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dear friends

I have to confess to being a fan of the music of Michael Jackson and have just indulged myself by listening yet again to the album 'History: Past, Present and Future.' One song that Jackson wrote always stops me in my tracks. Just read the words of 'Earth Song'.....

What about sunrise
What about rain
What about all the things
That you said we were to gain....
What about killing fields
Is there a time
What about all the things
That you said was yours and mine.....
Did you ever stop to notice
All the blood we've shed before
Did you ever stop to notice
The crying Earth the weeping shores?

What have we done to the world
Look what we've done
What about all the peace
That you pledge your only son.....
What about the flowering fields
Is there a time
What about all the dreams
That you said was your and mine.....
Did you ever stop to notice
All the children dead from war
Did you ever stop to notice
The crying Earth the weeping shores?

I used to dream
I used to glance beyond the stars
Now I don't know where we are
Although I know we've drifted far

Hey, what about yesterday
What about the seas
The heavens are falling down
I can't even breathe
What about the bleeding Earth
Can't we feel its wounds
What about nature's worth
It's our planets womb
What about animals
We've turned kingdoms to dust
What about elephants
Have we lost their trust
What about crying whales
We're ravaging their seas
What about forest trails
Burnt despite our pleas

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What about the holy land
Torn apart by creed
What about the common man
Can't we set him free
What about children dying
Can't you hear them cry
Where did we go wrong
Someone tell me why
What about babies
What about the days
What about their joy
What about the man
What about the crying man
What about Abraham
What about death again
Do we give a damn

A poignant reflection on the world and its peoples. Each of those last lines is interspersed in the song with an echo of voices asking 'What about us?' Jackson questions God, humanity and the relationship between the two in his questions and it would be easy to get drawn into that sense of desperation, wondering what we can do, what difference can we make? And yet we have the answer.....the answer is in the story that we have just celebrated.....the story of EASTER. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him may not die but have eternal life.' Jesus said, 'I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.' If we do 'give a damn', and I really hope we do, as to whether people are experiencing life in all its fullness or not, then we have a part to play. As Christians we are Easter people....called to share the new life that Jesus offers the world through his teaching and example, the life that God longs for creation to have. And you're right to think that it's a huge task and you're right to ask the question 'What difference can I possibly make?' We can't change the world by ourselves however together as followers of Christ and with God's guidance we can change individual lives, we can change communities.

music in worship

The range and variety of music and singing that we share at SHMC is appreciated by many. It is of special note that the young people, supported by some of their teachers, organised by Rosemary and encouraged and led by Peter, have grown in confidence and ability. The worship songs both before and during worship enhance the worship experience. The youngsters rehearse every Friday evening and it is this commitment that shines through. For those of us that are less familiar with the modern songs the opportunity to listen and learn is being diminished by those who arrive at church and wish to greet and chat to their friends. Wherever possible it would be so much better if this 'catching up' could happen in the vestibule once the music group have begun to sing.



We are very fortunate that we have such a lively and enthusiastic group of young people and we should show how much we value them by listening to their contributions to worship with courtesy and participate as often as we can.
Lets celebrate together!

As a youngster Robert Louis Stevenson was looking out of the window one evening at the Edinburgh street in which he lived when the old-fashioned lamplighter came past on his rounds. The boy's nurse called him to come and have his supper, but he couldn't bear to tear himself away from this remarkable sight. 'Look, look!' he cried, his face pressed against the glass, 'There's a man out there punching holes in the darkness.'

What about the crying man? What about the babies? We can each punch holes into the darkness of the lives of the poor and the oppressed; we can encourage others to think about the environment. We can be Easter people! And we have two opportunities now, this month. Christian Aid Week 15th -21st May. And our own church project in South Africa, Esperado Children's Haven. Why not find out a little more about the work that's happening, the people involved, pray for Christian Aid's partners around the world, for Sophia and all the youngsters at the Haven. We can make a difference. As Christians we are called to, and should have a burning desire within us to want to, respond to the cry 'What about us?'

God bless you
Liz

**family news
and prayer concerns**



We remember in our prayers

ROSEMARY & EVANGELINE WAV-ELL on the death of Mike, a be-loved husband and father. Mike accomplished a great deal in his lifetime and many tributes will be paid to him at his funeral on Thursday 5 May at St Thomas' church. We are privileged to have known him as a friend and a member of our congregation. He will be greatly missed and we send our love & prayers to his family.

JOHN JOHNSON has had some very bad days in the past few months and, although he bravely tries to conceal his health problems, they are just below the surface. We hope in this warmer weather his health will improve.

JAN LE BOUTILLIER was suffering from a nasty chest infection for a few weeks but she is much improved and back at church.

We also remember in our prayers our housebound, elderly or frail members and friends - they are part of the rich tapestry of our church family.

BIRTHDAYS in April: MILLIE CLOAREC, NORMAN DE LA HAYE, MAUREEN RAYSON, ANNIE TURPIN

.and others not mentioned here! May you be surrounded by God's love as you journey into another year.

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spring trivia quiz

1. The Dashwood sisters, Elinor & Marianne are in which Jane Austen novel?
2. What is the final event in a Decathlon?
3. Who narrated Thomas the Tank engine on British TV?
4. Andrew Lloyd Webber wrote the music to which Boy-zone song?
5. Which comedy duo appeared in the last episode of The Sweeney?
6. Who was queen for just 9 days in 1553?
7. Who was William Frederick Cody better known as?
8. In which year were Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles married?
9. Who is the patron saint of London?
10. To whom is Westminster Abbey dedicated?
11. In the song "Son of a preacher man" who was the only one that could reach Dusty Springfield?
12. What sport means 'empty hand' in Japanese?
13. What is significant about the death of Ruth Ellis in 1955?
14. What is the oldest daily newspaper in England?
15. In the TV show 'The Simpsons' how is the character of Robert Terwilliger better known?
16. Which sport features in the phonetic alphabet?
17. How many boxes are used in the UK version of 'Deal or No Deal'?
18. The legendary creature the Griffin has the head of which bird?
19. Which American President gave the order to withdraw from Vietnam?
20. The winner of which sporting event is awarded the 'Venus Rose Water Dish'?

Answers on page 6

almost there....

Pat hopes to be in her new cottage very, very soon:-
Pembury
3 Allandale Court
La Rue du Becquet Vincent
Trinity JE3 5FL
Tel: 747353



beetle drive

Did you ever play 'Beetle' when you were younger?

Well, come and relive those times on **Friday 27 May, 7.45pm at St Helier Methodist Centre**; we'd prefer children over 7 years old and tables of 4 adults/or children.

Tickets £5 adults; £2.50 children; includes coffee/tea and cake. Proceeds for church funds.

Advance date for your diaries.....
Saturday 10 September - an afternoon Apple Fest. Details in later issues of the Magazine.

All I need

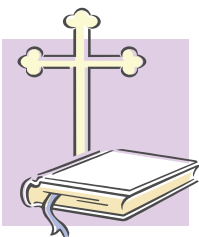
All that I need
Is this to know
My Saviour died for me,
And let the thought embrace my soul,
Christ's blood has set me free.

Released from all the guilt and shame,
The penalty of sin,
Death hath no hold, my heart is free,
I am alive in Him.

Alive in Christ!
To do His will,
The centre of my days,
My every thought and action be
His glory and His praise.

But my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus....

Philippians 4 v19



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walking the dog

A woman was flying from Melbourne to Brisbane. Unexpectedly, the plane was diverted to Sydney. Along the way, the flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft, the plane would re-board in 50 minutes.

Everybody got off the plane except one lady who was blind. A man had noticed her as he walked by and could tell the lady was blind because her guide dog lay quietly underneath the seats in front of her throughout the entire flight. He could also tell she had flown this very flight before because the pilot approached her, and calling her by name, said, 'Kathy, we are in Sydney for almost an hour. Would you like to get off and stretch your legs?'

The blind lady replied, 'No thanks, but maybe Buddy would like to stretch his legs'.

All the people in the gate area came to a complete standstill when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a guide dog! The pilot was even wearing sunglasses. People scattered. They not only tried to change planes, but they were trying to change airlines!

Remember... things aren't always as they appear.
(true story)



food, food, bogof.....

Could you buy one extra tin or packet of **non-perishable food** each week or month and donate it to the Grace Trust?

The Grace Trust make up food parcels for needy islanders every month and also provide a hot meal each Saturday throughout the year. They rely on the generosity of local people for gifts of food and money to continue this work.

There is a box in the church office in which to leave your gifts. Wouldn't it be wonderful if it could be filled each week?

Remember - just one tin or packet from everyone would easily achieve this!



leprosy mission update

It is a while since I last updated you on the amount that we as individual members and groups of the congregation have been able to send to the Leprosy Mission as a result of collecting £1 coins in the special phials that Jean Le Maistre left with us last year.

I am delighted to tell you that the total to date is now £376.00 for which the Mission is most grateful.

Again, a big 'thank you' to all of you who collect in this way. I still have a number of phials available for anyone who would like to start collecting for this worthwhile cause, so please do not hesitate to ask if you would like one. Just a reminder that the phials are designed to hold £20, the cost of a cure for one sufferer, although many of you seem to manage to squeeze £21 into them, so that is a bonus!

Grace.

much to learn?

Vesuvius is a volcano and if you climb up to the top you will see the creator smoking.

A Protestant is a woman who gets her living through an immortal life.

The Mediterranean and the Red Sea are connected by the Sewage Canal.

Appendicitis is caused by information in the Appendix.

Gravity was discovered by Isaac Walton. It is chiefly noticeable in the autumn when the apples are falling off the trees.

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Situation vacant!

Church treasurer needed for St Helier Methodist Centre starting 1st September 2011

Do you have a head for figures and an eye for detail?
Can you draw up budgets and balance the books?

Are you computer literate?

Is this work that God is calling you to?

If so, please speak to Rev Liz Hunter, or Tony Hefford for more details.



esperado children's haven

In 2006 SHMC decided that we would undertake a project that was outside of the church community; one that the whole church could support and that would widen our commitment to the Christian way of life. A number of people brought projects to the church and it was agreed that we would take on the Haven, a small orphanage in South Africa that is run by a family and that has very little government funding. We would support this project through prayers and the donation of £50 per month to The Friends of Esperado, a group of three Jersey couples who were the first to highlight the needs of the Haven in 2006.

It was also felt that we wanted a closer more personal relationship with The Haven.

To that end, after a mammoth fundraising effort, 5 senior members of the Junior Church accompanied by 5 adults went out to The Haven. Whilst there we painted the whole house, cleared and dug over a field bought 22 fruit trees and planted them and bought a second hand pickup truck which was essential for bringing things such as firewood and donated food to the Haven.

Through The Friends of Esperado our money has contributed to the buying of a mini bus which transports the children to and from school, large water storage butts, mattresses and much needed every day cleaning materials.

In 2010 The Haven found themselves without electricity as they were unable to pay their bill. Because of our continued efforts at fund raising we were able to give a one off payment of £3,000 to clear the debt.

Unfortunately The Haven continues to have problems with paying for electricity and at the moment no solution is immediately forthcoming, but we would ideally like to see solar panels etc being used at The Haven so as to help with its need for self sufficiency. Fund raising remains essential if we are to continue to try and make a small difference to the lives of the children who are supported by The Haven.

open church

Spring has sprung and summer seems to think it is almost here too. There has been a noticeable increase in visitors to the island in the past few weeks and many are now wending their way up to the Centre to have a look around. In order to keep the church door open we need volunteers to act as 'stewards' for a few hours a day. Please consider signing up for a stint each week/fortnight between 10am & 3pm. There is a list in the vestibule but you can also let Pauline, in the office, know what you can do.

You meet some very interesting people and most really appreciate our lovely building. Occasionally someone comes seeking peace & quiet and a safe space to be alone. It is good to be able to offer a quiet welcome.



Matopeni slum, Nairobi

When in 2009 Christian Aid worker Rachel Stevens went to Matopeni slum in eastern Nairobi she thought it was the worst conditions she had encountered in 10 years of working for development charities. The squalor, the rats, open sewers, constant threat of eviction from one-room homes that often flooded were bad enough but worst of all the residents believed they had been forgotten.

A special project funded by Christian Aid began. A Kenyan organisation Maji na (MNU) working with the local Matopeni community constructed new drains and installed clean water points. This encouraged the government to build a toilet and shower block in the slum, transforming the lives of the 2,000 Matopeni residents.

A year later there has already been a huge impact on diseases such as malaria and diarrhoea. The involvement of the residents has reinforced the community spirit.

This year Christian Aid has launched a manifesto for change - **poVERTy over** - which aims to deal with the 8 fundamental issues of poverty:-

- climate change
- conflict
- corruption
- disaster
- food & agriculture
- health
- inequalities
- tax

More people need to understand these issues and act on them.

We have a chance to make a difference even though so far removed from the areas of the world most severely affected by these issues.

Christian Aid week runs from 15 - 21 May this year and helpers are needed to collect donations in the

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Farmer Loyce Nkala stands amid her drought-devastated maize crop in Filabusi, south-west Zimbabwe.

island. If you can spare some time to help, please speak to Pat Tourtel and please pray for all the collectors in the UK as they encourage people to give so that others may have a chance of life out of poverty.

Christian Aid is an international development charity working with all faiths and none in around 50 countries to eradicate poverty. Check out the various websites and be moved by the stories of deprivation and encouraged by the success stories where help to help themselves has rebuilt lives and communities. The task is huge and needs all of us to respond positively.

Please give generously of your time, money and prayers.



a prayer

God, good beyond all that is good, fair beyond all that is fair. In you is calmness, peace and concord. Heal our divisions, draw us into your divine nature, and through the embrace of your love make us one in Spirit. Amen.

Dionysius of Alexandria (d,264)

One coin in a bottle rattles; the bottle filled with coins makes no sound.

Talmud

Spring quiz answers

1. Sense and Sensibility
2. 1500 metres
3. Ringo Starr
4. No Matter What
5. Morecombe and Wise
6. Lady Jane Grey
7. Buffalo Bill
8. 2005
9. St Paul
10. St Peter
11. Billy Ray
12. Karate
13. She was the last woman to be executed in Britain
14. The Times
15. Sideshow Bob
16. Golf
17. Twenty two
18. Eagle
19. Richard Nixon
20. Ladies Singles at Wimbledon

Rascals Return

What do I mean by this name?
This is a different name for a Family Rascals Day, with a difference. On 12th April we gave a chance to all the children who had left Little Rascals recently to come back with their mums and younger siblings and enjoy the activities that they had done, when they used to attend Rascals themselves. Because they are older we did more art activities, and had a theme. I then brought the morning to an end with songs and short message - and of course Mr Bible!



We have run these days before and they are always appreciated and well attended.

family worship themes 2011

May 29th	'Remember, remember' Joshua
June 12th	Pentecost
July 24th	'Lost Property' God searches for his people
August 21st	Holiday Club Service

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thoughts of a child?

A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand. And led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand. "Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked. "He died and went to Heaven," the Dad replied. The boy thought for a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?"

A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's computer. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied "I can't read."

Grandma was in the bathroom, putting on her make-up, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter, as she had done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper goodbye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper goodbye.....



**The heron's a saint when there are no
fish in sight.**
Bengalese Proverb



worship

may 2011

1st	10.30am	Local arrangement led by Esperado group
6th	10.30am	Morning worship Mrs Pat Tourtel
15th	10.30am	Morning worship & Holy Communion Rev Graeme Halls
19th	3.30pm	Messy Church
22nd	10.30am	Aldersgate Sunday—a celebration of Wesley hymns Rev Liz Hunter
	6.30pm	Circuit service at Bethlehem
29th	10.30am	Family worship Rev Liz Hunter
	pm	Sunset service at Corbiere

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News and views welcomed -
advertise your planned events -
report on events you have shared

The next magazine is due out on
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don't forget.....

Coffee bar 10am-12noon Mondays & Wednesdays

Monday **Baby Rascals** group 2-3.30pm
Tuesday **Little Rascals** Parent/toddler group 10am-12

Wednesday **Prayer time** 12noon-12.30pm
Communion service 12.30pm –1pm
Lunchtime Rascals 12.30pm-3pm

N.B. Rascals groups are 'term time' only.

Friday **Lunch and 'stay-a-while'**

House groups: Tuesdays (tel:730109)

Thursdays (tel: 877310)

Check your pigeon holes in the hall foyer for
messages.
Read the church notice boards regularly - you might
miss something really interesting!



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cake sales for Esperado after
family worship on 29 May

