

UPDATE

THE MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR THE
LIVING STONES OF ST PETER'S, ST JAMES'
AND ST BARNABAS' CHURCHES

JUNE 2010



Bill and Gladys had a different approach to Street Evangelism

Rwanda visit 2011

Bishop Jered Kalimba has offered an invitation for a team from St Peters and St James to visit his diocese of Shyogwe and to join our brothers and sisters in Christ at our link Parish in Rugendabari. He has suggested we visit for two weeks in February 2011.

One of our young folk has offered to undertake part of her Gap year working in Shyogwe for a period of three months. She will have her induction time alongside the team that goes out. It would be good if another young person from our two churches might offer to join her and for them to do their three month stint in Rwanda together. The Bishop hopes that our visit will be a source of encouragement to the Christians in his diocese and that it will deepen our commitment to the community in Rugendabari.

I am hoping to take a team of about 8-10 people who may have some skills or back ground that will allow them to engage with their counterparts in Rwanda. The sort of people who might be useful in such a team might include church workers, Sunday school supporters, doctors, nurses, teachers, computer operators, foresters, accountants, administrators etc. However one does not necessarily have to have a specific skill to be eligible for the team.

The Anglican Church in Rwanda would welcome any Godly and prayerful person who feels that the Lord may be calling them to come. **If you feel that you feel God's calling to join this team please contact Don or Ruth Langford.**

****Clarinet Concert in St Peter's****

Winforton Wind will give a clarinet concert in St Peter's Church in aid of The FLIC Project

Saturday 3rd July 7.30pm.

Tickets to include light buffet supper £10

Tickets from from Janet Strevens 268585,
Liz Allen 270890 or The Outback in Church Street.

During the concert Alex Coppock will give a short presentation on the FLIC (Finding Life in the City) Project.

Focus on Healing

9-11 July with John Woolmer
Everyone welcome!

Friday 9th July

7:30pm St James' Church

'The Grand Surprise'

Butterflies and the Kingdom of God

John explores two of his life's passions, butterflies with his stunning photos from across the world and a personal commentary on the Christian faith.

Saturday 10th July

St James' Church: 10:00 – midday

'Healing? Jesus still healing?'

The healing ministry in the church today – inspiring teaching

St James' Church: 7:00pm

Celebration of Healing + Eucharist

Sunday, 11th July

United Service: 10:30am

St Peter's Church

Why not stay on for lunch?

Please remember to collect a
PRAYER FOCUS FOR JUNE
from the back of church.



Monthly Parish Prayer Meeting

Next Meeting: 15th June 2010

Check the Church Notice Sheet or the Website.

St. Peter's Church House

PLEASE COME—ALL WELCOME

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The deadline for items for our weekly Sunday Notice Sheet is Thursday 10.30am.

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The deadline for items for UPDATE is the 20th of each month, email your items to Diana

**For all of this and more
look on our website**

www.spsj.org.uk

Website items to Peter Massey
pwmassage@btinternet.com

Paul's Ponderings

A few years ago James Mercer and I were engaged on the same day in rather different activities. I had to sing a solo in public, a very small part in "Joseph" at St James', and he had to abseil down St Peter's tower. We agreed afterwards we would each have rather done the other task!

This has come back to mind because - see elsewhere on this sheet - I will be abseiling later this month, and having theorised about it, I am now faced with a reality check! Can I convert my assertions into action? And two things immediately link in my mind with matters about my Christian discipleship. Firstly, can I trust myself into other people's plans, preparation and expertise? And secondly, do my actions fit with my words?

We all know that having been called by God into His family, we are immediately interconnected with others - the church. And part of the growing into maturity that is in our Ephesians series (see Eph 4:12,13) is about relating and trusting. In some small way we get a taste of this each Sunday service - we place ourselves into the hands of the service leaders, the musicians, the preacher. I will be placing myself in the expert hands of the staff of "Taste for Adventure" - I'll be fine! Learning to trust is part of our growth in faith.

And we also know how easy it is to *talk* about our spiritual life, our prayers, our Bible study, our lives of service. But we also know that a close examination of our *actions* will not necessarily confirm what we have proclaimed to be the case! Watch me on June 12th to see how I manage the height of the tower, by all means. But please also be prepared to examine yourself to see if your words and your actions are consistent! And if you need resources to reflect with, re-read James' (the Bible one, not James Mercer!) epistle.

Local Scout Leaders Needed

Our local Scout troop - meeting at Scouts' Corner of course - is looking for new leaders.

They meet Wednesday Evenings 7.15-9.00pm

For more details please contact Paul

Jonathan's Clergy Corner Coalition or Compromise?

Coalition has been used, recently, as a dirty word by many journalists (along with other words like proportion, balance and honesty). It's Pentecost, or very nearly, as I write and certainly will be when you read this. As the early church, itself a coalition, waited in anticipation and obedience for the gift of the Holy Spirit that Jesus promised, there was a sense of togetherness.

For a coalition to work there needs to be the willingness, at times, to give ground on some opinions or positions for a greater good. It is in this greater good that unity and togetherness is found. Our country faces large problems both socially and economically.

Similarly, Christians face enormous challenges in society not least being pushed to the margins. Togetherness has never been more important for the Christian message and mission.

We hold many different positions within the church both nationally and locally. We disagree from time to time but as we cry out to God for our nation, for our city and communities, let's also ask God to give us the discernment to know when we are justly standing our ground or merely standing in the way of something greater.

Abseiling with a difference!

Paul will be joining a group of staff and students from RNCB when they will be abseiling down St Peter's Tower on Saturday 12th June. He is unsure whether for this activity being sighted might be a handicap!

There will be sponsor forms around in church, and money raised by Paul will be divided between RNC and the FLIC project. **All contributions welcome!**

Regaining Wonder?

An evening of Inspirational Hymns and Words of Praise

Sunday 20th June 2010

St James' Church

6.30-7.30pm

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND

Why not invite a friend?

YOUTH ZONE

ST JAMES' SUNDAY SCHOOL

During the 10.30 service, we welcome youngsters old and new between the **ages of 3 - 11** to join our groups.

ACCESS

for school years 10-13
For more info call **Andy Clark on 07590 617738**

d2b (Dare to Believe)

School years 7 to 9

St. James' Church 10.30am.

A church based youth group, we meet every Sunday morning during term times.

ST. PETER'S EXPLORERS

on Sunday mornings during the 10:30 service for ages 7-11+.