



St Peter & St Paul's Church, Cranfield

NEWS & DIARY

July/August 2010

Information and Contacts

Rector:

Rev. Hugh Symes-Thompson
Tel 750214
revhugh@symes-thom.
freeserve.co.uk

Churchwardens:

Andrew Pearson 751358
Andy Garner 751117

**Latest date for entries into
Church News and Diary
for September 2010 is
Monday 9th August**

Send to:

Diana Lord,
43 Mill Road, Cranfield
01234 750951
Or
Susan Webster
sue@dodgycat.wanadoo.co.uk

The editors reserve the right
to make alterations where
necessary.

Printing donated by Derek Jones
Distribution organised by Joan
Rees

**If you would like to
receive *The Church
News & Diary* in a larger
print, please contact
Joan Rees or the
Editors**

Its Going to Happen!

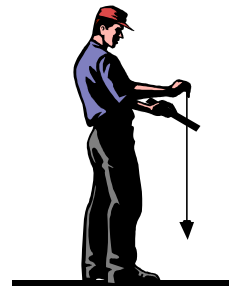
Work to re-order the back of the Church is set to start in September. The PCC have signed a letter of intent to accept the tender offer by Meadway Construction (Marston) to build a servery, toilet and church room at the west-end of the Parish Church. There will also be a balcony area above to retain our seating capacity and access to the bell ringing chamber.



At this stage we are still short of the total funding which would include replacing the substandard plasterwork in the main part of the church and internal painting throughout. We have £130,000 available/promised and the total price is £167,000 including fees and VAT. While we feel confident to start, there is no getting away from the importance of raising the outstanding £37,000 fast

to complete the job. If we are fortunate some of this may come from further grants for which we have applied – but over the next few months we must seek to be both generous and creative to achieve this target.

Our normal patterns of worship are going to be notably different while the work goes on. From September 20th the back half of the church will be handed over to the builders. We will hold our services in the front section of Nave and Chancel. But there will be no access under the Tower and no bell ringing possible. Larger services like Remembrance Sunday, Christingle etc will need to be re-planned and our Harvest Sunday on October 18th will feel quite different. In January/February we will meet in the finished 'new' west end of the church while the builders have the rest of the church for plastering and painting. (That is assuming we have raised the shortfall to pay for this second phase.) If all goes according to plan everything will be finished by March and we can re-adjust to a much more user friendly building.



It is going to be a challenge for us as a church and community. However I expect it to be very positive. We can get too used to things happening in familiar ways. So when we are forced to rethink our activities, then new possibilities arise and new friendships are formed. It will be a mission opportunity for our church to grow - with people able to be part of fresh initiatives and developing new skills. Let us do as it says in Psalm 37 v5: "Commit your way to the Lord. Trust in him and he will act."

Hugh Symes-Thompson



"Every year Children and parents comment on the fun and action that makes this week the very best of a long summer holiday. Spread the word and invite your friends for this jungle adventure with lively music and plenty of drama!"

Sponsored Swim - 1,000 lengths in September

The Rector is planning to take on this challenge in September as part of a Cranfield 3-man team. Along with Doug Yeeles and Graham Ayre (each of us contributing our 333 lengths at Newport Pagnell's Middleton pool), the aim is to raise funds for the Church room, toilet and redecoration. Between us this is close to the length of a Channel Swim. But we will do it in small chunks. Hugh normally swims lunchtimes 2 or 3 times a week while Doug and Graham are early risers. We are also hoping to get a women's team of three together to show that Cranfield is multi-talented in the pool and double the sponsorship possibilities. More info in Cranfield News.



cpas
cpas

We will be supporting CPAS in our retiring collections from July to September. CPAS is an Anglican evangelical mission agency working with churches, mainly in the UK and Republic of Ireland. It was through CPAS that Hugh was appointed Rector here at Cranfield and they continue to support us with advice and prayer when needed. Their mission is to enable churches to help every person hear and discover the good news of Jesus Christ.

To find out more visit: www.cpas.org.uk/about-CPAS/mission-and-vision.

DIARY FOR JULY 2010

Day	Time	Service/Event	Venue
Thursday 1st	10.30am 7.30pm	Bible Study (& each Thursday up to 16th July) Bellringing Practice (and every Thursday)	Rectory Cranfield Church
Friday 2nd	8.00pm	Home Group – Contact A. Pearson 751358	
Sunday 4th	8.00am 9.15am 10.30am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Service	Cranfield Church Hulcote Cranfield Church
Tuesday 6th	7.30pm	“Sounds Familiar” (and every Tuesday)	Baptist Church
Saturday 10th	10am– Noon	Pewtop Sale	Cranfield Church
Sunday 11th	9.15am 10.30am 4.00pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Prayers in Church	Salford Cranfield Church Cranfield Church
Sunday 18th	8.00am 9.15am 10.30am 11.45am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Family Service Friends of Church AGM	Cranfield Church Salford Cranfield Church
Monday 19th	7.30pm	PCC Meeting	Rectory
Friday 23rd	8.00pm	Home Group – Contact A. Pearson 751358	10 Church Walk
Sunday 25th	9.15am 10.30am	Holy Communion Holy Communion	Salford Cranfield Church

Thanks from Edwin in Kenya - June 2010

'Thank you for the Christmas gift 867.90 (ksh?). I bought a mattress and 1kg baking flour.

How are you? I am fine with members of my family. I am glad to tell you the members of my family are happy because of you. They love you and send you greetings. From your child, Edwin.'

For over ten years we have supported Edwin Murangale through 'Compassion'. He is now a young man of 19 and in 1st year polytechnic, living in a remote village in Western Kenya. Each month we send £21 and if you could help provide this for one month please sign up on the list in the porch..

DIARY FOR AUGUST 2010

Day	Time	Service/Event	Venue
Sunday 1st	9.15am 10.30am	<i>No 8.00am Holy Communion</i> Holy Communion Morning Service	Cranfield Church Hulcote Cranfield Church
Monday 2nd – Friday 6th	10.00am - Noon	<i>'Jungle Jamboree' Holiday Club</i> For 5 – 11s	Baptist Church
Thursday 5th	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice (and every Thursday)	Cranfield Church
Sunday 8th	9.15am 10.30am	Holy Communion Holy Communion	Salford Cranfield Church
Sunday 15th	8.00am 9.15am 10.30am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Family Service	Cranfield Church Salford Cranfield Church
Sunday 22nd	9.15am 10.30am	Holy Communion Holy Communion	Salford Cranfield Church
Sunday 29th	8.00am 9.15am 10.30am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Morning Service	Cranfield Church Salford Cranfield Church
SEPTEMBER			
Thursday 2nd	10.30am	Bible Study resumes	Rectory
Saturday 4th	10am–Noon	Pewtop Sale	Cranfield Church

MOTTO 2010 **“Your life must be controlled by love”** Ephesians 5 v2

ROLLING PRAYER

This month, please pray for:

- ◆ The residents of Rowan Way and Maple Way.
- ◆ Holiday travellers and visitors.
- ◆ CPAS.
- ◆ 'Jungle Jamboree' Holiday Club.
- ◆ Christian youth camps and outreach.