



Week beginning May 2nd, 2010

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Bringing Life to the Heart of 1066 Country, and beyond

Secret Diary of a Placement Student aged 29³/₄

A diary was found in the church this week, we're not sure who it belongs to, but if anyone recognises the style please let us know, so we can return it to it's rightful owner.

Monday 15th Feb. First day of block placement, and something of a rude awakening after my holiday. Why are people in churches so odd? Was asked if I had a blessed time, and immediately regretted answering that I hadn't been visiting the Vatican so probably not as blessed as it could have been. Not the best start to the week really. Really need to learn to think before speaking. Might start working from home more too.

Tuesday 16th Feb. First day of hospital visiting today, I was probably slightly overdressed in a shirt and tie, and kept being mistaken for a consultant. I was shown two boils, three dressings, but drew the line when one elderly patient tried to show me his haemorrhoids. Reflecting that discretion is the better part of valour, I turned on my heels and literally ran out of the ward and went straight home. Not looking forward to my next visit.

Wednesday 17th Feb. I'm meant to be leading worship on Sunday, but so far the musicians have really let me down, my guitarist has a broken fingernail, the singer has lost her voice and my piano player has had a bad haircut and doesn't want to be seen in public. Surely King David didn't have these problems, or maybe he did, and that's why the Psalms are all so depressing . .

Friday 19th Feb. Have been picking songs for Sunday; Dennis is preaching on John 4 about living water. So far I've chosen *Water of Life*, *Let your living Water* and *River, Wash Over Me*, but still not sure I'm

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really capturing the theme. Considered *You are my Anchor*, but felt the mixed metaphor might confuse some and cause a mass exodus to Eastbourne Harbour. Also thought about *Water Friend we have in Jesus*, but then realised Rob Duffill did that joke at last month's service.

Sunday 21st Feb. Unmitigated disaster at church today. My water-based songs worked a little too well, and Andy attempted to baptise someone with a glass of water — that's a visitor who won't be coming back to Battle any time soon. In the resulting *melée* water was spilt on my amp, which blew up, taking all my arm hair with it. The amp doesn't seem to want to work any more. Was feeling very down about things, but then someone caught up with me after the service, to let me know how well I'd done, and reminded me about Philippians 4:13, which says "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," which I found very encouraging after the week I've just had! Maybe things aren't so bad here after all.

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PS. The events listed in this diary are entirely fictional, and any mention of real people is purely deliberate.

News, notes and prayer opportunities

Sunday 2nd Please remember in prayer **Melvyn Nolan**, preaching at Newhaven Baptist Church in the morning. and at Ashburnham United Reformed Church 6.30pm—everyone welcome to support Melvyn at the chapel in the evening.

• **Brenda Parsons** greatly appreciated the prayers, love and fellowship received while she has been unwell. Also, **Malcolm and Brenda** are delighted at the safe arrival of their 4th and 5th great grandchildren!

At our recent AGM those elected to serve as **deacons** are: **Keith Barnes, Di Blacker, Monica Cook, Murray Comley, Brenda Crew, David Gardner, Ben Garlick, Melanie Gould, Susan Lafarge, Carol Noel, Freda Nolan, Melvyn Nolan, Pat Nolan, John Sanderson, David Walker, Gary Walsh, Garry Williams, Pennie Woodcraft, Peter Woodcraft.**

Those re-elected to serve as **elders** are: **Rob Duffill, Andy Garlick, John Southam.**

Follow-up prayer requested. Last week **Andy** and **Dennis** attended a staff meeting at Battle and Langton School. Andy gave a presentation on "a child's journey of faith," and they both answered questions. Their aim was to see how our fellowship might help support the school's spiritual activities, especially with Assemblies and other areas of the religious curriculum.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Homegroups, Baby and Toddler Group (Thursday), Caterpillar Preschool, Prayer for Middle East and Israel (second and fourth Thursdays at 2pm), and Thursday After School Club as usual, plus:

Sunday, May 2nd. 9am: Chapel Meeting, plus Youth Group, Sunday Club and crèche. (Refreshments after.) • 10.30am: Meeting at Claverham (North Trade Road), plus Sunday Club and crèche. (Refreshments before.) • 4pm: Chapel Service, plus Sunday Club and crèche. • **NO 6.30pm today.**

Tuesday. 9am: Healing Prayer Group. At 10.30am the prayer-ministry team will be available for anyone who comes for personal prayer. • Twelve 'til One: Soup-and-roll lunch. • Tuesday Fellowship. Speaker: **Alan Whitehead.** *All are invited.*

Wednesday. 7.30pm: Bible Study at The Manna House. *All are welcome.*

Friday. 7am: Early Prayer at the Chapel, followed by a do-it-yourself breakfast. *Everyone is invited.* • 9.15am: "Chatterbox" for parents, carers and young children. • 10.30am: Coffee Club. • 12.30pm: Lunch at the Manna for retired people. (Advance booking *essential* on 772192, weekdays between 6pm and 7pm.)

Saturday. See our website for football fixtures.

Sunday, May 9th. 9am: Chapel Meeting, plus Youth Group, Sunday Club and crèche. (Refreshments after.) • 10.30am: Meeting at Claverham (North Trade Road), plus Sunday Club and crèche. (Refreshments before.) • 4pm: Chapel Meeting, plus Sunday Club and crèche. • 6.30pm: Youth Congregation at the Chapel.

Recycling. For some time **June Farrington** has arranged for our plastic, glass and tin to be taken from our premises for recycling. As she is unable to do this at present, there's an opportunity for this valuable service to be undertaken on our behalf. To help, please speak with **John Southam.**

This week **Dennis and Pat** are on holiday with **Andrew.** • If you'd like to read *Word for Today* in Spanish contact **Freda Nolan:** 774984.

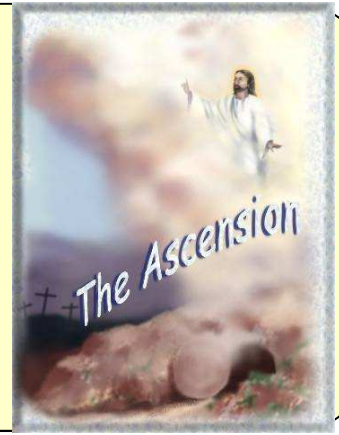
• A guided **Christian Heritage Walk** (about 1½ hours) will take place on Sunday, May 9th, beginning at 2.15pm. *Meet at Abbey Gatehouse.*

Ascension Day Service

Thursday, May 13th

7.30 to 8 o'clock *in the morning.*

There will be no Friday prayer-breakfast that week.



Andy Garlick writes: "Our **10.30 Congregation** needs to build strengths and address challenges in the will of God. Therefore, next Sunday morning, May 9th, we'll pray, and discuss in smaller groups. (Please see the flyer.) *Do plan to be with us on this important occasion.*" •

From August our Football Club needs a **Youth Team Supporter** from the church for the 2010/2011 season, for admin help, and as a link to our Youth Congregation. Please see our poster, and speak with **Gary Walsh** or **Andy Garlick** a.s.a.p. *Thank you.*

Our Football Club **Awards 2010 Line-up**: Beech Hotel, St. Leonards-on-Sea; Friday, May 28th. Tickets £25 (less £10 with Membership). 3-course carvery meal, with musical entertainment Guest Speaker: Dave Roberts (soccer historian and website Editor). •

Ashburnham Place is including an hour of prayer in its schedule each day for the forthcoming General Election. *All are invited to join in.* The hour may vary from day-to-day. Details: www.ashburnhm.org.uk

Memorials of the fight . . .



Why should our exalted Lord appear in His wounds in glory? The wounds of Jesus are His glories, His jewels, His sacred ornaments. Beloved, the wounds of Jesus are far more fair in our eyes than all the splendour and pomp of kings . . . they are the trophies of His love and of His victory. He has redeemed for Himself a great multitude whom no man can number, and these scars are the memorials of the fight. Ah! if Christ thus loves to retain the thought of His sufferings for His people, how precious should His wounds be to us!

— Charles Spurgeon on Revelation 5:6; edited and abridged.

Dennis Nolan (pastor); Francis Willoughby (associate minister);

Our other elders: John Southam (church manager);

Rob Duffill (treasurer); Andy and Jo Garlick.

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