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**“I will lead the blind by
ways they have not
known, along unfamil-
iar paths I will guide
them.”**

Isaiah 42:16

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A Way, never before

When Joshua was about to lead the people of Israel into the Promised land, he issued a command to them to watch as the ark of the covenant of the Lord God was carried forward towards the River Jordan. We can read how they crossed the Jordan in Joshua chaps. 3&4, but an important instruction was given to them: *“When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests, who are Levites, carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it. ⁴Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before.’*

Note, they were to follow the ark in order to know which way to go because they’d *‘never been this way before’*.

That phrase came as a challenge to me recently. Now, I realise that you might think that for someone who was happily married for forty years, and who is now embarking a second time on that honourable state, it seems a bit ripe that I’m thinking it applies to me—and indeed Sandra. But It’s something we don’t imagine happening to us when we are happy with our first marriage partner. Yet this is where the Lord has brought Sandra and me—and, notwithstanding all our experience of marriage, neither of us has passed this particular way before.

The Israelites were to follow the ark—the visible symbol of God’s presence with them. And in their organised marching battalions they’d been doing that for forty

years. In a sense, so had we—in seeking to walk with the Lord.

But now they had to follow carefully in a different format, with the ark leading the way. It had been a familiar sight in the midst of them for so long. Now it went before them into uncharted territory. Some things would be the same, but new experiences, fresh challenges faced them—which they would overcome and find joy and rest, as long as they carefully followed the Lord.

It strikes me that one of the dangers they had to beware of was familiarity breeding contempt. They could have imagined they knew it all after so many years of experience. But they needed a transforming look at the Lord (via the ark), a renewed trust in His faithfulness and a fresh determination to obey Him.

I think that’s probably what us newly weds will need. But, frankly, it’s what we all need—for, in one sense, whatever the future holds for us, we’ve not passed this way before.

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PS. *May I, on behalf of Sandra and myself, thank you all for your loving good wishes and the welcome that you have given to Sandra in the past weeks. May the Lord bless you in your prayerful support.* S

Fellowship News:

Please remember Rosetta Myers in your prayers. She has been unwell just recently and is to see a consultant.

Please pray for John Polson's father who has just had a cancer operation. Remember him in the coming days as, although the op should be helpful in extending his life expectancy, the cancer is likely to be terminal. The family will value our thoughts and prayers in this time of uncertainty.

A Grave situation? Solicitors have been undertaking their legal procedures in the Car Park project and Andrew Cooke has had frequent contact with them and Saxon Weald, seeking to ensure the project has not become buried in their files. Meanwhile the arrangement that Nigel Steere has had with Contractors to be on standby to commence work is in danger of having to be put down. Please pray that the delays and frustrations may soon be laid to rest and that we will be able to look forward to a resurrection of the area behind the church.

CHURCHES FOR PRAYER IN THE AGBC(SE)

02 Highbury (G Gobbett)

09 HORSHAM (S Piggott)

Leadership succession of the fellowship is a matter of prayerful consideration as we look ahead into 2009. We also request prayer regarding finalising legal document-ation with a local housing association for access to construct off road car parking.

16 YATELEY (A Reynolds)

The Lord has blessed us with the conversion of one of our young people and a steady stream of new people meeting with us. Please pray for fruit from our Life 08 exhibition in September.

23 AYLESBURY (A Harvey)

We are encouraged by attendances and applications for membership. Please pray for Steve Dennis who will be joining us in summer 2009 as Assistant Pastor, and for our restructured youth work ministries.

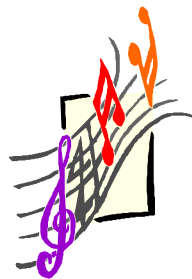
DORKING (B Maidstone)

30 KENSINGTON (J Smith)

Tear Craft Sale at the Church

Be sure to reserve the morning of Saturday 8th November 10am—
12pm.

Tear Craft, Fair Trade, Christmas cards



Little Verse

Little Verse has now been running for over a year and we are very encouraged by its success. In addition to our regular Monday morning sessions we have run a Christmas and Easter special, a Mums' Breakfast on a Saturday morning and a Teddy Bears' picnic. Since re-starting in September following the summer break we have been delighted to welcome a number of new mums with young babies coming to join us and we now regularly have approximately 25 mums, dads and grandparents plus babies and toddlers attending.

In September we launched Little Verse on Sundays 2, a class aimed at 2 year olds offering songs, short Bible story and craft activities. Unfortunately, so far no-one from Little Verse has joined us, citing Sunday as a 'family day'. We are hoping in the New Year that we might be able to offer this same type of session on a Monday morning, concurrently with Little Verse, using the upstairs Sunday School rooms. However, with the number of regular helpers we are already stretched and are therefore **looking for extra help**. We would love anyone from the church to join us on a Monday morning, maybe just once a month, no special skills required, to help offer a welcome and refreshments. **If you are interested in learning more, please ask one of us.**

Little Verse is a wonderful opportunity for us to reach out to people in our community and show them God's love. A number of the mums who come have commented on how nice and friendly we are, and we feel this to be a really important work.

Hazel, Gill Beadle, Gill Burley, Heidi, Jan, Katie.



From Helen Smith

14th October 2008

Hi All!

Sorry it has been so long since I've been in touch!

I have just gone into my third of four years in my primary teaching course and I still love teaching! As some of you know I had some problems with bullying in my first year, but the year I have now joined could not be more different! I have made some amazing friends, most of whom are Christians, and we are King's Arms Students!

The King's Arms is a lively church specifically aiming to meet the needs of young people and also the homeless. We are currently hoping to buy our own building! We need prayer for this though as it is a lot of money and requires a complicated change of use that we may not get permission for.

Other than that, my course is going well and I'm doing pretty well. As you may have heard I was hit by a car on 7th October but I wasn't hurt too badly and am recovering well! I have had so much support from friends and family and a lot of prayer so I feel quite blessed.

At the King's Arms we've been really feeling that God is on the move which I think is really exciting.

Hope you are all well.

God bless,

Helen

Roland Fidge.

We were due to have Roland with us for ministry on the 16th, but unfortunately, after a fall followed by 8 weeks in hospital, he is still recovering and is unable to be with us. Please pray that he will make a full recovery. Roland enjoys an active retirement in Axminster, Devon, and was formally pastor of Three Bridges Free Church and Lower Kingswood Evangelical church.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Romans 12: 2

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Saturday	1st	8.30am 12.30pm	Early Prayer Steve & Sandra's wedding. 12.30pm Carey Baptist Church, Reading. All friends welcome at the church
Sunday	2nd	10.30am 6.30pm	WORSHIP SERVICES TEAR Fund Sunday: Services led by Andrew & Rachel Cooke. Communion am
Monday	3rd	10.30am	Little Verse
Wednesday	5th	11.00am 8.00pm	Mill River Lodge Service Prayer & Bible Study : 5 Mallow Close
Thursday	6th	8.00pm	Banner Group
Friday	7th	10.00am 8.00pm	WAM Bible Study— 54 Blakes Farm Road, Southwater Pathfinders
Saturday	8th	8.30am 10.00am	Early Prayer led by Andrew Cooke Tear Craft Sale & refreshments
Sunday	9th	10.30am 6.30pm 8.00pm	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES Matt Steel Rick Warner Outreach UK Prayer meeting
Monday	10th	10.30am	Little Verse
Tuesday	11th	2.30pm 8.00pm	Afternoon Fellowship Leadership Meeting—venue to be announced
Wednesday	12th	10.30am 8.00pm	Gillette House Service Prayer & Bible Study: 70 Blackbridge Lane
Friday	14th	10.00am 8.00pm	WAM Coffee 18 Swan Close, Southwater Pathfinders
Saturday	15th	8.30am	Early Prayer led by Stuart Beadle

Sunday	16th	10.30am 6.30pm	WORSHIP SERVICES To be announced Stuart Beadle + communion
Monday	17th	10.30am	Little Verse
Tuesday	18th	8.00pm	Church Action Group—Rehoboth
Wednesday	19th	7.45pm 8.00pm	Area Prayer Meeting—Epsom Prayer & Bible Study—The Bungalow, Pease Pottage
Friday	21st	10.00am 8.00pm	WAM Bible Study— 70 Blackbridge Lane Pathfinders
Saturday	22nd	8.30am	Early Prayer led by Simon Mason
Sunday	23rd	10.30am 6.30pm	WORSHIP SERVICES Kevin Borrett David Ansell
Monday	24th	10.30am	Little Verse
Wednesday	26th	8.00pm	Prayer & Bible Study - 165 Tanbridge Park
Friday	28th	11.00am 8.00pm	Page Court Service Pathfinders
Saturday	29th	8.30am	Early Prayer led by David Piggott
Sunday	30th	10.30am 6.30pm	WORSHIP SERVICES Steve Gunderson Steve Gunderson

Preaching out this month

9th Stuart Beadle - Shrewsbury Rd. Redhill am.

23rd Steve Piggott - “ “ “ “

Stuart Beadle - Charlwood

30th Paul Phillips - Dorking am

David Ansell - Charlwood

**Praying and caring for the Community. Roads for prayer:
Park Terrace East, Livingstone Road, Stanley Walk**



GENERAL INFORMATION

Sunday Morning Worship

Our young people join us for the first part of our Sunday morning services and then have their own groups:-

Crèche:	Babies and Toddlers
Primary:	Pre-school, Reception & Years 1 & 2
Junior:	Years 3, 4 & 5
Intermediate:	Years 6, 7 & 8
Senior:	Years 9, 10 & 11

For further information phone 01403 250021

Prayer & Bible Study meetings

These meetings are held on a Wednesday evening at 8pm, either at the church or in various members' homes.

For further information phone 01403 266193

WAM—Young Mum's Group

This group meets at 10am on Friday mornings in various homes and a crèche is provided for children.

For further information phone 01403 241067

Afternoon Fellowship

This group meets fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons at 2.30pm.

For further information phone 01403 263397

Little Verse

For parents with babies or toddlers. Meets Monday mornings at 10am. Singing & action songs followed by coffee or tea and chat

For further information phone 01403 255055

Pathfinders

This Group, for young people in school years 6, 7 & 8, meets at 8pm on Friday evenings.

For further information phone 01403 250021

HighWay

This Group, for young people in school year 9 upwards, meets at 8pm every first Friday of the month.

For further information phone 01403 256525

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