

A Ministry Team is available at each service to pray with you. Please come to the chancel at both services, either during Communion or after the service. Please come for prayer whatever the problem, for encouragement or to give thanks for something.

We have a hearing loop available in the church and we would like to ask hearing impaired people to sit near the centre (within the loop) and switch their aids to the T setting in order to gain the benefit of this facility.

THE ARK - could we remind parents that the Ark is for children 8yrs and under and should only be used if supervised by an adult.

Please remember to collect your children from Junior Church promptly and that children are parents responsibility after the service. Please help them to take care in the car park and the surrounding grounds. Thank you.

There is a health & safety issue with large cars and people carriers parking in the bays alongside the road as they overhang the pavement and also obstruct the view of drivers trying to exit the main car park. We are asking that if you have a large car which does block the pavement please could you park elsewhere to ensure safety for everyone in that area. Thank you.

We do not take a collection at all our services. If you would like to give an offering towards the continuing work of the church here, please place it in the plates at the back of church, or give it to one of the stewards. Thank you.

Diary dates for August are now available on the website. Please ensure that you regularly look at the website, to keep fully up-to-date with all that is going on at St Stephen's and in the surrounding area.

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**The Church office is now open Mon-Thurs
9.00-12.00 Noon**

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Welcome to

St. Stephen's Church, Shottermill



Sunday 24th July 2010

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Wave launch service
Lion Green

'The Parable'

Readings

Isaiah 6,1-10(p690) Psalm 78,1-8(p589)
Matthew 13,1-17(p978)

Next week

Holiday Club and the Wave

Sunday 1st August 2010

10.00am Holy Communion

**'Honouring God, following the example
of Jesus and sharing his love in our community'**

If you are with us for the first time, we are especially pleased to see you. No matter who you are or where you are on your spiritual journey, we hope that you will be able to meet with God through our services. God, through His Holy Spirit, wants to meet each of us in a special way - to transform us. We believe that God still communicates with us today. God may speak to you as an individual - He may give you something to share with the congregation. If He does, please write it down and give it to Danny or whoever is leading the service

House Groups - we currently have 8 house group meeting at various times during the week. We will be increasing the number of groups in the autumn term and would like to encourage as many people as possible to join a group. For more information and to register your interest in joining a group, please fill in the House Group Questionnaire and return it to the office by the end of July.

We are arranging a trip to **Bletchley Park** (home of the code breakers during the war) on the 18th September. The cost is £20 per person which includes entrance fee, tea/coffee and biscuits on arrival, a cooked lunch (cottage pie or vegetarian option) and tea/coffee and muffins before we leave. The cost of the coach has been covered by a grant from the Shottermill War Memorial Fund. The coach is leaving at 8.30 in the morning from the church and we should be back by 18.30. It is a long day but should be a wonderful experience. As always we should be delighted to welcome any friends you care to bring along. The only stipulation is that there are only 49 seats on the coach! Please put this date in your diary and if you are interested please speak to me. Vanessa Kemp

Lurgashal Open Air Theatre

Thursday 29th July 2010

Prime Time is arranging another trip to see The Pantile Players perform in the open air at The Noah's Ark Pub in Lurgashal. This year the play is 'What Ho Jeeves' by P.G. Wodehouse. Tickets cost £11 We will have a B.Y.O. picnic on the village green first, at 6p.m. and serve coffee and cake in the interval. Lifts will be available. Sign up list will be available in Church

Holiday Club Drama - actors wanted!

If you would be available to take part in the drama at this year's holiday club I would love to hear from you. You would need to be available for an hour or so during the afternoons of 26th to 29th July when the Holiday Club is running as part of The Wave. There are some parts that are not every day. This is always great fun - no lines to learn - we use clipboards! Want to know more? You know you do! Let me know. Debs x

Wanted: Home made cakes for the Wave Cafe. The cakes made last year went down very well so this year we would like to offer home made cakes again in the Cafe as well as Fair Trade goodies. If you are able to make a cake or two please contact Helen Mitchell on h Mitchell@dsl.pipex.com or 01428 722814. Cakes are needed every day from Monday 26th to Friday 30th July.

Dear St Stephen's family,

This last few months, and particularly this first few days in the parish, has taught us that there are special times when the grace and goodness of the Lord are lavishly poured out through the generosity of the people he puts around us.

We have been so overwhelmed by all the cards you have sent full of warmth and affection and the amazing cornucopia of goodies that we discovered in our kitchen on Wednesday morning. What is more you managed to choose most of the things that would be in our 'what would you have for your final supper' list (does anyone else play that game?), including home made bread and fruit cake and a pint of Hogs Back 'Tea'!

Because of your shared generosity it will be difficult to thank you all personally but we did want to say how much we all have appreciated you making us feel so loved from day one.

We look forward to meeting you over the coming weeks and sharing in this great adventure of faith that our Father is leading us into.

With much love and thanks.

The Carpenters (Giles, Rachel, Jessie, Libby, Charlie and Monty)

Forthcoming Services

25 July	WAVE Launch Service on Lion Green	9am HC 10.30am MW
1 Aug	The Kingdom of God is like.. Sower & Weeds	10am FC
8 Aug	Latin Link Hidden Treasure & Pearl?	9am HC 10.45am FW
15 Aug	Mustard Seed & Yeast	9am HC 10.45am FW
22 Aug	Workers in the Vineyard	9am HC 10.45am FC
29 Aug	Wedding Banquet	9am HC 10.45am FW