

BULLETIN

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

2019



At the start of the new school year, we hit the ground running. Children starting school, activities and clubs starting up again, the calm of the summer is replaced with business. But in the midst of this our souls need us to slow down, find times to rest, to play, to pray. Let this be one of those moments:

“Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God’s peace; from our vain ambition’s worry, come to Christ and find release.”

Marva Dawn in
“Come Away from Rush and Hurry” (1999)

The apostles returned to Jesus and told him everything they had done and taught. Many people were coming and going, so there was no time to eat. He said to the apostles, “Come by yourselves to a secluded place and rest for a while.” They departed in a boat by themselves for a deserted place.
Mark 6:30-32

Have you ever been so busy that you have forgotten to eat? Only when you step aside do you realize that you have missed a meal. When you take time to rest, you realize just how hungry you are.

When the disciples come up to Jesus they are overjoyed at all they had been doing. They were teaching in his name. They were doing the work of justice and healing. They wanted to share what they had done and probably expected words of praise from Jesus. Instead, Jesus offers them rest – for they had been too busy to eat.

The call of Jesus demands everything. He calls us to love God with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength. To love God well, we need to *be* well. Without rest and food, how can we give God our full hearts and souls, our attentive minds, and our playful energy?
Come away and rest for a while.
Return refreshed and see what God can do.

Lord Jesus, let me follow your example of stepping aside to rest for a while. There is always work to be done, but my soul comes first. Fill my soul with faith for the journey. Amen.

Rest now in God, throughout the hurry of your day
Finding a space to pause, to pray, to play and in that space of rest and re-creation remember:

You are enough

Because Christ is enough

Amen.

Adapted from D365.org By Kyle Caudle



**Church Meeting
followed by
Bring and Share Lunch**

**September 15th
After the morning service**

REPORTS FOR THE CHURCH MEETING

HOLIDAY CLUB:

Holiday Club took place between July 29th.

We had a fantastic week where the general opinion was that it was one of the best. Support from the team of volunteers was amazing and it was clear to see that the children had a great time.

The teaching focus was Jesus' last week in Jerusalem so there were excellent opportunities to present the Gospel. We pray that the seeds will take root.

TODDLERS:

Toddlers is continuing to go well with a group of regulars attending.

SPARK/YOUTH CLUB:

Spark restarts on 5th September for School years R to 5. We will monitor attendance and the age distribution to ensure we are meeting the needs of those attending

The new joint youth club with Christ Church Nutfield begins on 8th September. Plans are all in place and we are looking forward to this exciting venture.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

We are returning from our summer break so nothing to report.

FF@3:

We return with Family Fun at 3 on 28th September after our summer break.

COFFEE CLUB:

Coffee Club continues to be a popular event with good attendance numbers.

HOUSE GROUP:

House Group continues on a Tuesday evening with good attendance. We are currently meeting in the church to accommodate numbers.

FABRIC:

Nothing to report.

CHILD PROTECTION:

Nothing to report.

INFORMATION

PARENTS:

Could we remind you to collect your children from Sunday School straight after the service. The team need to pack away and cannot assume responsibility for children after the service.

HEARING AID USERS:

We have a hearing loop; please turn your hearing aid to the setting "T".

FAMILY FUN @ 3

Family Fun @ 3 is a family orientated, community congregation that normally meets on the 4th Saturday in the month from 3.00pm - 5.00pm. If you are able to join us as a volunteer "Enabler" it would be great to see you. If you would like some flyers to hand to family or friends then please see Jonathan.

"LITTLE ARK" TODDLER GROUP:

Term-time Thursdays, from 9.00 till 11.30am. Speak to Maxine for more details. There will be a Teddy Bears picnic in August – please ask Maxine for details.

HOUSE GROUP:

House Group meets each Tuesday evening at 8pm. Please speak to Jonathan or Jon for the venue.

SPARK (From September):

5.30pm - 6.30pm Term time Thurs.
For children in Reception to Yr5.

COFFEE CLUB:

Coffee Club meets every other Friday at 10.30am for the more "senior" members of our fellowship and community. There will be tea, coffee, cake, board games and other fun activities. Coffee Club will meet on September 13th & 27th and 11th and 25th October

PRAYER:

Regular prayer takes place at the Tuesday House Group and there is a Women's Prayer Meeting on Wednesday mornings in term-time. If you have specific prayer requests then please contact Jonathan.

YOUTH CLUB:

6.00pm - 7.30pm Term time Sundays. For children in Yr6 and up. 8th Sept at Christchurch, Nutfield and 22nd September at Earlswood Baptist Church

PRAYER AFTER THE SERVICE:

There is an open invitation for prayer at the end of each morning service. If you would like prayer, with or without the anointing of oil, then please make your way to the front row of chairs during our closing songs.

CALENDAR: OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2019

OCTOBER:

Tue 1st 8.00pm House Group
 Thu 3rd 9.00am Toddlers
 5.30pm Spark
 Sat 5th 7.30pm "Enter" Worship
 event at Merstham Baptist
 Church
Sun 6th 10.30am Communion
Service led by
Jon Bartlett
6.00pm Youth Group
@ South Nutfield
 Tue 8th 8.00pm House Group
 Thu 10th 9.00am Toddlers
 5.30pm Spark
 Fri 11th 10.30am Coffee Club
Sun 13th 10.30am Morning
Worship led by
Rev. Jonathan Hardwick
5.30pm North Downs/Gatwick
SEBA Celebration @ Reigate
Baptist Church
 Tue 15th 8.00pm House Group
 Thu 17th 9.00am Toddlers
 5.30pm Spark
Sun 20th 10.30am Family Service led
by Rev. Jonathan Hardwick
6.00pm Youth Group
@ EBC
 Tue 22nd 8.00pm House Group
 Thu 24th 9.00am Toddlers
 5.30pm Spark
 Fri 25th 10.30am Coffee Club
 Sat 26th 3.00pm FF@3
Sun 27th 10.30am Morning
Worship led by
Rev. Jonathan Hardwick
 Tue 29th 8.00pm House Group

NOVEMBER:

Sun 3rd 10.30am Communion
Service guest speaker:
Val Beckwith from
Mission Aviation Fellowship
6.00pm Youth Group
@ South Nutfield
 Tue 5th 8.00pm House Group
 Thu 7th 9.00am Toddlers
 5.30pm Spark
 Fri 8th 10.30am Coffee Club
Sun 10th 10.30am Service of
Remembrance led by
Rev. Jonathan Hardwick
 Tue 12th 8.00pm House Group
 Thu 14th 9.00am Toddlers
 5.30pm Spark
Sun 17th 10.30am Family Service led
by Rev. Jonathan Hardwick
6.00pm Youth Group
@ EBC
 Tue 19th 8.00pm House Group
 Thu 21st 9.00am Toddlers
 5.30pm Spark
 Fri 22nd 10.30am Coffee Club
 Sat 23rd 3.00pm FF@3
Sun 24th 10.30am Morning
Worship led by
Rev. Jonathan Hardwick
 Tue 26th 8.00pm House Group
 Thu 28th 9.00am Toddlers
 5.30pm Spark