

Heatherside Church



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A NEWS SHEET FOR EVERYONE ON HEATHERSIDE

SNAPSHOTS IN TIME - Have you a family photograph album? We have, and how it helps us remember events in our family lives going back over the years. Holiday snaps are particularly colourful and the camera is usually one of the first things to be packed, with a spare film just in case.

The images put on film can be posed for like family groups or taken spontaneously to catch a specific moment of humour, sadness, beauty or joy. It is often such shots which, taken unawares, show us as we really are, making us see ourselves as others see us, and sometimes how embarrassing that can be. How do we judge other people like neighbours, work colleagues, school friends? On their looks, actions, or the way they speak. Do they see us in the same light?

Although we care about others in need, who cares about us? The generosity of the British public when asked to contribute to Pennlee Lifeboat, Ethiopia and the Bradford Fire disaster funds is quite staggering. Indeed many thanks are due to all those on Heatherside who gave to the recent Christian Aid collection when over £350 was raised. That is care in action, speaking louder than words.

Returning to the question of who cares about us, even the loneliest person need not despair, for the love of God is available and free to all. After all, He sees us as we really are. Photographs aren't necessary to remind Him of the happy and sad times. We set the scene; He takes the pictures.

NEWS FROM THE CURATE'S LODGE

Are you ready for your Summer holidays? There's so much to arrange isn't there? Deciding when and where you're going, and then trying to cram all you want to take into suitcases and loading up the car with everything but the kitchen sink. It feels like moving house. What a lot of effort has to go into spending just a week or two away from home! But of course it's worth it.

When you think about all that preparation how does it compare with the time and effort you put in to be ready to be with God? After all, He promises that His people will spend eternity with Him, not just a couple of weeks!

We at Heatherside Church would like to welcome you to join us as your local part of the family of God, who get ready to meet together with God week by week, and look forward to being with the Lord we have grown to know and love for ever.

GENESIS is a new youth group formed earlier this year by Heatherside Church to provide a Christian discussion group for 15-20 year-olds. We believe it will appeal to anyone who wants to know more about Christian standards and wants to discuss them with others. These discussions take place in an informal friendly atmosphere where everyone is free to contribute.

Some members are young people who feel the need for a more mature approach to subjects than can be achieved with the younger Junior Church groups, while others have no church affiliation. Anyone in the age group is welcome at the meetings.

Genesis meets regularly to discuss Christian views on a wide variety of topics including moral issues, Biblical subjects, and other aspects of Christian life. Periodically a programme is prepared, with topics being chosen by members of the group. Recent meetings have covered prayer, euthanasia, the Book of Revelation, and dreams. The meaning of being a Christian and leading a Christian life can be more readily understood when one is able to discuss these issues in such a group.

Genesis meets most Sunday evenings from 8pm to 9 or 9.30pm at 4 Kielder Walk (close to Heatherside Community Centre).

Anyone interested in joining can just turn up or can ring Neil Barker (20897) or Andrew Pepper (684783) for more details.

CIA (THE YOUNG CHURCH IN ACTION)

This article was written by members of the youth group and begins:

Before we say anything else the CIA is not any ordinary Sunday School; as most of us hate school we don't use that word! We cover the age 11-14 and you don't have to be particularly special to join. We do lots of interesting activities such as swimming, ice-skating, competitions, meals, games evenings and many others.

One of our 'Saturday Specials' was an 18 mile hike over the hills of Wiltshire, and we spotted wild birds such as pheasants, kestrels, and a black-headed gull. It was great fun having snowball fights on the 23rd March and trudging through mud about half a foot deep. When we were nearly at the end of the hike we had to go down a 50 degree hill-side, and ran or fell down it. When we finally reached our transport home we cooked a meal of soup, bangers and beans, followed by Mr Kipling country slices! On the way home most of us were so whacked we fell asleep.

Not everything we do is so energetic, but if you want to find out more come along on Sunday mornings and see for yourself.

LIBRARY SERVICE

Heatherside Church has an extensive tape and book library on Christian topics, all available after the Sunday morning service.

SERVICES ARE HELD EVERY SUNDAY at 11am and 6.30pm in the Community Centre.

MORNING SERVICES	-	1st Sunday	Morning Worship and Baptism
		2nd "	Morning Worship
		3rd "	Scouts & Guides Parade and Family Service
		4th "	Holy Communion
		5th "	Morning Worship

Junior Church for ages 4-15 is held every Sunday morning with the exception of the 3rd Sunday in the month, and a creche is provided every Sunday for children under 4.

EVENING SERVICES	-	2nd Sunday in the month	Holy Communion
		1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays	Evening Worship

HEATHERSIDE CHURCH welcomes everyone from all denominations. It was founded as an ecumenical venture between the Methodist Church and the Parish of St.Paul's, Church of England.

Minister in Charge: The Rev. Neil Barker, Curate's Lodge, 119 Cumberland Road, Heatherside. Tel. Camberley 20897 (Day off Wednesday)

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

During the last three months members of Heatherside Church have been on a farm holiday, gone to a West End theatre to see a play about St.Paul, celebrated a Junior Church birthday with a special service, welcomed Easter Day with a 7am service on the Green, walked 18 miles over the Wiltshire Downs, enjoyed a 'Gym and Swim' at the Arena Leisure Centre, started a monthly Tuesday coffee morning at the Community Centre, collected for Christian Aid, spent a day at Chessington Zoo, watched violence and disaster with pain, sorrow and prayer, and welcomed new families into Christian fellowship and worship.

There are regular weekly housegroups which cater for all levels of knowledge, faith and understanding. Yes, there is room for you and you will be welcome.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

CAMBERLEY SU HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB is for 4-12 year-olds and takes place from 12th to 17th August at Grove Park, next to Marconi's and opposite Frimley Park Hospital. It meets daily from 10 to 11.30am and from 2.30 to 5.15pm (bring a picnic tea). Activities include Bible stories, quizzes, model making, singing and games. Come along whenever you can.

HARVEST - We shall celebrate Harvest this year on Sunday 29th September. Our thanksgiving of food will be donated to the London City Mission, one of our adopted charities which you so kindly helped at Christmas. More details later.