



All Saints' and St. Luke's Parish Page

Dear Friends,

A current advertisement on the TV likens the start of school to launching our children into space, and asks the important question 'Are we launching them in the right direction?' or thoughts to that effect.

As parents, Sylvia and I am are always concerned for our children (even though ours are well and truly 'launched'!). The foundations we seek to help them put in place for life are so important. We can try to 'model' them in our own lives, and help our children to value those things that we value, but in the end they will make up their own minds.

What we believe, or don't believe, is part of that 'modelling' picture. The frightening thing is that our children 'pick up' our mistakes and often don't see the things we don't see because we aren't 'seeing' ourselves.

Jesus can help us to 'see': ourselves as God sees us; the world around us and how the pieces of the life jigsaw fit together; valuing other people; providing a 'value system' that puts first things first. He lived out this way of life, his faith and life integrated into a seamless whole, he modelled what he taught others to grasp for themselves.

As this new academic year begins, perhaps our prayer should be 'Lord, help me to see.' May God guide and bless each of our families at the start of this academic year, and enable us to 'be there' for one another, as Jesus is always present to guide and help on the path of life's journey.

With my warmest greetings

Revd Richard Zair

Prayer of the Month:

Loving God,
Thank you for the beauty and diversity of the world around us.
Thank you for everything that is beautiful, good and true. Above all, thank you, for giving us your Son to be our saviour and friend.
Teach each of us to know more of you, our Creator, and, rejoicing in you, to be as generous to others as you are to us.
Amen.

SEPTEMBER calendar:

- Sat. 4th September: 8.00 am. Men's breakfast at the Sports and Social Club.
- Wed. 15th September: 12 noon. Café resumes after the summer break at the Sports, Scouts & Social Club.
- We will be having a sermon series exploring questions relevant to all of us:
Sun 12th Sep – Do all roads lead to God?
Sun 19th Sep – Science or faith?
Sun 26th Sep – Can I trust the Bible?
All welcome.

Parish People (July & August):

The funerals took place of Mrs. Muriel Baker, formerly of Marcham, Graham Hill of Parkside and Ken Kidd of Howard Cornish Rd. We offer our prayers and condolences to all their families.

Regular services:

Sundays at All Saints': 10am and 6pm
(8am first Sunday)

Wednesdays: 10.30am Holy Communion at Duffield Place

Sundays at St. Luke's: 10.30 am on the first Sunday of the month

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