

NEW YOUTH MINISTER

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS

As many of you know, it was with great sadness that Chris Nicholson informed us that because of family circumstances he would be unable to join us as our new Youth Minister. This meant that the search to find the person to follow on from Chris Steynor was back on.

From the 70 people who had expressed an interest in our vacancy, two were outstanding - we would have been very happy to offer the job to either of them. Chris Nicholson was one and Dianne Rhodes was the other. When we offered the role to Dianne she was delighted to accept.



Dianne comes highly recommended and has a wealth of experience of both Youth and Children's ministry. She has been working for the last 12 years in various Anglican Churches in Northern Ireland where she is also the Diocesan Advisor on Youth Ministry. She has outstanding pastoral and creative gifts and she was very popular with everyone that she met when she visited us. Dianne has even led a team of young people in a 3 week mission to Rwanda building homes for returnees of the Genocide. She will join us in mid August and will hit the ground running co-leading our Holiday Club. We are really looking forward to her joining our church family and ministry team.

TAKING THE PLUNGE

PRAISE GOD FOR THE FOUR PEOPLE WHO WERE BAPTISED

On Sunday 22nd May four members of our church family: Janice Balfour, Alice Wilson, Michael DuMas and Tim Telford publically declared their faith in Jesus Christ and committed themselves to following him. The church was packed with many, many visitors, the atmosphere was electric and there was a tremendous sense of the Holy Spirit's presence as they each told their story. Thank you to everybody who came to share in their joyful day, this was an evening to be remembered and an example of church at it best.

HELEN GARRATT'S ORDINATION

Please pray for Helen Garratt as she prepares for her Ordination at Chichester Cathedral on Saturday 25th June at 4.00pm and as she prepares to serve as a Curate at Southover.

If you would like a ticket please give your name to Steve Daugherty. The supply is limited and they are on a 'first come, first served' basis.

HOLIDAY CLUB 2011 THE LOST JUNGLE

The Holiday Club this year is from Tuesday 30th August to Friday 2nd September at Southover School. As always we need lots of volunteers of all ages for this **whole church ministry** to children.

Please contact Chris Steynor to volunteer and Judy Yeomans to book a place for your child.

HIGHAM CHORAL GROUP CONCERT IN SUPPORT OF RWANDA RAINWATER HARVESTING

Praise God! About 180 came along to enjoy a varied programme and high standard of singing from the Higham Choral Group on 28th May. In the interval Rob demonstrated a new water filter which turned muddy water into drinking water which he and David Harvey drank enthusiastically (without ill-effect!) £1307 was raised for rainwater harvesting projects in Rwanda. Thanks to Daphne Harvey and Jan Hoy and their team of helpers for all their hard work.

WELCOME TO ENOCK OUR CAREFORCE VOLUNTEER

After the disappointment of Samuel Yesashimwe withdrawing his application to be our next Careforce volunteer we are delighted to let you know that Enock Layonza from Uganda has applied to come to us. Enock is 24, he speaks 3 languages, has a degree in Economics and has pioneered Christian Ministry in Uganda's largest university.

Following a telephone interview with Enock a recommendation was made and accepted by the PCC to invite him to be our next volunteer.

This is dependent on his obtaining a visa. Please pray that this will be granted so that Enock can start his exciting ministry with us among students at Sussex Downs College this September.

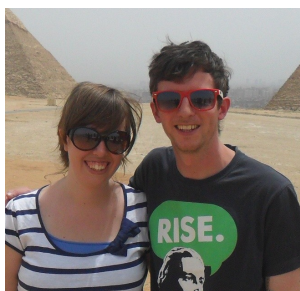


WELCOME BACK

JOHN AND FRITHA

Hello, we're John and Fritha Washington and we have spent the last five months training to be missionaries with Youth With A Mission (YWAM).

We spent three months in Switzerland, undertaking some intense Bible study and practical training. This was followed by two months in Cairo, living out all that we had learnt and trying to bless the people of Egypt in this turbulent time. We spent our time working with street kids, orphans, Coptic Christians in 'garbage city' and sharing our faith with those we met. We must have spoken to at least a thousand people about Jesus, and this was obviously very exciting for us!



We promised you that we'd try to come home with a clear vision for our future, and God has been very kind in this. We now have friends in Ukraine who are pioneering a new YWAM base outside of Kiev. This base will focus on working with orphans and evangelism. The long term vision is to set up a family style orphanage that takes young people once they are too old to stay in a state orphanage. Too often these teenagers commit suicide or end up in prostitution, and our aim would be to love them and to give them a good foundation to make wise choices for their lives. We will also be doing some outreach into Moldova, where many people are trafficked.

In September we will be flying to Ukraine, to get used to the adjustments we'll have to make. We will come back for the Christmas season and will then make plans to move to Ukraine long term. Your prayers for financial support, overseas friendships and linguistic skills will be much appreciated. Please do come and chat!

CONNECT - PARTY IN THE PARK 2011

CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACE IN OUR COMMUNITY

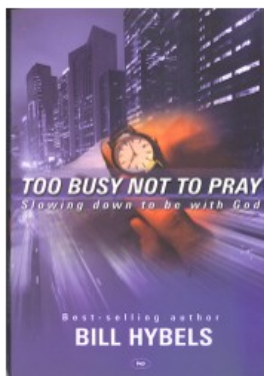
The whole church family, all four congregations, have an opportunity to meet on Sunday 19th June in Southover Church Hall from 1:30 to 4pm to celebrate our life together at Southover. This event always proves to be very relaxed and enjoyable and as ever there will be a range of activities for all ages to enjoy at leisure during the afternoon including a string quartet, inflatables, pimms, cream teas, face painting and team games. Please do come and invite your friends.

Call Steve Daughtery or contact the Church Office at office@southover.org.uk to book you place. Costs are £3 per head or £10 per family.

NEW TO THE BOOKSHELF TOO BUSY NOT TO PRAY

"Prayer is an unnatural activity" is how Bill Hybels starts his book. And as I read those words, I immediately felt more comfortable! Although I know how vital it is, I have never found praying easy or natural.

Bill Hybels' excellent book does not make us feel guilty about an activity which we know we should do better. Instead, it gently deals with some of our unhelpful misconceptions about prayer.



This book left me wanting to develop my prayer life further, not out of a sense of duty, but because I wanted to.

Bill Hybels really knows what he is talking about. He tackles the hard questions and unlike many books on prayer, this one not only focuses on why we need to pray but it gives really good practical suggestions on how to actually do it. I wholeheartedly recommend it to everyone!

COMING UP IMPORTANT DATES

11th to 12th June
Southover Men's Sailing Group
Yacht charter on the Solent
Call Martin Smith or Trevor Meadows

25th June
Passion Play Barn Dance
7:30pm St. John's Sub Castro Church Hall
£7.50 per adult, £5 per child, £20 per family (2+2).

25th June
Helen Garratt's Ordination
Helen is ordained deacon at 4:00pm in Chichester Cathedral

16th July
Lewes Sings Gospel
Grand Summer Concert at Southover Church
Call Alison Eccles

22nd July to 24th July
Women's Away weekend at Penhurst Christian Retreat
Limited Places
Call Jeanette Clifton

Tuesday 30th August to Friday 2nd September
Holiday Club at Southover School
Call Chris Steynor to volunteer and Judy Yeomans to book a place for your child