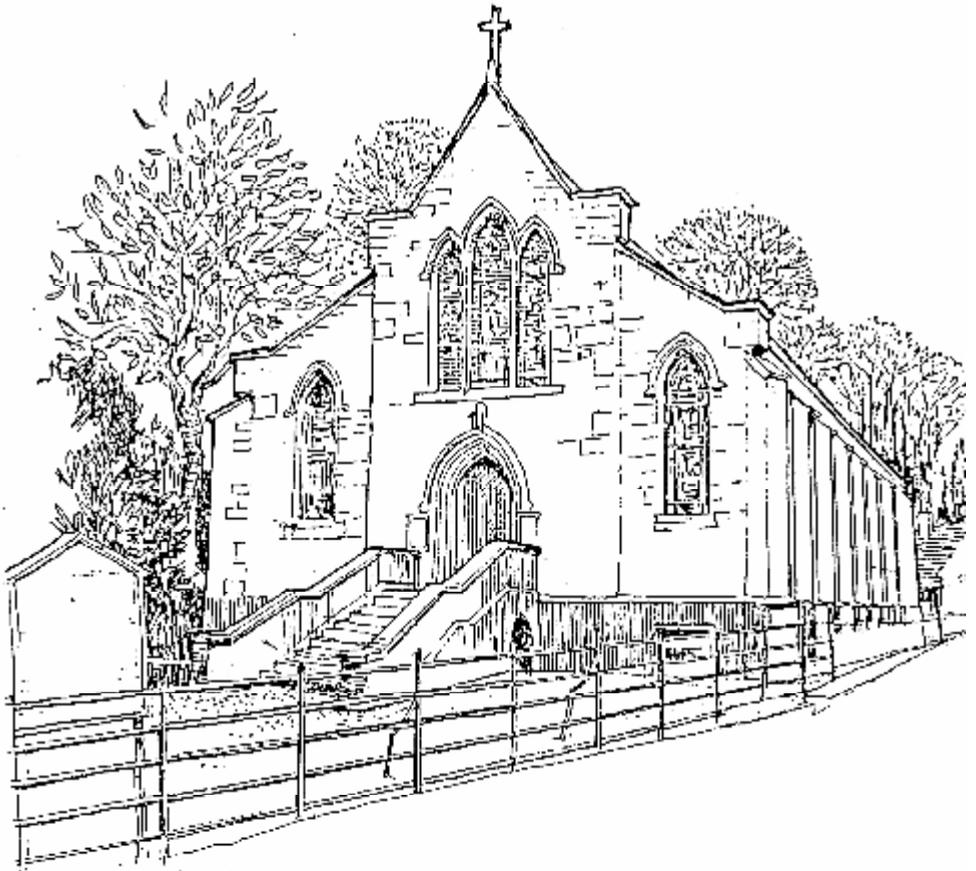


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Services for October

Sunday 2nd Oct	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Parish Eucharist
Wednesday 5th Oct	8 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 9th Oct	8 am	Holy Communion (Methodist led)
	10 am	Parish Eucharist
Wednesday 12th Oct	8 am	Holy Communion (<i>Edward the Confessor</i>) (Reserved Sacrament)
Sunday 16th Oct	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Harvest Family Service
	5.30 pm	Harvest Choral Evensong
Tuesday 18th Oct	8 am	Holy Communion (<i>Luke the Evangelist</i>)
Wednesday 19th Oct	8 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd Oct	8 am	Holy Communion (1662)
	10 am	Parish Eucharist
Wednesday 26th Oct	8 am	Holy Communion
Friday 28th Oct	8 am	Holy Communion (<i>Simon & Jude, apostles</i>)
Sunday 30th Oct	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Celtic Eucharist

*Julian Group (Silent Prayer) from Friday, 9.30 am - 10 am
in the Littleworth New Room – Everyone welcome*

*'Common Worship' Morning Prayer every weekday at 8 am.
'Common Worship' Evening Prayer every Thursday 5.30 pm.
Both in Holy Trinity Church – Everyone welcome*

The Reader's Letter

Dear Friends,

I have had a funny experience, and although I have told it to a few I'd like to share it with you.

Do you know the children's hymn "When a knight won his spurs in the stories of old...."? The second verse begins: "No charger have I, and no sword by my side, yet still to adventure and battle I ride....." We sang this at Assembly in Church last week with the whole school, including the new children, looking so small in the front row. At the end of the singing I said "I think there is a word you might not know, what is a charger?" All the hands shot in the air and one of the tinies replied "It puts the electricity back in".

That put me in my place! That meaning hadn't even crossed my mind. Two people knew that a charger could be "a sort of horse".

To those of us who like the old words – and I am one – this just goes to show that we have to make sacrifices at times, and move on. I don't think it is an exaggeration to say "sacrifice" because those of us brought up on the beautiful, flowing language of the Authorised Version of the Bible, really feel bereaved when some treasured phrase comes out in, what seems to us, a banal and even ugly way. At Christmas, for instance, "pregnant" almost affronts those of us used to "great with child".

Actually, I don't think that the fact that children and young families are inclined to keep away from Church is entirely about language. I think the problem is deeper. "Charger" in its electrical sense didn't enter my mind. I have one – but I don't use it much and it is not important in my life. A charger is absolutely at the centre of life with a mobile 'phone, etc. If we, the Church, are going to pass on anything of our faith, which we believe is important to us and to everyone else, then we must do it in modern terms and we can only do that if we keep abreast of modern life. Or, if we can't do that, then we must hand over the reins, and support people who can. I have heard that at one Bible College the student clergy are advised to read the Sun, as the paper with the widest circulation, from cover to cover every day so that they know about the worldliness of this modern world and they can offer something better. And we all know that the Lord Jesus Christ is the BEST and He does move on into our modern world, even though His standards are the highest and are eternal.

It is all very tricky, isn't it? And it is wonderful that, here in Amberley, we do have a lively congregation, and we are delighted to welcome all people, old and young.

God bless us, every one, in all our endeavours,

Anne

PS, If there is anyone out there who is young(ish) and feels called to pass on the message in some way – please step up, we need you.

Autumn Course - “Getting Down to Basics”

This autumn we are planning to run a course on ‘Christian Basics’ put together by Ann Morris and myself, in consultation with Adrian Slade, for those wishing to gain a grasp of the fundamentals of our Christian belief. The style of the course is such that no prior knowledge on the part of those attending will be assumed. All discussion will be in small groups and is designed so that everyone feels able to contribute and is not put off by those of us who appear ‘in the know’.

The course will involve ten sessions and will take place in the Littleworth Hall from 7.30pm till 9pm on the following Tuesday evenings:

11th, 18th, 25th October
1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th November
6th, 13th December

Unlike most other courses of this type, whilst covering all areas of our faith, “Getting Down to Basics” follows the shape of the Eucharist. So while it is not a course on the Eucharist as such, it will be valuable in making connections between what we believe and how we worship.

We do hope that many of you will feel able to join us on the course. Realising it might not be possible for all of you to attend every one of these weeks, though this is very desirable, we have designed each session to be reasonably ‘stand-alone’, and also the paperwork given out each week to be possible to follow by those not present on that occasion.

Please add your name to the list at the back of the Church, or let me know (878515) if you would like to take part in the course.

Mike Tucker

Young People's Diary

Quest dates (6.45 - 8 pm): Oct 23rd; Nov 20th; Dec 11th

Youth Group dates:

Junior (6.30 – 8pm): Oct 10th, 31st; Nov 14th, 28th; Dec 12th (joint end of term party)

Senior (7 – 8.30pm): Oct 3rd, 17th; Nov 7th, 21st; Dec 5th, 12th (joint end of term party)

Sunday Club :

2nd October Deborah Patient and Sara Mason

9th October Vanessa Owen and Claire Wilkins

23rd October Sara Mason and Jane Alltimes

30th October John Gilbert and Jane Alltimes

Harvest

This year Harvest will be celebrated on Sunday, 16th October and there will be a Harvest Supper following Choral Evensong which starts at 5.30pm. Tickets, on sale from 25th September, will cost £5 (£2 for primary school children) and can be obtained from Elizabeth Haughton (872496) or Pat Woods (872652). They will also be available after the 8am and 10am Services.

We are asking for traditional Harvest gifts this year, which will be given to Nelson House in Brimscombe, the drug rehabilitation centre. Our Harvest collections will be given to the USPG project run by Andrew and Janice Proud in Addis Ababa in Ethiopia, a report from which appears elsewhere in this magazine. There is a shortfall of £7,000 for the important work.

If anyone would like to help **decorate the church** on the 15th October, please come along for about 9.30 a.m. and bring any greenery or flowers or berries you may have to decorate the church.

A PILGRIMAGE TOUR FROM PETRA TO DAMASCUS

with the Rt Revd John Went Bishop of Tewkesbury
and his wife Mrs Rosemary Went

A 12-DAY JOURNEY THROUGH JORDAN AND SYRIA

15- 26 September 2006

The cost of this tour is £1,245 per person sharing a twin-bedded room. A buffet breakfast and table d'hote evening meal are included daily at each hotel and we have also included all lunches en route. We stay for four nights in Jordan and seven nights in Syria at four star hotels with the exception of Palmyra where we use a three star hotel with real character which we prefer to the four star options. All rooms have private facilities. Flights are with British Airways from London Heathrow Airport direct to Amman, returning from Damascus with a short stop in Beirut. Touring is in air-conditioned coaches and during the visits you will be accompanied by local guides. We have included all entrance fees, airport taxes, border taxes and visa fees.

TO MAKE A RESERVATION

To reserve your place on this tour please you will need to complete a booking form obtainable from the tour organizer:

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and return it to him, with a deposit of £100 per person (plus an insurance premium of £39 if required).

Pastoral Care Group Open Meeting

There will be an open meeting arranged by the Pastoral Care Group on Wednesday, 26th October from 7.30pm in Amberley Church (and not in the Littleworth Hall as on previous occasions). Sheila Rowley will be leading us in a discussion on the importance of reminiscence, particularly as a form of therapy.

The Time of Quiet Before the 10am Service

We have been very pleased with the response to my recent appeal for a short period for prayer and quiet reflection immediately before the beginning of our 10am services. At that time I asked all present to observe a time of quiet as soon as the organist starts to play, a few minutes before the service begins. I pointed out that if you wished to have the opportunity for a chat, I suggested that you arrive in good time before the music starts, or perhaps better still remain behind afterwards to enjoy a cuppa along with a natter!

While there has been a significant improvement in lowering the noise level, we are not there yet. So I am asking you, please, to double your efforts to make the time of quiet still quieter.

Mike Tucker

The Highlands Cottage Charity

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Charity will take place on Tuesday, 4th October at 4.30 p.m. in the Littleworth Hall. This is a public meeting for anyone who lives in the Amberley Area and anyone who would like to come would be most welcome.

All Your Works Echo the Silent Music of Your Praise

(From the Holy Communion Service)

Trees lift their arms in quiet adoration;
Firm-seated hills hold high their heads in calm and quiet trust;
In field and on common, grasses green, gold and russet
Dance to the wind's unheard and heavenly music.
Gardens give myriads of flower faces - red, blue, golden, purple
To lift themselves skyward in praising prayer.

Clouds, white as wings, sail, serenely swanlike,
Or, dark as dusk, pour out lifegiving water,
And the thirsty earth breathes its thanksgiving.

Louder than the world's great choralling choirs,
Nature sings out her silent alleluias.

Eileen Walsh

Amberley Scout Auction

**Saturday 8th October 2005
In the Amberley Parish Rooms**

Goods accepted 6.30-7.30 pm Friday

80% TO VENDORS

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Viewing from 11 am Saturday

Bidding starts at 1 pm

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Amberley Christmas Market

Please make a note in your diary that on Friday evening 18th November there will be a Christmas Market in the Parish Rooms and the Church Forecourt. The Parish Rooms Management Committee have decided that this year we would change the Autumn Craft Fair to Amberley's own Christmas Market and Festive Evening. We plan a family friendly fun evening, safe and suitable for children of all ages to enjoy while some early Christmas shopping can take place.

We are now planning the details and more information will be available within the next month. we plan to include festive drinks, barbeque food and entertainment while we have a wide range of stalls selling Christmas gifts, cards and other festive items.

If you have anything to sell that might fit the new format and you would like to take a stall please contact Joyce Newton on 01453 885324. If you do not have enough to justify your own stall please contact Sue Pugh on 01453 872551 to see if it can be incorporated into The Committee Stall and sold for a commission.

Management Committee

USPG

UPDATE FROM ANDREW AND JANICE PROUD IN ETHIOPIA

One of the overseas projects supported by Holy Trinity, Amberley

Helping to get children off the streets

The situation for some children in Addis Ababa is tragic. There are boys as young as 8 years old begging on the street and girls from as young as 13 working as commercial sex-workers. It is estimated that over a quarter of the 150,000 commercial sex-workers in the city are children. Often children are forced to leave home to find work because their families cannot afford to feed and clothe their children, let alone send them to school. In the Kebele (urban villages), very few have jobs. Much income is derived from begging and labouring jobs. Even if they are working, wages are very low in the Kebele. A day's wage is 45 pence for an unskilled worker. For a skilled worker this is 90 pence. This is less than half the country's average. The Anglican Church is committed to making a difference to the lives of these families, through support from USPG. Two years ago it began to support 50 of the poorest families, giving them £25 per child per year to pay for school materials, uniforms and fees.

The church has taken careful consideration of the number of families it helps, as it needs to be sure it can meet its commitment. As the population has increased there has been a surge in the school admissions. Many schools have over 5,000 pupils with classes of over 100 pupils and have been forced to split the day into three sections, with children allocated a time slot for their school day to start and end. However, the church's commitment to help 50 families is helping to break the cycle that is causing an ever-increasing number of children onto the streets by slowly bringing them back into schools and giving the families hope for a better future.

Church helps Sudanese refugees return to their homeland

Now that the situation in Sudan is stable, the repatriation of the Sudanese refugees from neighbouring lands has begun. Some of the refugees will be repatriated; others will be settled in other countries. Andrew Proud says: 'We are praying about this situation, because they will be sending refugees as far as Finland to live. Can you imagine fleeing from oppression in Sudan, to neighbouring Ethiopia, and then to be sent to Northern Europe to live? Adjusting to the climate, way of life and culture change will be immense.'

St Matthew's Church in Addis Ababa, where the Prouds are based, has been involved in helping some of the refugees return to their home country. The church chartered a bus to send 58 refugees (men, women and children) back to the northern border of Ethiopia. 'We knew it was a dangerous region,' says Andrew, 'but we were also aware that others routes had strict controls with corrupt police who were charging a lot of money to cross. We sent them with enough food and

money for the journey and we were really pleased when we heard the report that they had arrived safely.’

Congregation doubles in size

Since Andrew and Janice have been in Ethiopia, they have seen tremendous growth in the churches there. When they arrived three-and-a-half years ago, there were 3,400 Anglican Christians, and over 18 parishes. Now there are over 7,000 Anglican Christians in 32 parishes, an increase of over 100 per cent. The largest area of growth has been in the western region of Gambella where the church, through the leadership of the deacon, John Gach, has been teaching literacy among the women. The people there have a powerful hunger to read the Bible and learn about its teachings.

The growth of the church in Gambella is offering hope in a region where there is no power supply, water is scarce and malaria is rife. There are ongoing tribal conflicts between the Annuak (fishing) tribes and the Nuer (farming) tribes over access to water. However, members of the Anglican Churches in this region have helped to bridge differences and conflicts - so much so that the Nuer tribe has committed to building churches for the Annuak peoples. Andrew has been warmly welcomed into both tribes. He says: ‘The Nuer name their children after the family’s favourite bull or cow – the name always reflects a significant feature of the animal. When I visited last December, they were so pleased that, a week after we left, a member of John Gach’s congregation donated a bull to be slaughtered and shared by this congregation, in a celebratory meal. The name they gave me was the name of that bull - Nya1 Dieng.’

Gloucester Choral Society concerts

Gloucester Cathedral

Bach - Mass in B Minor – Saturday 19th November

Handel - Messiah - Saturday 10th December

Ticket from Sarah Goodwin - 873381.

My visit to Akany Avoko, Madagascar: Summer 2005

I had decided not to do a gap year after my A levels but to spend the summer re-visiting Africa if possible – I had been there two years previously and was keen to return in a volunteer capacity. An opportunity arose through Amberley Church, which has local links with Akany Avoko. In this way I knew I could secure a volunteer placement working with children in Africa which is what I really wanted to do, and also the local connections with the orphanage meant that I had contacts there ready made. I was also lucky in that a friend from school, another ex Amberley pupil, Emma Seright, wanted to come with me.

Akany Avoko is an orphanage run entirely on charity. It houses around one hundred and fifty children, from birth to sixteen or so. Many of these children are just abandoned or abused by their families as they are too poor to look after them, but may return for short holiday periods to their families. Other babies are literally abandoned in the street, in skips where they have been attacked by rats and eaten by maggots. Some of the teenage girls are awaiting trial and are being held at Akany Avoko as a kind of rehabilitation period.

Before I left for Madagascar, I had approached Amberley primary school to donate second hand shoes for me to take with me for the children – I ended up with over seventy pairs. Amberley School also raised money for me to buy essential supplies to take for the babies – things we take for granted but which are impossible to buy in Madagascar. I was able to buy supplies of bonjela, teething rings, baby lotion, elastoplasts, calpol, sudocreme; I also bought felt tips, colouring books and soft balls as the children have few toys. Some of the parents at Amberley who have medical connections also donated twenty or so boxes of surgical gloves for us to take.

Our stay was during the summer holidays, so unfortunately there weren't many of the older children at Akany. However, those who were there made us feel extremely welcome with their huge smiles and bubbly personalities, despite the language difference. Malagasy is the first language and I did learn a few phrases, but French is also spoken and I was grateful for my GCSE French. Malagasy people here are used to white people who work at Akany, but still shout out "vasa" which means white person. They do not mean it as an insult but sometimes it felt that way. I learnt a few Malagasy words which were really helpful and surprised the locals when I was able to hold a short conversation with them!

During the first week I spent most of my time doing practical work around the place. The children have few toys to play with so we started a project making a huge Jenga set – this is a game my little brother has which involves building a tower out of blocks and then removing one block at a time without knocking the tower over. This involved walking to the nearest village to buy some wood and then forming it into brick shaped blocks, ensuring there were no rough edges

(thanks again for GCSE DT!). For my next project we decided to brighten up the area where the girls do all the clothes washing. We decided to paint a beach scene as some of the children had never been to or seen the beach, even though they live on an island. Some other volunteers started rebuilding a bamboo fence around the storage area, which we later helped them to complete.

The babies and children below five years live in a separate house called Child Care, and most stayed at Akany during the holidays as they are largely abandoned. I spent a lot of time with the babies who are cared for by local Malagasy women and who are the most amazing people always with smiles on their faces. It was hard to communicate with them because I only spoke a little French and they spoke mainly Malagasy. My favourite baby arrived during my stay there. Seema is six months old and was brought to Akany after a neighbour reported the mother as feeding her alcohol. Seema is undernourished and as small as a newborn and she cries so quietly it is hard to hear. Some of the babies are adopted by Western French families – one adoption took place whilst I was there.

To begin with I found it quite distressing working with the babies and toddlers, because I have never seen abused or neglected children before and just couldn't understand how anybody could want to be cruel to them or give them up. I soon realised that these children receive so much love and care from Akany, they are actually far better cared for there than with their families.

We went to the capital Antananarivo a few times, on very cramped mini buses. The centre was extremely busy and polluted, and I felt quite intimidated by everything. There were lots of street children who were very poor and persistent at begging, which made me realise both how fortunate the children at Akany are, even though they have so little, and the immensity of child deprivation and poverty in cities like Antananarivo.

On our last day, a special goodbye lunch had been prepared. My month at Akany had gone all too quickly. We spent the morning making crepes which the children, and adults, really enjoyed. After lunch, we were presented with lots of drawings the children had done for us, which was really touching.

My experience at Akany Avoko has really made me realise just how lucky I am and how much I take for granted, such as constant clean hot water and electricity twenty four hours a day. I know I have also been privileged to have many advantages here at home that the children at Akany will never enjoy, but despite that, the main memory I have of my time at Akany is of how happy the children were with so little and how welcome they made me feel.

Alice Gilbert

From the School

The Plantation

Past pupils often tell me of the fond memories they have of days at Amberley School. Some, from many years ago, visit us and tell tales of fearsome teachers and long walks to school. However quite a number speak of 'The Plantation'! It seems that it was an area of the school reserved for fun, high jinks and wonderful play times and it has been etched in minds as a special place.

In recent years the 'planny' has become overgrown and unsafe for children to play in and as the children do not have a huge amount of play space this has been a great shame. However, thanks to the hard work and dedication of one of our governors, Claire Wilkins, (who played in the 'planny' herself as a child), we now have some fantastic plans to redevelop it and turn it into a play and wildlife area for the pupils. Parts of the plantation will have small play equipment in to stimulate and focus the children in their play and other parts will have plants which attract mini beasts and some bird boxes which will assist the children in their nature studies.

Now we have the plans, we have the difficult task of looking for sources of funding. There are grants available for projects such as this, however there is some work involved in seeking out sources of funding and bringing it all together. The school would be very grateful to any offers of help in this area. We want to set up a Plantation Fundraising Committee, consisting of parents, governors and members of the community who could help us find the resources to bring the dream alive.

The development of the plantation would mean that children at Amberley School, present and future, would have access to a very special area where they could play together, study together or if they wished just sit quietly and watch. If you think you could help please contact me at the school or Claire Wilkins on 835864.

Helping out at the School

If fundraising isn't your thing and you see yourself as more of a 'hands on' type then we may have just the opportunity for you. There is a vacancy at the school at the moment for anyone who would like to come and spend lunchtimes mixing with 113 very sparky, lively and lovely young things!

The job entails coming into school at 12.15, assisting in setting up the tables and chairs for lunch, helping the children eat their lunch and then going out on the playground to play! (And believe it or not – you get paid for it!) If anyone is interested in the position do give me a ring (873349) at the school, or pop in and see me. You would be very welcome and the children at the school are desperate for a new friend to talk to at playtime.

Jo Woolley, Headteacher

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From the registers ...

Marriage

They whom God hath joined...

23 July Portia Louise Dowell and
Rory James Edward O'Dowd

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for a

Friday Cuppa

from 10.30 am till 12 noon

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able

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help in any way please contact
Ann Haslam (873632)

Woodchester Priory Services

Vigil Mass Saturday, 6 pm
Mass Sunday, 10.30 a.m.

Churchyard

We shall be working at the following times:-

Oct 3rd 2 pm to 4 pm
Oct 17th 2 pm to 4 pm
Oct 31st 2 pm to 4 pm



OCTOBER

Items in *italics* are covered more fully in other sections of the magazine
PR means the Parish Room and LH means Littleworth Hall

Date		Start	End	Location
3 Oct	Churchyard	14:00	16:00	Churchyard
3 Oct	<i>Youth Group</i>	19:00	20:30	PR
4 Oct	<i>Highlands Cottage Charity AGM</i>	16:30	-	LH
8 Oct	Scout Auction	11:00	-	PR
10 Oct	<i>Youth Group</i>	18:30	20:00	PR
11 Oct	<i>'Getting Down to Basics'</i>	19:30	21:00	LH
12 Oct	<i>Gardening Club AGM</i>	20:00	-	PR
14 Oct	<i>Mandolin & Guitar Duo</i>	19:30	-	PR
15 Oct	Decorating Church for Harvest	9:30	-	Church
16 Oct	Harvest Choral Evensong	17:30	18:15	Church
16 Oct	<i>Harvest Supper</i>	18:30	-	PR
17 Oct	Churchyard	14:00	16:00	Churchyard
17 Oct	<i>Youth Group</i>	19:00	20:30	PR
18 Oct	<i>WI Meeting</i>	14:30	-	PR
18 Oct	<i>'Getting Down to Basics'</i>	19:30	21:00	LH
19 Oct	<i>Gloucester Choral Concert</i>	19:30	-	Cathedral
23 Oct	<i>Quest</i>	18:45	20:00	Rectory
25 Oct	<i>'Getting Down to Basics'</i>	19:30	21:00	LH
26 Oct	<i>Pastoral Care Group Open Meeting</i>	19:30	-	Church
31 Oct	Churchyard	14:00	16:00	Churchyard
31 Oct	<i>Youth Group</i>	18:30	20:00	PR

Don't Forget - as explained in an earlier magazine, **YOU** can add items to the events list on the Amberley web site.
Contact Steve Goodwin if you can't remember how!

NEWS FROM OPERATION RESTORATION IN BOLIVIA

Roger and Isha Holford write from one of the overseas projects which we support:

As we write we are just 7 days away from our return to Santa Cruz after a year away. It has been a wonderful year of spending time with family and friends, making new contacts for the ministry, sharing the needs of the street teenagers of Santa Cruz in more that 70 churches and fellowships, and over the last couple of months having time to just be with our immediate family here in the US as well as prepare for our return and refresh the vision that God has given us to see the street teenagers of Bolivia rescued from the streets, restored and reintegrated into the society that has rejected them.

As we return next week, arriving in Santa Cruz on Wednesday 17th August, we are trusting that the Lord will continue to develop and grow the work which we started over 15 years ago. We are aware that there is still much to be done and are looking forward to the challenge of being more effective in the ministry so that we can see the aims and objectives of the ministry achieved and many more lives changed by the power and love of our Lord Jesus.

Roger will be returning to take up the role of Director of Operation Restoration and will be concentrating on leadership and staff development, staff recruiting and introducing some new ideas and strategies into our way of working to stimulate the effectiveness and growth of the ministry, thereby bringing restoration to more of the youngsters who desperately need the opportunity of a hope and a future off the streets. Isha will, again, be teaching Pre-Kinder at the mission school as well as supporting the ministry with her administrative gifts.

We will be in our own home there in Santa Cruz with lots of space now, with our children all now in the US, so if you would like to visit at any time just let us know and there will be a room awaiting you!

The news that we have been receiving from the team in Santa Cruz has been indicating the usual struggles working with teenage street children. The boy's home, El Camino, has been going through a difficult time both with boys coming and going and an urgent need for more staff to see the home grow. The girl's home, El Alfarero, has 3 girls all of whom have been in the home for more than six months, which is a great achievement compared to the struggles that we have faced in previous years. Once again in El Alfarero we have a great need for more staff to work within the home and support the work there. The First Contact Work has continued to reach out to the youngsters who are still on the streets through street work, the drop-in and the medical post and is constantly looking for new ways to be more effective in seeing the teenagers coming off the streets and either entering a

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residential home or returning to their own family.

Once again in the last couple of months, Bolivia has been through a period of serious unrest resulting in the resignation of the President Carlos Mesa and the swearing in of a new interim President Eduardo Rodriguez. The political and economic difficulties facing the nation at the present time seem almost insurmountable as there are so many splinter groups with their own agendas and demands that makes it almost impossible for any President to govern effectively. Please be praying for this nation as they move towards elections, that the Lord's will will prevail and that we can see a new and positive future for this nation that has suffered for so long.

Amberley Gardening Club

The meeting on Wednesday 14th September attracted over 40 people to hear Roger Turner, an architect and garden designer, give a talk entitled 'Gertrude Jekyll and The Classic English Garden Style'. With some excellent slides, Mr Turner traced the development of gardening from the early 19th Century through to the present day. The influence of Gertrude Jekyll was clearly illustrated, both with her handwritten plans, black and white slides and contemporary paintings showing her love of colour and relaxed planting style. There were also slides of present day gardens, some restored to their original 'Jekyll' design and some just in a similar style, showing how there is still a love of informal planting and bold colours. It was an enjoyable return after our summer break. The next meeting on 12th October is our AGM; everyone is welcome to come and hear our plans for the 2005/6 season and join us for refreshments afterwards.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION ANNUAL WINE AND CHEESE PARTY

A note for your diary. This popular event will be on Saturday the 12th of November. This year those attending will be entertained - and all in the very good cause of The Poppy Appeal.

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together with reminder notices - be there!!!

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A Date for your Diary

This year's carol concert with the Tyndale Choral Society at Holy Trinity Church, Amberley will take place on Thursday 8th December 2005 at 7.30pm. Further details next month.

ST. MARTIN'S DAY

Remembrance Sunday is observed on the second Sunday in November. But Remembrance Day itself is on 11 November because World War 1 ended on that day in 1918. November 11 also happens to be St. Martin's Day.

St. Martin was a man of many talents and careers. He is the patron saint of soldiers, horses and their riders, beggars, geese, winegrowers and innkeepers.

St. Martin was born in the early fourth century in Hungary and became an important Roman soldier in France. One cold winter day in the town of Amiens, he met a beggar in the street who had no clothes at all. Martin was so sorry for him that he cut his own cloak in half and gave half of it to the beggar. That night he had a dream in which Jesus appeared and said that Martin had given him his garment.

So, to cut a long story short, Martin gave up being a soldier and became a priest. He built the first monastery in France, at Liguge. He also became the Bishop of Tours. He was known as a miracle worker and healer.

St. Martin was buried in Tours on November 11. The expression 'a St. Martin's summer' refers to the fine weather that often occurs at that time of year.

The story in St. Matthew's Gospel, chapter 25:34-40, is one St. Martin would have understood.

Wedding Announcement

John Field of Woodlands, Pinfarthings will be married to Suzy Wood on Saturday 29th October at 3 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church, Amberley. The Field family would love to welcome all our friends from the village to the service.

W.I. Autumn Open Meeting

On 18th October there is a chance for friends and neighbours to join us for a cookery demonstration. Anne Rainy Brown will be helping us to think about 'Forward planning for Christmas', so perhaps this year we will all be able to avoid that last minute rush!

The competition is for 'your most unusual kitchen gadget', but will we know what they are all used for? Come and find out. You will be most welcome.

Diana Myatt.

Duty Roster

	Readers	Prayers	Chalice	Sidesmen
2nd October	19th Sunday after Trinity			
8am	S Pugh	S Pugh	S Lauzier	J Bestwick
Holy Communion	D Piechowiak			P Hankins
10am	M Finney	P Mason	J Foreman	M Finney
Parish Eucharist	T Finney		E Walsh	T Finney
9th October	20th Sunday after Trinity			
8am (M)	D Rowe	S Rowley	D Rowe	J Peters
Holy Communion	S Rowley			S Rowley
10am	S Goodwin	P Herbert	P Herbert	M Gardner
Parish Eucharist	S Isaac		J Howard	A Haslam
16th September	21st Sunday after Trinity			
Harvest Festival				
8am	R Mann	Clergy	A Wallis	R Mann
Holy Communion	J Mann			J Mann
10am				E Haughton
Family Service				B Lane
5.30pm				B Preston
Harvest Evensong				
23rd October	Last Sunday after Trinity			
8am (1662)	J Peters		Reader	A Haslam
Holy Communion	J Varley			S Pugh
10am	J Keck	J Keyte	S Lauzier	J Keyte
Parish Eucharist	J Keyte		M Meadows	J Keyte
30th October	All Saints Day			
8am	R Westover	Clergy	J Howard	R Westover
Holy Communion	P Hankins			P Hankins
10am	P Mason			P Herbert
Celtic Eucharist	L Robertson			B Preston

MAGAZINE

All copy and articles for the magazine should be left at the back of the Church by the 16th of the month or emailed to Margaret@msgardner.fsnet.co.uk

The magazine was produced this month by Pat Woods, Anne shepherd, Deborah Patient, Betty Lane, Gill Millwood and Jill Murray-Smith.

If you would like to help with any duties, please contact Margaret Gardner for magazine (872230) , Heather Pearson for church services (885477) , Ruth Westover for flowers (872218) , Mary Meadows for church cleaning (872347) , and Peggy Bailey for after-service coffee (873709) .

Lifts to Church and for Doctors' or Hospital Appointments

If you have difficulty in travelling to Church on a Sunday morning, or travelling to attend doctors' or hospital appointments, or if you know anyone else in this position, please get in touch with Mrs Gill Millwood (01453 873546), who will make the necessary arrangements for someone to call for you and give you a lift.

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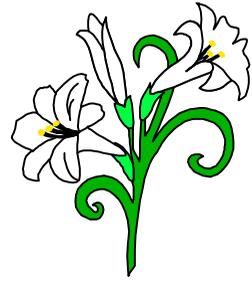
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Flower Rota

Oct 1	Sue Pugh
Oct 8	Maureen Stewart
Oct 15	Harvest
Oct 22	Jill Murray-Smith
Oct 29	Barbara Poulton



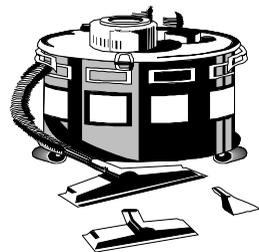
Coffee Rota

Oct 2	Laurie and Jean Needham
Oct 9	Maureen Anderson and Jill Murray-Smith
Oct 16	MU
Oct 23	Ruth Westover and Betty Lane
Oct 30	Ron and Ivy Corry



Church Cleaning Teams

Oct 3	Margaret Gardner
Oct 10	Mary Meadows
Oct 17	Sue Pugh
Oct 24	Anne Shepherd
Oct 31	Alison Bell
Nov 7	Ann Haslam



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Amberley Churches Together

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	Mr Tim Adkin	762491
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Verger	Mrs Cynthia Cooke	872602
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Sunday Club	Mrs Clare Wilkins	835864
Youth Group	Mrs Sue Partridge	873141
Quest	Mrs Sue Pugh	872551
Parish Magazine Editor	Mrs Margaret Gardner	872230
Advert Secretary	Mrs Betty Lane	872416
Church Flower Rota	Mrs Ruth Westover	872218
Friday Cuppa	Mrs Ann Haslam	873632
MU Secretary	Mrs Pat Woods	872652

Village Organisations

Amberley Parochial School	873349
Head Teacher - Jo Woolley	
Amberley Playgroup - Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9.30-12.15	
Play Leader - Fiona Ellen	832379
Toddlers Group - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.45-11.45 am	
Leader - Fiona Ellen	832379
Royal British Legion - Joint Men & Women's Branch	
Second Tuesday of even months at 7.30 pm at the Old Lodge	
Chairman - Brian Preston	833360
Women's Institute	
Third Tuesday in each month at 2.30 pm in the Parish Rooms	
Mrs Joyce Newton	885324
Littleworth Hall	
Booking Secretary - Mrs Di Rowe	873497
Parish Room Management Committee	
Letting Secretary - Mrs Cynthia Cooke	872602
Highlands Cottage Charity	
Secretary	873272
The Drake Scout HQ - Culver Hill	
Group Scout Leader - Mr Bob Lawson	835079
Scouts - Fridays 7-9 pm	
Leader - Mr. Dave Middlemiss	840003
Cub Scouts - Thursdays 6.30-8 pm	
Leader - Mrs Coral Rice	872124
Beaver Scouts - Saturday 5-6 pm	
Leader - Sarah Martin	872573
Venture Scouts	
Leader - Mr Chris Rowley	882166
Guides - Wednesdays 7.30-9 pm	
Mrs Heather Pearson	885477
Brownies - Wednesdays 6.00-7.30 pm in the Parish Rooms	
Miss Joy Hopkins	834767
Baby Sitting Circle	
Mrs Lisa Haymon-Collins	873796
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