



## **FAMILY MATTERS**

Issue 4 - May 2010

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL in MAY and JUNE:**

**16<sup>th</sup> May:** no Sunday school. Because of the Watercress Festival there will only be a short service without Communion.

**23<sup>rd</sup> May:** no Sunday School. There will be an all-age Celebrate service for Pentecost

**30 May:** the first weekend of half term; there will be no Sunday School as members of the Sunday school Team will be away. Sorry!

**6<sup>th</sup> June:** We will be launching a new theme entitled "Only Jesus" - True path, True growth, True guide".

There will also be Sunday School on **20<sup>th</sup>** and **27<sup>th</sup> June**, **4<sup>th</sup>** and **18<sup>th</sup> July** before we break for the summer holidays.

### **SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

It's hoped that there will be some activities for children on Sunday mornings during the summer holidays. Look out for more information.

### **ELEMENT**

We've just heard about this new youth event for young people in The Diocese of Winchester. They say it is like no communion service you've ever experienced, with live music, pizza, creative stations, reflection and loads of space to chill. Best of all... it's free! It's from 7-9pm at Romsey Abbey on Saturday 9 October 2010. Let Rolly know if you're interested.

Six months already since the last newsletter - I blame the snow...

In this edition we give you information about Sunday School and services in May and June, and notice of a couple of special events.

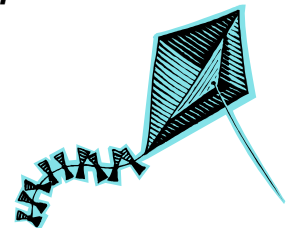
I hope you find this occasional newsletter useful and informative - I haven't received any feedback or suggestions for future editions, so I am just guessing at what to include! I'm hoping meanwhile that no feedback equals good feedback, but it would be nice to have something to go on; and some contributions, particularly from younger people.

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## **FLYING HIGH**

**A Fun Church Activity for 4 to 10 yr olds**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2.00pm – 4.30pm**  
**John Pearson Hall. £2 00 per child.**  
**Contact Rolly to book a place.**



### **HELP!**

**Can you help with running the crèche on Sunday mornings? You don't need to have young children of your own, or to be available every Sunday of the year. Please contact Rolly if you can offer any assistance.**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNION PROJECT

We have been delighted at the way the Communion Project has gone. Not only have we learnt more in Sunday School about ourselves, our fellow church members and the point of the Communion service, but - thanks to Pat and Phil - so have many of the other people at St John's. And the special Communion Service which we held on 25<sup>th</sup> April was a huge success. All the children and young people who took part in running the service did a **brilliant** job and we have had loads of positive feedback. It was a lot of work - but worth it! And we hope to be able to get involved in other special services in the future.

## USEFUL INFORMATION

<p><b>SERVICES</b></p> <p>A reminder of services particularly aimed at families:</p> <p><b>Second Sunday Service</b> - a short, all-age informal service at 9.30 followed by drinks &amp; cakes in the John Pearson Hall: <i>13<sup>th</sup> June, 11<sup>th</sup> July, 8<sup>th</sup> August etc</i></p> <p><b>Sunday @ Six</b> - 6.00pm - a modern approach to worship - prayer and praise for all ages: <i>16<sup>th</sup> May, 20<sup>th</sup> June, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 15<sup>th</sup> August etc</i></p> <p><b>Celebrate Service</b> - 9.30 family service with a special theme: <i>Pentecost 23<sup>rd</sup> May</i></p>	<p><b>Sunday School</b> is held each Sunday in term time during the 9.30 service (except Second Sunday and "Celebrate" services). We start in church, then go into the John Pearson Hall for worship, music and activity groups for different ages. All children are welcome - every week or just now and then.</p> <p><b>SUNDAY SCHOOL TEAM</b> <i>Rolly Thomas (736256; <a href="mailto:rollythomas@waitrose.com">rollythomas@waitrose.com</a>)</i></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"><i>Liz Boreham</i></td> <td style="width: 50%;"><i>Susan Luckham</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Sue Smith</i></td> <td><i>Margaret Stewart</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Diana Wooldridge</i></td> <td><i>Ewart Wooldridge</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Richard Paget</i></td> <td><i>Sandy Young</i></td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pat Clegg's number: 01962 736566</i></p> <p><b>Crèche</b> - available for babies and toddlers in the John Pearson Hall during the 9.30 services. Even when there is no formal crèche, at any time during services you are welcome to take your child to the hall for some "time out".</p> <p><b>Chatterbox</b> - a group for parents and toddlers - Thursdays 10.00 -11.30am - for more information <i>contact Liz Hoar (07557 946070)</i></p> <p><b>A chance for peace and reflection</b> - for (amongst others) busy parents - Friday morning Communion 10.00am and Saturday Quiet Communion 8.30 am</p> <p><b>The church</b> is open every day. You are welcome to come in even just for a few minutes to enjoy the quiet; you can use the library, or write in the prayer book if you have something special on your mind.</p>	<i>Liz Boreham</i>	<i>Susan Luckham</i>	<i>Sue Smith</i>	<i>Margaret Stewart</i>	<i>Diana Wooldridge</i>	<i>Ewart Wooldridge</i>	<i>Richard Paget</i>	<i>Sandy Young</i>
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<p><b>Children in church</b> - we aim to make children feel welcome and relaxed in church. If you have very young children please feel free to use the table and chairs, the colouring materials and the books in the library corner of the church during services (other than family services and Second Sunday). Please supervise your own children. If you'd like to suggest any other provision for children contact Rolly, Pat or any member of the Sunday School Team.</p>	<p><b>CRB checks</b> If you have a role which involves contact with young people, children or vulnerable adults at St John's, please speak to <i>Sarah Connell (736226, <a href="mailto:n.sconnell@sky.com">n.sconnell@sky.com</a>)</i> to arrange for a CRB check.</p>								

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