

JUNE 2018

Panshanger Church

Knowing God, Growing in the Holy Spirit, Going in Christ's Name

Message from Reverend Hayley

As we enter this month I still have the words of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry in my mind as he spoke at the Royal Wedding. The starting point of his sermon was a quote from Martin Luther King Jr: "We must discover the power of love, the power, the redemptive power of love. And when we do that, we will make of this whole world a new world. But love, love is the only way." 'There is power in love. Don't underestimate it. Don't even over sentimentalise it. There is power, power in love.' Bishop Michael added.



These remind me so much of the words of Jesus in John 13:35 'by this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.' This is a call for us a church to take seriously the words of Jesus and to love one another - love doesn't mean we brush differences under the carpet, it means we work all things through with a respect and a love that only comes from God.

My prayer is that we as a Church we will have a full revelation of God as love and that we would learn to live in that love.

Blessings
Rev'd Hayley

Worship Song of the Month

This month chosen by Josh Mockridge

Run Wild by For King and Country

"I chose this song because I like the music and the meaning behind it" You can listen to Josh's worship song of the month by clicking on the link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-jGszyoRrMU>



Thy Kingdom Come

17 people from Panshanger attended the Thy Kingdom Come Beacon event at St Albans Abbey on May 19th. Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby had come straight from the wedding of The Duke and Duchess of Sussex to speak at the event and he had a special guest with him, Bishop Michael Curry! Our very own Rev'd Hayley was also asked to speak! If you haven't yet managed to watch the service you can do so by clicking on the link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EzVUrEcavMo&t=570s>



Baptist Union Assembly

On 12th May Rev'd Hayley, Nicolette, Sarah, Sue & Jack attended the Baptist Assembly. It was a fantastic day, starting with a time of Worship led by Greenford Baptist Church. This shared Worship was amazing with songs from all over the world including Nigeria and the Caribbean. Rev'd Dianne Tidball, who spoke at Panshanger earlier this year, completed her year as President of the Baptist Union and The Rev'd Dr Dave Gregory took over the role. We heard inspirational stories about the work of BMA in Afghanistan. After lunch we chose from a range of seminars. The day was very encouraging and inspiring. Next years Assembly is in Telford, if you are interested please let Sue Markwick, our Baptist Rep. know.



Games Afternoon is on the 4th Wednesday of the month 3:30-5:30pm. This is an All Age event and we would love to see more people there! You might fancy a challenging game of Scrabble or a quick game of Ker-Plunk and a chat, theres something for everyone! Why not invite a friend or neighbour!

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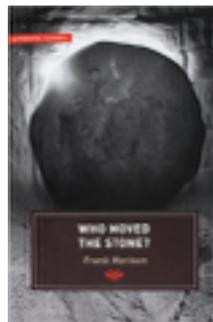
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Book Review

This months Book Review is by Marion Norcross

Who Moved the Stone by Frank Morison

On my travels along the path of becoming a Christian I have had and have many questions. I was given this book many years ago when I started growing and questioning the life of Christianity



Morison had a deep interest and curiosity to unravel the mysteries of Christian beliefs. In writing this book he explores and unravels, in depth, the story of the last days of Christ before His death and His resurrection as told in the four Gospels.

Morison began by trying to unravel the mystery of Jesus only to feel that His life was over as He was sentenced to death. This then led him to approach the dilemma of the missing body in different ways. He arrived at the conclusion that Christ had risen from the grave from his conviction that the story originated from a small group of ordinary people- not this of high rank, and the news spread rapidly, and has remained faithful in the telling over the years.

In compiling his notes Morison came to be convinced of the truth of the resurrection and set out his reasoning in the details in this book.

I found this an interesting and powerful tool when questioning Christianity, this book has certainly helped me on my way to my belief that 'Christ is Risen Indeed' So be it.

Memory Verse: 1 John 5:14-15

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of Him.

Charity invites carers to free support events this Carers Week

Carers Week is from June 11th – 17th and charity Carers in Hertfordshire is inviting people who look after someone due to their age, illness or disability, along to the free events it has planned around the county.

The charity provides information, advice, learning opportunities and other support to Hertfordshire's carers and among its Carers Week events, in response to requests from carers, is an Accommodation Information Event in Welwyn Garden City. Carers attending will be told about Hertfordshire County Council's Accommodation Strategy and have a chance to hear from a panel of housing providers about what they offer and ask them questions.

They will also be able to find out about different housing options in Hertfordshire such as supported housing, sheltered housing, flexicare housing and shared lives. The event takes place on Wednesday 13th June 2018 from 10am – 3.30pm and if you wish to attend please book a place via Carers in Hertfordshire on 01992 58 69 69 or email contact@carersinherts.org.uk

The charity will also have an information stand outside the Howard Centre on Saturday 16th June from 11am – 3pm.

You can find a list of Carers Week events in Hertfordshire at www.carersinherts.org.uk/how-we-can-help/carers-week-2018



Easy Fundraising

Have you registered with Easy Fundraising? This is a really easy way to raise money for Panshanger Church as you shop on line. You can raise money when shopping for anything from your summer holiday with Tui or Easy Jet, your weekly food shop, renewing your car or travel insurance, cinema tickets and lots more. Once registered, the companies you use will donate money to your chosen charity. To register and choose Panshanger Church, just click on the link:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/panshangerchurch/>



Panshanger Church Fantasy World Cup Football

The World Cup 2018 kicks off on Thursday 14th June and with that so does the Panshanger Fantasy world Cup! You can create and enter your team by going to

<https://fantasy.fifa.com/en/home>

Once you have selected your Team you can then enter the Panshanger Church League by entering the code: **LDEGHCRK** It is FREE to enter and the will be a Trophy up for grabs for the winner!

We would also like to congratulate Debbie & Hannah Mockridge on winning this years Panshanger Church Fantasy Football League! They managed to knock James off of the top spot on the last day of the season. This means that every member of the Mockridge family have now won the title!

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