



St. Joan of Arc News

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May 2012

Coming Events

May

7	Cabrini Children's Society. Gliding day contact ann.hoggan@cabrini.org.uk
11	Youth Club. Cooking and supper together in the school hall.
13	Christian Aid Week. 6.30pm St. Andrews Church, Farnham. Everyone welcome.
13	"Anchor" session. St. Joan's Centre 7.45 p.m. Contact Carol Harnett.
18	Youth Club. Badminton/Volleyball in the school hall.
22	Saints Helping Us Today. St Therese of Lisieux (Simplicity of Faith). Centre, 8pm.
25	Youth Club. Barbecue.
26	First Holy Communion Day. 9.30 and 11.30am.

June

1 - 11	St. Polycarps. Half Term.
3	Parish Sunday Lunch.
3	3rd Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Walsingham. Led by Mgr. Keith Barltrop and Fr. Andrzej Gowkielewicz.
17	Parish Family Day.
24	Confirmation Day. 2pm with Bishop Kieran.
30	Garden Party. St. Augustines Abbey, Chilworth. 12 to 4pm. Contact www.flickr.com/photos/chilworthbenedictines

ARCAID



Safety Stoves For Tanzania - Updated

In April of last year we told you about a new project that Arcaid are sponsoring.

The Project is the construction of mud and cement cooking stoves in the huts of Tanzanian villagers. These stoves are to replace the open fires in the huts which cause severe burns, scalds and breathing difficulties.

Last year Arcaid sent £500 to Tanzania via a German charity for the construction of 20 of these stoves. The extra Arcaid bonus was our intention to use Arcaid sponsored students at Ifunda Vocational School to build the stoves as part of their training.

Our friends at the German charity have now reported back on the first phase of this project. Including our contribution, a total of 31 stoves had been completed by the end of 2011. There is now a regular production line established out of the school and the students involved are gaining a wide range of vocational skills. All the villagers who have had the stoves installed are very enthusiastic and, not surprisingly, there is now a waiting list.

Arcaid have now decided to support this project further and we are sending £1100 to Tanzania for the construction of a further 30 stoves. We will keep you informed of progress.

There are some photographs of Arcaid stoves installed near Ifunda on the Arcaid noticeboard in the Church porch. As you will see they are built to last. Also as they use collected firewood much more efficiently they give mothers and grandmothers some extra time to care for their families as well as reducing carbon emissions. Please check out this and other projects and see where your money is being spent.

If you are not an Arcaid contributor please check the board for information on our projects and please consider becoming a contributor. There is more information on how to support Arcaid in the Church Porch.

This project is typical of the small, local and auditable project that Arcaid looks to sponsor. If you know of any such projects anywhere in the world please let us know. Thank you all for your support.

200 Club

Spring Draw winners of £100 are :085 Mrs. A. Grech, 103 Mrs. A. Botwin, 156 Mr. and Mrs. M. Smith

The St Joan's 200 Club was founded over 35 years ago and has funded many small projects - the latest being two new and much needed office chairs for Father Niven and Patsy. Thank you all for your loyal support. Some numbers are now available for new members. Please contact Liz Owen.

Comedy

Notes Left in Milk Bottles



Please knock. My TV's broken down and I missed last night's Coronation Street. If you saw it, will you tell me what happened over a cup of tea?

My daughter says she wants a milkshake. Do you do it before you deliver or do I have to shake the bottle?

Please send me a form for cheap milk, for I have a baby two months old and did not know about it until a neighbour told me.

Please send me details about cheap milk as I am stagnant.

Milk is needed for the baby. Father is unable to supply it.

From now on please leave two pints every other day and one pint on the days in between, except Wednesdays and Saturdays when I don't want any milk.

My back door is open. Please put milk in 'fridge, get money out of cup in drawer and leave change on kitchen table in pence, because we want to play bingo tonight.

Please leave no milk today. When I say today, I mean tomorrow, for I wrote this note yesterday.

When you leave the milk please put the coal on the boiler, let dog out and put newspaper inside the screen door.

PS Don't leave any milk.

No milk. Please do not leave milk at No 14 either as he is dead until further notice.

Dear Milkman: I've just had a baby, please leave another one.

Please leave an extra pint of paralysed milk.

Cancel one pint after the day after today.

A bloke sat in his armchair and shouts to his wife, "when I die i'm going to leave everything to you love!"

She shouts back "you already do you lazy so-and-so!! "

A drunk stopped a passer-by and asked the time. The passer by looked at his watch and told him: "I can't work it out," muttered the inebriate, "all day long I get different answers."

My girlfriend thinks that I'm a stalker. Well, she's not exactly my girlfriend yet.

Mothers Prayers Welcomes

Carolyn!



On March 23rd at eleven o'clock' a group of mothers/grandmothers from our Church of St. Joan of Arc and four Catholic mothers who had come to visit us for the day from Slough, gathered together in the Wright Room to welcome Carolyn Hart, our Mothers Prayers Co-ordinator for England and Wales. At our invitation she had journeyed from her home in Devon to speak to us.

After Father Niven had celebrated Mass and we'd all refreshed ourselves with cups of tea and coffee, we sat down to listen as Carolyn spoke about why Mothers Prayers began and how it came about. She explained that the value of Mothers Prayers lies in giving our children to the Lord - into His care - and with our complete trust in Him. As we pray that Jesus will take all our worries and troubles, joys and thanksgiving, we become stronger in faith and in the knowledge that in His good time. all will be well.

Besides Carolyn's talks, we enjoyed a discussion, a small drama, a Mothers Prayers service with song - not to mention being able to enjoy a chatty lunch hour with delicious food taken together in friendship! All too soon, it was time to say goodbye and all of us went away, glad that we had met Carolyn and shared a very happy day together as mothers! *Sheila Thorp.*

Saints Helping Us Today



"Really inspiring!" was the comment from many people who attended last month's session on St Catherine of Siena.

We were encouraged by her teaching that holiness is within the reach of all of us, if we remember that we are "nothing on our own but everything with Jesus".

This month we travel to Lisieux in France to encounter the simplicity of faith modelled by St Thérèse. Presenter David Payne talks on the DVD to Fr Iain Matthew and Fr Michael McGoldrick, who reflect upon St Thérèse from their Carmelite perspective and then we see the spirituality of the Little Way being lived very dynamically in the life of an RE teacher working in a tough South London boys school.

Remember, each of these sessions stands on its own and you can come along even if you haven't

been before. May 23rd at 8pm in the Parish Centre.

Alastair Emblem

Parish Family Day

Sunday 17th June, celebrating the Family of the Parish. Fresh amazing ideas? Are you clever/brilliant? – Come and join the team - phone(ASAP) – Andrew Torjussen or Michael McDonnell.

ASAP - What Does it Mean

Have you ever wondered about the abbreviation A.S.A.P.? Generally we think of it in terms of even more hurry and stress in our lives. Maybe if we think of this abbreviation in a different manner, we will begin to find a new way to deal with those rough days along the way.

There's work to do, deadlines to meet;

You've got no time to spare,

But as you hurry and scurry -

ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

In the midst of family chaos,

"Quality time" is rare.

Do your best; let God do the rest -

ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

It may seem like your worries

Are more than you can bear.

Slow down and take a breather -

ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

God knows how stressful life is;

He wants to ease our cares,

And He'll respond to all your needs -

ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER,

Summer Holiday Fun



With the Summer fast approaching, the hugely popular Tilford Environmental Playscheme offers a great time for children and peace of mind

for parents during the Summer break.

The "not for profit" playscheme, which has been running for over 15 years, and is OFSTED registered, is organised by a committee of local mums and run by a team of fully qualified playworkers, who have been CRB checked. This year the playscheme will run between 23rd July and 3rd August at Tilford Institute and is available to children aged between 5 and 10 years.

The playscheme is set to be better than ever this year with an exciting and varied programme of

activities on offer, allowing children to have fun, as well as experience and develop new interests in a safe and friendly environment. The 2012 programme includes a number of great new activities alongside some popular regulars: visit Hazelbank Nursery in Tilford to do your own planting, bring ideas to life on stage with Farnham Music and Drama, get active with Playball or enjoy the ever popular Ranger Days in Tilford Nature Reserve with Surrey Wildlife Trust.

"As well as a number of environmentally themed activities, we are embracing the two big national events of summer 2012: the Olympics and the Diamond Jubilee," said Jennifer Stearn, Chairman of Tilford Environmental Playscheme. "We are holding an Olympic themed day, with the chance to try out a number of Olympic sports skills and a mini water Olympic morning at Frensham Pond. For the Diamond Jubilee, we will be creating decorations and baking for our very own street party."

"Whether it is creating your own garden art or story, getting up close to local wildlife or "digging into" more about archaeology, there really is something for everyone."

Bookings open on Saturday 26th May at www.tilfordplayscheme.org and early booking is recommended to avoid disappointment.

Parish Sunday Lunch



The lunch on the 29th February had the theme of St George (feast day was on the 23rd). There were red

placemats and white napkins, two small St. George's flags and a leaflet giving some of the background to St. George – life and death and also the myths.

Naturally the meal consisted of roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, carrots and peas, followed by blackberry and apple crumble with cream or custard. As usual there was a choice of sherry before the meal and red or white wine with it, followed by coffee or tea.

The important part of the lunch is the socialising by members of the parish family – as long as there is plenty of conversation the lunch has been a success. These meals are particularly important to people who live on their own and rarely make a full Sunday lunch themselves. The next lunch is on the 3rd June – look out for the details in the parish newsletter.

April Walk Abandoned!

On April 18th- June Christie and I arrived at St. Joan's car park hoping that the rain would have stopped so that we could go ahead with June's planned walk along the North Downs Way close to Guildford - But it didn't - and we couldn't! So we gave up - abandoned our lovely walk - and instead, decided to go for a coffee (or rather a hot chocolate and an almond pastry) to a café in town. It was still pouring 'cats and dogs' when we emerged from the cafe an hour later And continued to do so for the rest of the day! So sorry, but there will be no walk to report on this month. However....!

John Harvey has promised to take us on a walk next month (Monday, May 14th) Beginning at the Donkey Pub at Charles Hill. There's a poster in the church porch with all the details. Newcomers are welcome to join us!.

Sheila Thorpe

Slow Dance

I am told this poem was written by a terminally ill teenage girl in a New York Hospital

Have you ever watched kids on a merry-go-round?
Or listened to the rain slapping on the ground?
Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight? Or gazed
at the sun into the fading night?
You better slow down. Don't dance so fast. Time is
short. The music won't last.

Do you run through each day on the fly?
When you ask how are you? Do you hear the
reply?
When the day is done Do you lie in your bed with
the next hundred chores running through your
head?
You'd better slow down. Don't dance so fast. Time
is short. The music won't last.

Ever told your child, we'll do it tomorrow? And in
your haste, not see his sorrow?
Ever lost touch, let a good friendship die cause you
never had time to call and say, "Hi"
You'd better slow down. Don't dance so fast. Time
is short. The music won't last.

When you run so fast to get somewhere you miss
half the fun of getting there.
When you worry and hurry through your day, it is
like an unopened gift, thrown away.
Life is not a race. Do take it slower, hear the music
before the song is over.

I don't make jokes. I just watch the
government and report the facts'
Will Rogers

Parish Records



We keep a simple record of all our parishioners to help with administration. This record is strictly confidential.

If you are a new parishioner, please let one of the Welcomers know when you enter for Mass. They will give you a booklet of useful information, which includes a form that we ask you to complete for our parish records.

If your family details have changed, please complete one the "Change of Particulars" forms in the porch and give it in at the parish office.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

Baptisms Jacob Petrella and Charlie Cox.

Marriage: Mark Robinson & Pearl Makinwa.

Funeral: Vera Hay.

Useful Contacts

<i>Parish Office</i>	Patsy Clark
<i>Pastoral Team</i>	Contact Parish Office
<i>ARCAID</i>	Jenifer Davis
<i>Organist</i>	Josie Dobson
<i>CAFOD</i>	Joanna Stephens
<i>Bereavement Support</i>	Lily Cloughley Jane Pontifex
<i>Badminton Group</i>	Carol Tutte
<i>Divorced & Separated</i>	Madeleine Stanford
<i>Parent & Toddler</i>	Ildi Evans
<i>Sunday Lunches</i>	Susie Banks
<i>200 Club</i>	Liz Owen
<i>St. Joan's Centre</i>	Julie Crowley
<i>APF</i>	Sallie Wheater
<i>Lifts to Mass</i>	Contact Parish Office
<i>Flowers Co-ordinator</i>	Pat Gordon
<i>Safeguarding Co-Ordinator</i>	Marie O'Donnell
<i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Natalie McLaughlin, Frances Thompson
<i>First Holy Communion Programme</i>	Domitille Johnson Cecilia Woellwarth
<i>Fund-Raising</i>	Michael Maher
<i>Web Site</i>	Mary Nolan
<i>Publicity</i>	Tony Tunstall
<i>Gift Aid</i>	Mike & Margaret Stafford

Submissions and letters about the 'News' should be addressed to the "Monthly News" and e-mailed to stjoansoffice@btinternet.com with 'Monthly News' in the subject line or placed in the box under the rota noticeboard by the Wednesday before the last weekend before publication on the first Sunday of the month.

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