

Heatherside Church



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A NEWS SHEET FOR EVERYONE ON HEATHERSIDE

A CHURCH IN THE OPEN

Summer holidays now seem just a memory - the warm dry days spent on a beach, on a farm, in hotels, guest houses, tents, chalets or caravans. The opportunity to renew our body batteries in the sunshine rarely fails to work and we usually return home feeling better for the complete change - often re-vitalised to tackle new challenges, or just to put greater effort into our daily lives.

Many holiday resorts have open air services on the harbour wall, jetty or promenade, often attracting large groups of people to sing favourite hymns or long-forgotten tunes and to listen to a short sermon by the local minister.

Did you know that Heatherside had its own open air service on the Green in July? We sang some well known hymns and were joined by a few interested passers-by who couldn't believe their eyes, to see people looking just like them but sitting on chairs on the Green singing hymns and songs.

We are all local people from different backgrounds, all sharing one belief - that Jesus Christ is Lord.

If this is your belief too, or you would like it to be, come along any Sunday to the Community Centre - Heatherside Church - at 11am or 6.30pm.

JUNIOR CHURCH (4-7 year-olds)

Would you like to make new friends, sing some songs, play games and learn how to talk to Jesus? Well that's just what we do on Sunday mornings at Heatherside Junior Church. We share our worship with the adults for a short time, then we go to our own room, and you'd be surprised how many ways we find to praise God! Why not come along and join us? We'd love to see you.

JUNIOR CHURCH (7-11 year-olds)

This is a group of boys and girls who meet together on alternate Sundays to find out more about the christian way of living. No qualifications are necessary and no certificates are given!

Church commences at 11am and for the first 15 minutes worship is shared in church with parents and friends. This is followed by an exodus of all children from 4 years upwards who join their leaders in separate rooms.

The 7-11 year-olds then become engaged in a variety of activities ranging from scripture reading, art and singing, to sharing 'fantastic news', and performing playlets in preparation for participating in church festivals.

There are approximately 14 regular members (plus visitors). We hope to double this number by Christmas, and we would like to welcome YOU.

NEWS FROM THE CURATE'S LODGE

Why do we spoil things? You don't have to look very hard to see things spoilt in our community - paint poured on the children's slide in the playground, a window kicked in at the Community Centre, a notice-board vandalised by the shops and graffiti appearing more frequently. But of course, that is not the doing of you and I. It is them, the vandals! Yet, if we are honest with ourselves, none of us are totally innocent of spoiling things. Relationships are spoilt by the word we should have left unsaid or the thing we forgot. Our sense of community is spoilt by our exclusive concern for ourselves, and our lives can be spoilt in so many ways by others and by ourselves.

There is a destructive force at work in the world. People grow old, things break down, and nothing lasts for ever. But the GOOD NEWS of the Christian Faith is that we can come into the creative power of God who has defeated the power of destruction and who can begin to re-create us and renew us. Forgiveness and restoration are God's free gifts to us. Many people are coming to experience those gifts through Jesus Christ.

We invite you to join us as we draw close to God in worship and ask Him to re-create, renew and restore us.

GOOD NEWS TO SHARE

When the top selling version of the Bible was printed some eight years ago it was entitled "The Good News Bible".

Remember what the angels said that first Christmas - "Behold I bring you glad tidings of great joy" - good news indeed. Well, we don't have any angels but we do have some good news to share.

All the churches in Camberley have been planning a major event which is to be held in the Civic Hall on October 17th, 18th and 19th. The programme each evening will consist of hymns, choruses, drama and a challenging talk by the Rev. Alan Warren. The evening starts at 8pm and will finish by 9.30, with the opportunity to discuss any problems, hesitancy or understandings with trained counsellors.

On Saturday 20th October there is a Youth Concert at Fernhill School, Farnborough, from 7.30pm to approx. 10.15pm, with band 'Royal Rendezvous' and short drama sketches. Admission by programme only - price 50p.

If you want to share in the Good News of Jesus then come along to any of the meetings or 'phone Camberley 20897 for further information.

PRAYER FOR TO-DAY

Dear God, you provide us with so much we take for granted. Help us to appreciate more the beauty of your gifts in the world around us - woodland, heath, sunshine and gardens. Let the influence of your presence guide our lives in prayer and praise. Amen.

<u>MORNING SERVICES</u>	- 11am to 12 Noon (A creche is provided for children under 4)	
1st Sunday	Family Service and Baptism	Junior Church for 11-14's
2nd Sunday	Morning Worship	Full Junior Church
3rd Sunday	Parade Service - Brownies, Guides, Cubs, Scouts	Junior Church for under 7's
4th Sunday	Holy Communion	Full Junior Church
5th Sunday	Morning Worship	Full Junior Church
<u>EVENING SERVICES</u>	- 6.30 to 7.30pm	
2nd Sunday	Holy Communion	
1st, 3rd, 4th and 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. (Free day Wednesday)

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Many people are alive to-day thanks to the help received during some personal crisis. Some owe their lives to the speed and efficiency of the Fire Brigade. Others are alive because of the courage of life-boat crews, while countless lives have been saved through the selfless service of doctors, nurses and ambulance men.

Help is generally available in to-day's world. Accidents and even national catastrophes are anticipated, and provision is made to cope with them. But there are some crises in life when the power to help is beyond man's ability. At such times, when perhaps we are carrying insupportable burdens or wrestling with apparently insoluble problems, where or to whom can we turn for help? *The answer is - to God.*

Perhaps you are one who needs help in the form of courage - peace of mind - or release from some crippling fear? It may be that you need to know God's pardon and forgiveness and the joy of being at one with Him.

It was in order to help the individual that God launched the greatest rescue operation of all time by sending His Son into the world to be our Saviour.

The following Bible quotes may help you:-

Psalm 33 v.20, Psalm 46 v.1, Psalm 124 v.8, Hebrews 13 v.6, Mark 9 v.24.

JESUS SAID "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." *Matthew 11 v.28.*
