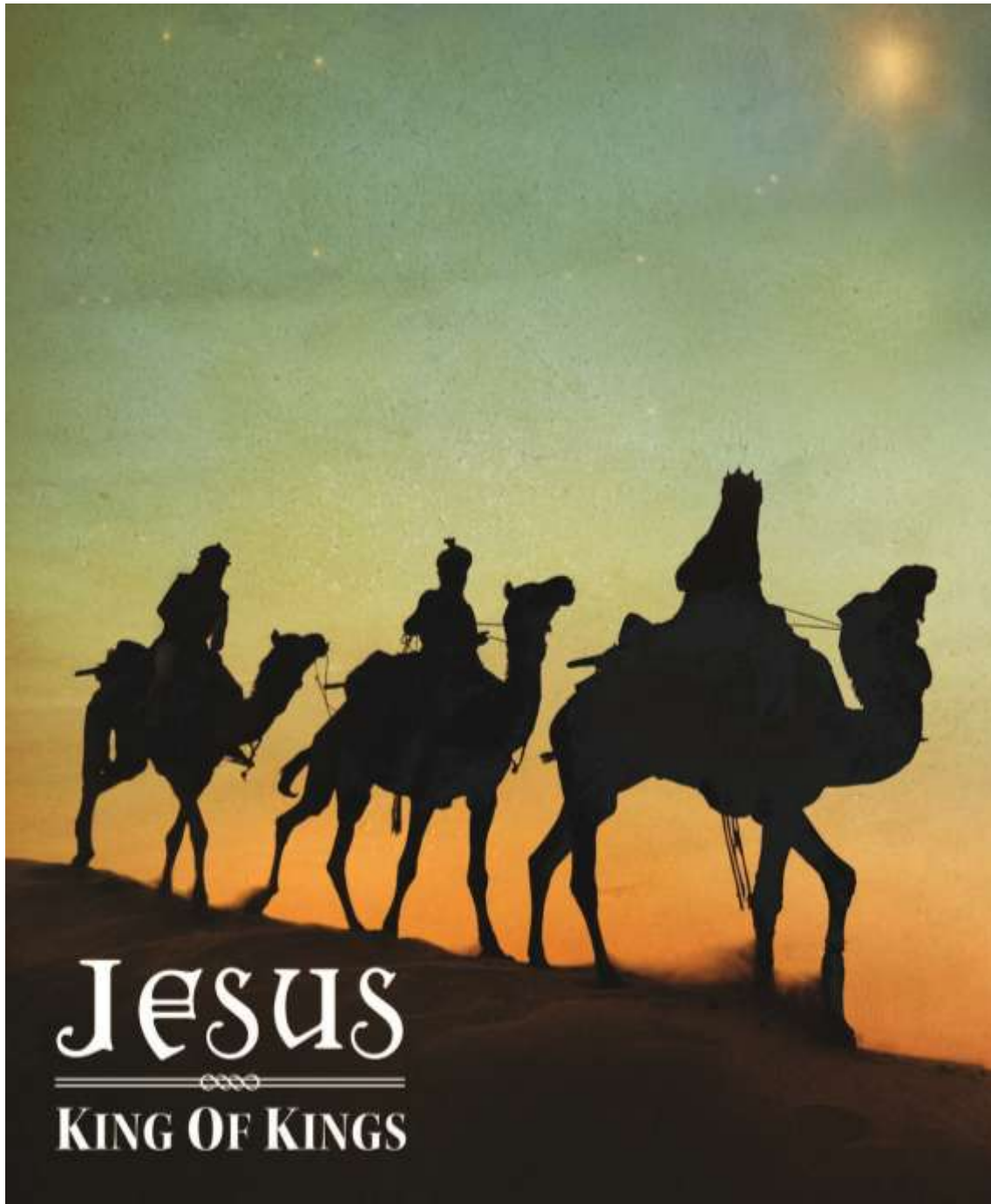


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# Jay's Jottings

*Ecclesiastes 3:1*

*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens...*

More than fourteen years ago, I was licensed as vicar of this parish. We have been on a long journey together since then, often a good and exciting one, sometimes tough and challenging ones. Today I need to tell you that my time as vicar of this parish is drawing to a close.

The Bishop of Southwark has invited me to become Director of Mission in Southwark Diocese, and I have accepted. In my new role I will be Canon Missioner, Residentiary Canon of the Cathedral and a member of the Bishop's staff team, with responsibility to lead the diocese in mission and evangelism. This includes reaching new housing, church planting, and "Fresh Expressions of Church". It is a big piece of work, and I am excited to have been asked to take it on, even as Jo, I and the family feel a real sadness in going.

My last Sunday here will probably be the 4th February, at 10.30am, at which I will preach and celebrate Communion. I will be installed as Canon Missioner by the Bishop in Southwark Cathedral at Evensong at 3.30pm on Sunday 15th April, and again, I hope many of you will come.

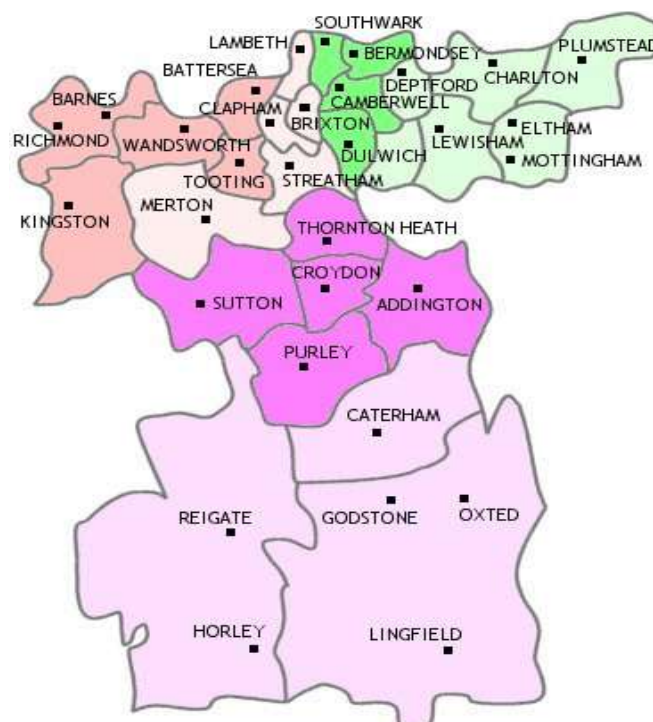
As soon as possible the process will begin to find my successor. This usually takes several months, but the churchwardens and I hope and pray that a short vacancy may be possible

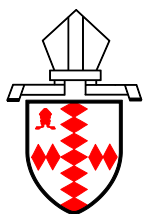
to enable Christ Church to rebuild momentum and clarify the vision for the next season of the church's life. In the meantime you will be well served by the excellent leaders, the PCC and many others.

Vacancies may be testing periods for a congregation, but they can also be enormously creative seasons, in which the church comes together before God to take ownership and rediscover what is really important about life as a community.

There will be more to say over the next weeks and months. For now, let me say that it has been a privilege to lead Christ Church for 14 years. I still believe that God's purpose for this parish will be fulfilled in His time and His way, and I feel honoured to have been part of it.

In His service,  
Jay Colwill,  
Vicar of  
Christ Church  
Orpington





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## New Canon Missioner for Diocese of Southwark

The Bishop of Southwark, The Rt Revd Christopher Chessun, has appointed the Revd James (Jay) Colwill as Canon Missioner for the Diocese of Southwark. He succeeds The Very Revd Stephen Hance who is now the Dean of Derby. Jay is currently Vicar of Christ Church, Orpington, in the Diocese of Rochester. He is also Assistant Missioner in the Mission and Community Engagement Team in the Diocese where he has worked with Deaneries and Parishes to encourage them to create Mission Action Plans. He also looks after a Bishop's Mission Order located in a neighbouring parish. He was ordained Deacon in 1994 and Priest in 1995 and served his curacy at St Agnes with St Paul, Reading in the Diocese of Oxford. Prior to ordination Jay had a variety of roles including working for the Transport Research Laboratory, The Missions to Seafarers and in a vegetarian restaurant! He is interested in food, football, cycling and music.

Speaking of his appointment he said, 'I am excited to be joining a culturally rich and diverse diocese at this time. There is so much to learn and share with one another about making faith real to people and communicating the powerful message of God's love made known in Jesus. I look forward to playing my part in this stage of Southwark Diocese's journey.'

The Dean of Southwark, The Very Revd Andrew Nunn said, 'I am delighted that Jay will be joining the team at Southwark Cathedral as Canon Missioner. We look forward to all that he will bring as we play our part in God's mission to the world.'

Bishop Christopher said, 'Jay brings vast experience of growing churches and working in parishes with different church traditions and demographics. His experience of working on Mission Action Plans will be invaluable as we seek to further embed them in the Diocese and grow the number of those attending church in our parishes'.

Jay will be collated and installed at Choral Evensong Southwark Cathedral at 3pm on Sunday 15 April 2018

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## **The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places Psalm 16:6**

I lived in Orpington for 40 years, nearly 30 of those at Christ Church, before moving to Eastbourne in January 2008. Well, I'm still here and enjoying Sussex!

I was much involved at Christ Church from prayer ministry and finance committee, to church warden, fabric committee and Alpha. I was there as the new 'hall for all' was being built with all the challenges that involved. All Saints in Eastbourne which I attend is similar in many ways to Christ Church. We are a group of nearly 200 evangelical believers involved in activities across the town with other churches. In particular street pastors, night shelters in the winter, feeding the homeless on Friday & Saturday evenings, help for those unemployed at the charity People Matter and PARCHE (Pastoral Action in Residential Care Homes in Eastbourne). I co-ordinate All Saints' prayer & healing ministry team, help with a weekly carers' and toddlers' group, as well as involvement with Alpha.



A row of colourful bathing huts at the far end of Eastbourne beach towards Sovereign Harbour

So the ministries are much the same but the building and environment are very different! The foundation stone for All Saints

was laid in 1877. A major portion of the church was destroyed by fire in 1927 which resulted in rebuilding into the church as it is today. Fundraising is part of the life of most churches these days. All Saints is presently aiming to raise £75,000 for major repairs to the bells which have had no work done on them since they were fitted in 1883, and are rung each Sunday morning. The east wall has a wonderful, large stained glass window of the crucifixion which lights up the building when the sun is shining. There are two small, separate unmarked parking areas and no grass, apart from the Vicarage 'garden', some of which was used for the church centre (hall) opened in 2008.



In Orpington, the M25 is about a mile along the road from Christ Church. In Eastbourne it is just a ten minute walk from All Saints to the seafront! And the flat where I live on the second floor has distant views of the sea. There are five theatres in the town. The largest is the Congress which is undergoing complete internal renovation, part of a £44 million project which has already improved facilities around Devonshire Park. The annual tennis tournament here now attracts both male and female players in the week prior to Wimbledon, including Djokovic this year. The Arndale shopping centre is being

completely redeveloped by Legal & General at a cost of some £88 million and is to be renamed The Beacon. Each year the country's largest free air show comes to Eastbourne and includes stunning displays over the sea by the Red Arrows. 'Songs of Praise' was recorded at the bandstand on a sunny day in August this year and broadcast in September.



So we are really blessed to have the sea in front of us and the rolling South Downs behind. Sometimes when walking along the seafront I have to pinch myself that I live here and am not on holiday! As the Psalmist said 'The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places'. And now I am joined by two other Orpingtonians! Martin Sweet and his wife have established their Spinnaker work of providing Christian assemblies in primary schools around Eastbourne. So, you see, we are not 'God's Waiting Room' - God is already actively working here through His people.



Janet Fortnum

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# The River-Bank Preacher

*"A voice of one calling in the desert,  
Prepare the way for the Lord"*  
(Matthew 3:3)

Just as we face a New Year right now, so the ancient people of God were facing a new era altogether around the year 30AD, as a man of fire made his presence felt, out by the river Jordan.

Since the departure of Israel's last recognised prophet 400 years earlier, no definitive preached word had been heard in Judea. And then – in came this wild man from the wilderness – all hair and leather! What schooling had he received, apart from heaven itself?

History has indeed served us at times with powerful preachers, albeit possessing minimal academic credentials! One such was the unschooled D.L. Moody of Chicago in the 19th century – whose last-ever letter contained 38 spelling mistakes. Yet millions responded to his riveting messages, both sides of the Atlantic. London's Seventh Earl of Shaftesbury - the influential Ashley Cooper – compared him favourably with Britain's supposedly top preacher, Canon Liddon of St Paul's Cathedral. "Moody will do more in an hour," said Shaftesbury, "than Canon Liddon in a century!"

So it had to be with John the Baptist. There in Judea a new class of religious leadership had formed, in the Pharisees and Sadducees – but they were formal, dry and overlaid with tedious platitudes.

Now here was a man who was evidently the Elijah-like messenger foretold in the last sentence of the Old Testament; a man who

would 'turn hearts' and baptise the repentant, there by the banks of the Jordan. And Jesus Himself arrived – not that HE needed to repent... but His stepping into the water seemed to be identifying Him with the suffering, sinful humanity He had come to save. Indeed, it was He whom John was promoting.

'A voice crying in the wilderness' - that's all John ever claimed to be (Isaiah 40:3), as He prepared the way for Jesus.

Let's pray for the preachers around us this year – that the authority of their opened Bibles and the centrality of Christ may characterise their ministry – from Week One!

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## **Douglas Barker**

20th April 1918-8th October 2017

Douglas was born at Lowestoft, Suffolk, a brother for Gerald followed by Phylis and twins Bernard and Beryl. He attended Roman Hill Primary School leaving at the age of 14. He got a job as an errand boy for 2 years and then joined his brother Gerald at a boys boarding and day school at Bassetts in Farnborough Kent. This is also where he met his future wife Pauline who had come from Devon to help her sister Muriel who was in charge in the kitchen. Doug worked here until 1939 when the School was moved to the country because of the war and Doug was called up with the 21 year olds for service in the Army, joining the Royal Medical Corps, serving in France, Belgium and Holland.

During the war Douglas and Pauline were married at St Giles in Farnborough Kent on 17th January 1942. Douglas was demobbed in 1946 where he joined Pauline where she was living and working in a large property in

Chislehurst; he was welcomed by the family to stay. Pauline was the Housekeeper and looked after their children. Douglas was soon employed by British Railways working at Liverpool Street Station.

In 1949 they moved to a prefab in St Mary Cray when Richard their 1st born son was 3 months old, Christopher was born in 1952.

Doug used to get to Orpington Station on his bike and did shift work for his entire working life. During the 50s and 60s Doug often took a lot of American tourists to a popular Public House called "Dirty Dicks" which had sawdust on the floor. This apparently earned him more in tips than his weekly wage.

The family also had the best selection of umbrellas from Lost Property (obviously all legal perks of the job). Doug's brother Bernard also used to send up on the train a box of kippers from Lowestoft which he transported home on his bike.

One of the things Doug enjoyed was taking the family on holiday every year which in those days was rare but helped with the free railway pass issued to employees and they certainly made good use of it until they were well into their 80s. The family holidays when the boys were small was to family in Devon, Lowestoft or caravan holiday on the Isle of Wight. In those days they had no car, so Doug would hoist the 2 suitcases under his arms and off they went.

Doug worked for the railway for 37 years until retirement and had been drawing his railway pension for 34 years!

Douglas and Pauline loved their holidays and their last foreign trip was to Tenerife on The Marco Polo Christmas cruise 5 years ago; they have been to New Zealand twice and a favourite photo is of them in their Maori

costumes. They used to visit Pauline's Brother Ronald and his wife Phyllis and their families, one trip they recall was a visit to a Naturist health club, their niece and her husband were members and invited Auntie and Uncle along. Doug said" it wouldn't have been so bad but we were the only people with white bits' and they had to play table tennis.

They have also been to Australia, Greece, Tunisia, Canada, Fiji, Egypt, Russia, Norway, Spain and France. Douglas was the proud owner of a few Robin Reliants and had many happy years driving. One particular journey to never be forgotten was a trip out one afternoon with Pauline for a picnic in the country. Unfortunately Doug reversed the car into a ditch, we are not sure how Pauline got out of the car but she was so disgusted she had walked off disowning him!! A group of lads passing in a car pulled the reliant out of the ditch, Doug caught up with Pauline enticing her back into the car, they returned home to have their picnic.

Douglas had almost reached ninety nine and a half years young and up until his fall in October 2015 had led a fairly active life, although Pauline would say he could always sleep well. He has been lucky to have found a jewel in his life-long partner Pauline who always had a delicious meal waiting for him when he returned home from shift work. When he retired from the railway he joined her cleaning the offices at Clarkson Wright & Jakes in Orpington. They also had an allotment in Bull Lane Chislehurst for many years and only gave it up when Doug had to stop driving 25/30 years ago. They had lived at their prefab until it had to be demolished in the 1960s and they were re-housed in their maisonette in Walsingham Road where they stayed until their move to Tudor Court in

2013. Pauline has been the driving force behind Doug always so positive and ever optimistic, only a few weeks before he died asked him if he would like to have a holiday, bless her.

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Lights of the world

Our Christmas celebrations are over. As we tidy up and restore our homes to what they were like before Christmas, we might look back at our festivities and ponder on what was so special about it.

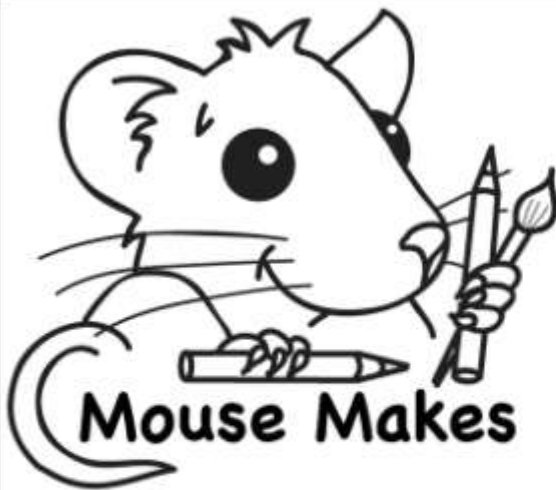
Jesus made clear that He came as light for the world. He came to give life in all its fullness. He came to show God’s character— full of love, compassion, forgiveness and mercy.

So if, as we put away our Christmas decorations, we think there is no more to be said until next Christmas, we have missed out on a vital part of the Christian message. For Jesus also said that we, His followers, were to be *the light of the world...’let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven’*. (Matthew 5:14-16). We are now involved! Jesus calls us, as His disciples, to be like Him this coming year - lights of hope, love, joy, healing and peace in a world that badly needs it.

A song by Graham Kendrick, ‘Do Something Beautiful’, urges us to: ‘Do something beautiful in the name of Jesus’, and ‘Go do something Jesus would’.

Now that’s a challenge for 2018!

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Words to live by  
from Proverbs 3

*"My child, never forget  
the things I have  
taught you.*

*Store my commands  
in your heart". vs1*

Don't assume you  
know it all.



Run to God!

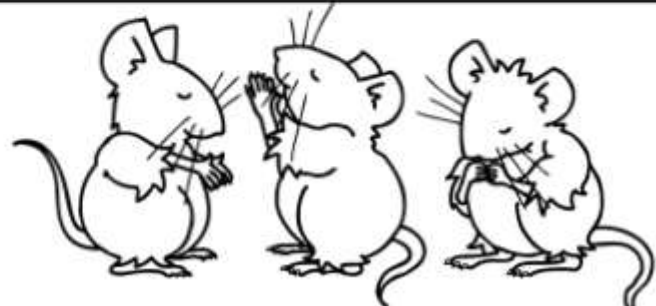
*from Proverbs 3:7 MSG*



Don't ever forget kindness and truth  
...then you will be respected and  
will please both God and people.  
*from Proverbs 3:3-4 NCV*

**Trust in God from the bottom  
of your heart; don't try to figure out  
everything on your own.**

*from Proverbs 3:5 MSG*



Seek God's will in all you do and He will  
show you which path to take.

*from Proverbs 3:6 NLT*

Honour God with everything you own;  
give Him the first and the best.

*from Proverbs 3:9 MSG*



Cut out and colour these  
Scripture verse cards  
to remind you this new year  
of God's wise ways to live.



# Mystery Sudoku

Sudoku with a twist – solve the puzzle and you'll discover that one of the rows/columns/blocks spells out a word, phrase, place or a song

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Last edition's solution

**MAY THE PEACE AND JOY OF CHRISTMAS BE WITH YOU**

## Word Search:

The Wise Men and St Paul were both on trips when they first encountered Jesus, but how different those trips were! The Wise Men, whom we remember on Epiphany (6th Jan) were seeking the One for whom the Star shone, and came to Bethlehem to worship him. St Paul, whose conversion we remember (26th Jan), was on his way to Damascus, seeking to kill those who worshipped Jesus. When the Wise Men encountered the Baby Jesus, they worshipped him and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. When St Paul, the proud, fanatical Pharisee, encountered Jesus, he fell blinded on the road, and then worshipped him by giving him the rest of his life. St Paul endured years of suffering and hardships in his work as the great apostle to the Gentiles. His mighty faith in Christ has kindled similar belief in many hundreds of millions of people down the centuries.

WISE	CONVERSION
MEN	SEEKING
TRIPS	KILL
PAUL	BABY
ENCOUNTER	GIFTS
JESUS	GOLD
DIFFERENT	PROUD
EPIPHANY	BLINDED
STAR	ROAD
SHONE	SUFFERING
BETHLEHEM	APOSTLE

H D D R M B A B Y G O O  
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A E J O D L O G T E F R  
G I U I H S N O A S E O



Last edition's solution



Thanks to technology, replacing the worn-out hymn books didn't cost a penny



Meet some of the Mission Aviation Fellowship family

**Stephen Kempsell,**  
Operations Manager

"I was brought up in a Christian family in Redhill, Surrey. During my youth, I attended Holy Trinity, Redhill. Holy Trinity supports missionaries all around the world, so I have been aware of mission from an early age and interested in the idea of serving Christ overseas.

After studying geography at the University of Plymouth, I experienced my first taste of mission on a short-term 'STEP Team' project in Nicaragua with Latin Link. The memory of this experience remained with me for the next ten years, during which time I moved to London and worked in insurance and investment banking.

During my time in London, I belonged to All Souls, Langham Place, and became involved with many areas of service including leading small groups, the 20s and 30s ministry, working with London's homeless and for the church buildings team. All Souls has a long tradition of sending and supporting mission partners throughout the world and it was during this time that a friend introduced me to MAF.

In 2008, I decided to pursue a new career in aviation and moved to Bedford to study an MSc in airport planning and management at Cranfield University. During this time, I felt a calling and desire to put my MSc and interest in aviation to use for the Gospel and, after

graduation, began to research and pursue opportunities with mission agencies.

My passion for aviation and for showing Christ's love in practical ways led me to serving with MAF. I have been Ground Operations Co-ordinator in Juba, South Sudan, since late 2012 and in August 2017 I moved to work in Arnhem Land, Australia.



Why Arnhem Land? Arnhem Land is a legally recognised reserve for the Aboriginal Yolngu people, located in the northeast corner of Australia's Northern Territory. It is roughly the same size as Scotland and Wales combined. It exhibits many characteristics of a 'fourth-world' - a distinct and impoverished region existing within the borders of a developed country. The main MAF base is in Nhulunbuy, a small mining town of under 4000 people at the 2011 census, although this has dropped significantly since the closure of the aluminium refinery. This has



put some pressure on the viability of various services, although it does retain a hospital, schools and some shops. A permit is required to live in, or to travel through Arnhem Land it is extremely remote by land. The next town (Katherine) is over 700km/430m away along a dirt highway that can be impassable in wet season. Even in dry season, there are river crossings that require a 4x4 vehicle to ford through. Upon reaching Katherine the choice is to either drive North to Darwin (300km/180mi) or South to Alice Springs (1200km/730mi)! Fortunately there are commercial flights to Darwin and Cairns; however there is only one airline, and fares are correspondingly very expensive"

For more information, visit Stephen's blog [www.maf-uk.org/staff/kempsell-stephen](http://www.maf-uk.org/staff/kempsell-stephen)

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**CCO Youth trip to Hamburg, Germany,**

**24th to 28th October 2017**

**YWAM partners Jim & Katie Whitear**



Daniel Bailey  
Andrena Palmer  
Adam Wicker  
Alex Bailey  
Jo Harfield

After arriving in Hamburg on **Tuesday** and having lunch with the Whitear's, we went to visit the organisation they run called KIC which means 'Church in the Centre'



While at KIC:

- ☐ We worshipped with the team – we sang worship songs in English and German!
- ☐ Andrena led the bible study
- ☐ We got to meet some of the migrants who use the centre

**Thursday** we joined the YWAM team in a time of intercessory prayers. We also got to hear about why some of them decided to work in Mission. After lunch we went back to KIC. Jo and Alex led a talk for the Adults during afternoon tea. After a bring and share dinner, Adam and Dan led the kids in a game of 'What's The Time Mr Wolf', in German!

**Friday** morning, Katie Whitear led us in a YWAM teaching session of how to hear Gods voice that they use for their YWAM Discipleship Training School. She made a cake matching ingredients of the cake to ingredients of listening for God's Voice. We then did an exercise to demonstrate how tough it can be sometimes

**Saturday** was our final day and we went to KIC for their breakfast club, games session and "boys group". It was wonderful that the young people, Jo and I were involved with leading games, helping with craft and helping the KIC team with jobs that they would have struggled to find the time to do





Report by Adam Wickett

On Thursday we led intercessions with the whole YWAM team, based on Colossians. Then we did mission training with Katie Whitear which involved learning about how to hear God's voice by making a cake; as all of the ingredients represented a quality you need to hear God, such as the Flour of Faith and the Honey of Humility!

In the afternoon we went to KIC for the second time and joined them for coffee and cake and a time of prayer before The group – about 60 people of all ages. During the session we played games with the younger children and played billiards with the older boys.



Jugend mit einer Mission

is the German speaking branch of Youth With A Mission Known as well as "YWAM" ("WHY-wham") we see ourselves as an international movement of young Christians who are called to serve Jesus Christ and to live and to proclaim the Gospel of God's Kingdom with the whole life. Our "Mission" is to know God and to make Him known. From the beginning in 1960 our main emphasis was to enable young people to share their faith in Jesus with others, according His example through word and deeds, within the settings of worldwide mission outreaches. Today the youth is still our focus, however there are 8 to 80 year-olds active in YWAM from more than 140 nations. In many of our teams people from different races and nationalities work and live alongside each other.

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The Cake of Hearing	Kuchen des Hörens
Apron of Availability	Schüssel des Sauberen Herzens
Cup of a Clean Heart	Joghurt des "JA Herr"! (1 Becher)
Eggs of Expectancy (x4)	Mehl des Mehr Glaubens (3 Becher)
Flour of Faith (3 cups)	Eier der Erwartung (4 Stück)
Honey of Humility (1 teaspoon)	Datteln der Demut
Oil of Obedience (1 cup)	Goldenes Öl des Gehorsams (1 Becher)
Sugar of Stillness (1 cup)	Zucker der Zeit mit Gott (1 Becher)
Lemon of Listening (x1)	Zitrone des Zuhörens (1 Stück)
Powder (Baking) of Persistance (3 teaspoons)	Backpulver der Beharrlichkeit (1 Pack.)
Yoghurt of "Yes Lord!" (1 cup)	Form der Verfügbarkeit
Time of Thankfulness 40 mins; 180° C	Dauer der Dankbarkeit 40 mins; 180° Grad

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On the Grapevine  
WITH SYMPATHY

We remember those who have recently passed away:

Grace Simmons

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# 2018 Diary...

**Wednesday 3rd January**  
10.00am NO Holy Communion

**Baptism of Christ**  
**Sunday 7th January**  
10.30am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Speaking God's Word 4

**Sunday 14th January**  
9.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Morning Worship  
6.30pm Speaking God's Word 5

**Sunday 21st January**  
10.30am Morning Worship  
6.30pm Holy Communion

**Sunday 28th January**  
9.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Morning Worship  
6.30pm Speaking God's Word 6

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### March & April 2018 issue

Do you want to promote a forthcoming church event or report on one that has just happened and reach more than just those within Christ Church?

#### Write about it for our church magazine!

Email your articles to [vandjmapp@gmail.com](mailto:vandjmapp@gmail.com) or contact Vernon (editor) on 01689 832433

The closing date for articles for the next issue is

### Friday 2nd February

If you need more time, please contact Vernon

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**Sunday 4th February**  
10.30am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Evening Worship

**Wednesday 7th February**  
10.00am Holy Communion

**Sunday 11th February**  
9.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Morning Worship  
6.30pm Evening Worship

**Shrove Tuesday, 13th February**  
Pancake Day



**Ash Wednesday, 14th February**  
8.00pm Holy Communion

**Sunday 18th February**  
10.30am Morning Worship  
6.30pm Evening Worship

**Sunday 25th February**  
9.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Morning Worship  
6.30pm Evening Worship

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## A Seniors Prayer

Today dear Lord I'm 80,  
there's lots I haven't done.

So I hope dear Lord

you'll let me live until I am 81.

But if I haven't finished  
all the things I like to do,  
Perhaps dear Lord

you'll let me live until I am 82.

So many places I could go,  
so much that I could see,  
Perhaps dear Lord

you could manage to make it 83.

The world is changing very fast,  
there is so much in store,  
I'd like it even better

Lord to live til 84.

Oh dear Lord, if I could survive,

I'd love to live til 85.

Many a dream I need fulfil,  
so perhaps you'd like to fix  
To let me still be here,

dear Lord, when I am 86.

I know dear Lord it's a lot to ask  
and it must be nice in heaven,  
But I really would be happy

to be around at 87.

I know by then I won't be fast  
and sometimes I'll be late,

But I'm sure it will be

pleasant to live til 88.

I will have seen so many things  
and had a lovely time,

So I'm sure that I will be

willing to leave at 89...

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## Children's Groups

### On Sunday's

#### During Morning Services:

**The Rainbow Room** Crèche is a fun, supervised soft play facility available on Sunday mornings for babies and children aged 0-3 years (inclusive)

**CLIMBERS** is for children aged 3 to 7 years and meet in the Small Hall. Activities each week include singing, Bible stories, games and craft

**EXPLORERS** is for children aged 7 to 11 years and meet in the Large Hall for singing and crafts in a framework of Christian teaching

**Pathfinders** is for young people aged 11 to 14+ and meet in the basement of the church for games, videos, drama and discussions, looking at the Bible and discussing relevant issues

#### During Evening Services:

**JUICE** meets on a Sunday evening (6pm-8pm) in the café area and is for young people who are year 9 and above who want to know God and spend time with great friends.

**JUICE** is a place where you can be yourself and hear something about how great our God is!

**JUICE** begins with refreshments in the café and worship with the evening congregation. We then move downstairs to the Undercroft for our session

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**Choose between  
chocolate and cheese**

Here is a desperate choice: if you had to give up one forever, which would it be? After a great deal of heart-searching, it seems we are split nearly down the middle, with 50% of us letting chocolate go, and 47% letting cheese go. So – cheese wins! As one senior food analyst explains, 'Cheese is a menu staple in the vast majority of homes.' But although the survey, by Mintel the consumer analysts, found that we love cheese best, that does not mean we don't love chocolate: in fact, we are buying more of it each year. This coming year we are forecast to get through nearly 500,000 tons of chocolate, and 785 million tons of cheese (most of it cheddar).

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**Don't read the Bible, listen to it**

Fancy listening to the Bible? Try the new audio Bible app from SPCK, called the NRSV Audio Bible for Everyone, costing 99p. The basic app provides the text and audio of the NRSV, while the option to upgrade offers a version that includes commentaries and guides from the For Everyone series by Tom Wright and John Goldingay. Visit [www.SPCKapps.com](http://www.SPCKapps.com).

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**This curious business of  
raising children**

You spend the first two years of their life teaching them to walk and talk. Then you spend the next sixteen telling them to sit down and shut up

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**Great writing**

There was once a young man who, in his youth, professed his desire to become a great writer. When asked to define "great," he said, 'I want to write stuff that the whole world will read, stuff that people will react to on a truly emotional level, stuff that will make them scream in disbelief, cry in despair, howl in pain, and vent their anger in ways they've never dreamed of!' He now works for Microsoft, writing error messages.

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**All snarled up**

With thoughtless and impatient hands,  
We tangle up the Plans the Lord hath  
wrought;  
And when we cry in pain, He saith,  
'Be still, while I untie the knot.'

*Anonymous*

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**And finally  
The Three R's...**

- at 25: Romance
- at 45: Rent
- at 65: Rheumatism

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