pm	Crossgroup
Wednesdays	9.30am	Babies and Toddlers
	9.45am	Bible Study
	2.30pm	High Cross Fellowship
	8.00pm	Meditation Group (1st & 3rd Wed of month)
	6.30pm	CRUNCH (for those age 14+) - alternate Wednesdays
Fridays	9.30am	Babies and Toddlers
	5.00 to 6.15pm	Pilots ages 5-10 (year 1- year 5)
	7.00 to 8.30 pm	Refresh ages 11-14 (year 6- year 9)
	8.00pm	Choir rehearsal

High Cross Church is open 7 days a week. Normally two services of worship take place on Sundays and a wide variety of activities take place during the week. The Café @ High Cross is open from 9.30am to 2.30 pm and on Saturdays 10.00am to 12 noon. The Shop @ High Cross is open from 9.15am to 5pm and from 9.15am to 12.30pm Saturdays.

## What's on in October 2009

Wed 7th	6.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm 8.00pm	CRUNCH Prayers for Camberley Meditation Group Pantomime rehearsal ( every Wednesday)
Fri 9th	11.00am	Pinehurst service led by Rev David Hamblin
Sun 11th	2.30pm	Church ramble at Holyport
Tue 13th	7.30pm	Management Committee
Wed 14th	7.30pm	Church Council
Fri 16th	8.00pm	16 Social -quiz night
Sat 17th		Savoy singers
Sun 18th	4.00pm	Pinehurst service led by Mr Sydney Shore
Tue 20th	7.45pm	Church Meeting
Wed 21st	12.00pm 6.30pm 8.00pm	Crosstalk deadline CRUNCH Meditation Group
Tue 27th	11.00am	Crosstalk collation
Sat 31st		Pelly Orchestra

What do you do at 12.30pm each Tuesday?

Why not join us in the Chapel for half an hour for a time of prayer led by Mary Ireland and Andrea Wood? EVERYONE WELCOME

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