



## FAMILY NEWS

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**'Signs of Summer' Photo Competition** - Please encourage friends and family to enter our photo competition. Think lazy deckchair days, chilled barbecues, colourful gardens, messing about in the river, fetes and festivals, Wimbledon..... **All entries to be submitted by 5pm TODAY** by email to: [info@chorleywoodmagazine.co.uk](mailto:info@chorleywoodmagazine.co.uk). Please send photos with a caption of no more than 50 words to include: name; age (if under 18); phone number and email address. Photos will be displayed here at St Andrew's at our 'Signs of Summer' photo exhibition from mid-June and prizes awarded on the **launch night Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June**. Some photos will be published in the July editions of the Chorleywood magazine. For more details please see the June edition of Chorleywood magazine or contact Nicky Selby via email at: [nicky.selby@standrews.org.uk](mailto:nicky.selby@standrews.org.uk) if you require further information.

**Upcoming Men's Breakfast** – On **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June** there will be a Men's Breakfast at St Andrews from 8.30-10.30am followed by a talk from Peter Wynter titled, " Leaders: Born or Made?". For further information telephone Robert Freeman 01923 284593.

**Claire Dunkerton and Matthew Jones** - Plus their respective parents (Tania & Martin, Janet & Simon) would love anyone in St Andrew's who knows them to join Claire and Matthew at their wedding service, here at St Andrew's, on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July** at 12.30pm. Please also stay on for light refreshments. Should you decide to come, for catering purposes, it would be appreciated if you could please let the couple know in advance by emailing: [mrandsrjones1.7.17@gmail.com](mailto:mrandsrjones1.7.17@gmail.com). Also as a courtesy to guests travelling from afar please avoid using the church car park that day, if possible.

**Quiz Night Fundraiser** - Church in the Swillett is hosting a Quiz night fundraiser for our annual youth trip to Sandiley camp (CPAS Ventures) in Yorkshire at the end of July. We have 4 young people going this year and they are very excited. There will be a chance to hear what happened at camp last year. Do come along to the Quiz Night, you can bring a team or make up a team with others on the night.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June**, 7pm in the Bridge. £5 entry (includes nibbles), donations welcomed for drinks served. Thank you for your support. Contact Sarah Agnew 07927 329 848.

**JustOne at Emirates Stadium - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017**. Tickets now available. This exciting event with J. John is fast approaching. Please seriously consider joining our Vicar Tim, me and many others at the Emirates Stadium for this wonderful evangelistic event. It would be a brilliant introduction for someone you might be considering inviting to our Autumn Alpha Course. I have managed to get a block of tickets so that all the St Andrew's folk (young and old) can sit together and these will be available from me or Susie Wilson after the services for the next 4 weeks. Alternatively, please do email me ([alan.richards@st-andrews.org.uk](mailto:alan.richards@st-andrews.org.uk)) if you would like tickets. For those unsure about how to get there, we will coordinate travel to the stadium by tube and will consider hiring a coach if there is sufficient demand. Blessings Alan Richards.

**Church Cleaning Saturdays** - A number of folk who work on Fridays (our normal Church cleaning day) are currently being denied the opportunity to exercise their cleaning and tidying gifts. Stacia and I feel that we should do all in our power to remedy this situation so, we are delighted that we can now offer the opportunity to join the church cleaning rota on a Saturday morning. With just 2 or 3 more volunteers it would be a commitment of just once every 6 weeks for 2 hours approx and no special skills are required - even I can do it. So, don't miss out on this opportunity to serve. Contact: [alan.richards@st-andrews.org.uk](mailto:alan.richards@st-andrews.org.uk), Blessings Alan. PS. Opportunities are still available on Friday if you prefer!

**Interested in coming to NEW WINE?** - All who have booked, or might be interested to know more, are welcomed to a brief meeting in the Chapel from 8pm on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June**. We'll discuss what to expect, transport, tents, joint lunches etc. Further information from Nigel and Denise Challis at: [denise.challis@cantab.net](mailto:denise.challis@cantab.net) or 01923 284690.

**Can You Help Us?** - Could you or somebody you know help to support adults with additional needs to access New Wine in this summer? No experience needed! We are short of volunteers for both Week 1 (**21<sup>st</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> July**) and Week 2 (**29<sup>th</sup> July- 5<sup>th</sup> Aug**) you get a free place to camp and be on site and your meals provided. Sign up at: <https://www.new-wine.org/united17> book your ticket and select the 'Access' team. If you have any questions before booking please feel free to call Laura Sutton 07796 683 001 or you can email: [laurasutton555@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:laurasutton555@yahoo.co.uk)

**Kagando Hospital, Uganda** - If anyone is interested in learning more about God's work at this hospital where we go to help voluntarily, there is a "Friends of Kagando" supporters' day at St Mary's Church Islington on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July** - please contact Richard and Jane Gill for more details, call 01923 283031 or email: [richardandjanegill@hotmail.com](mailto:richardandjanegill@hotmail.com)

**Avignon** - I am leading a walking holiday based in the ancient City of Avignon for one week starting on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September**. Full information and details can be found on the Chapters Experience website under "Romantic Avignon". If you want further details, please contact Alun Price-Davies on 07771 595 266.

**Can I Help You!?** - I am a university student home over the summer and I'm looking for any jobs available ranging from babysitting, to pet care, dog walking, childminding etc. Please contact Sarah Dunkerton on 07415 269 317 or email me at: [sarah.dunkerton@live.com](mailto:sarah.dunkerton@live.com). Good references are available upon request!

#### **PERSECUTED CHURCH – Algeria**

Thilleli, the daughter of an Algerian Christian serving 3 years in jail for allegedly 'insulting Islam and the prophet Muhammad' on Facebook, says she's worried about the abuse her father could suffer during Ramadan and stresses that her father had only shared someone else's post on Facebook, saying: "I wonder why there is this rage against my father, who did not have a high profile on Facebook."

Slimane Bouhafs, sentenced 8 months ago, was at first incarcerated in Setif Prison, then transferred to Constantine Prison and has recently been moved a third time to the coastal city of Jijel. Each move has taken him further away from his family and from areas of Christian support. This latest transfer took place despite the family's request that he be moved to a prison in Béjaïa, in the Kabylie region where the family is from and where there is a relatively large Christian community.

Both Constantine and Jijel are known to have radical Islamist movements, and Bouhafs' family fear that during Ramadan inter-religious tensions could increase. Thilleli, says: "In Constantine Prison, my father suffered physical assaults and his psychological condition seriously deteriorated." She is very worried for her father who converted to Christianity in 1997 is a well-known social activist, in Béjaïa's city centre.

On a Facebook post, Thilleli said that her father had lost half his bodyweight during the space of two months adding, "My father's inflammatory rheumatism, can only be treated with a specific diet which is impossible to get in prison, it is taking a terrible toll on him."

Slimane Bouhafs is from Kabylie in Algeria's Berber region, where the church has grown significantly in recent decades. Bouhafs' conviction could be seen as a means of silencing him because of his political activism. He belongs to a movement seeking the self-determination of Kabylie (known as MAK), a group not tolerated by the authorities. MAK activists are regularly harassed and arrested, while the Kabylie region has always had a tumultuous relationship with the central government in Algiers.

*Source: World Watch Monitor*

#### **Please Pray:**

- ◆ For God to protect Slimane during this time and give his family His peace
- ◆ For Slimane's health and weight to recover and stabilise
- ◆ Thanking God for those who are speaking up for Slimane - that justice will be done.

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**Editor's note - Deadline for messages is Thursday 9 a.m.** Messages can be left either in the pigeonholes at St Andrew's, on the answer-phone 01923 332101, by email: [familynews@st-andrews.org.uk](mailto:familynews@st-andrews.org.uk) or on the St Andrew's website: [www.st-andrews.org.uk](http://www.st-andrews.org.uk) Please spell names of people and places, and any other special names such as trade names, and leave name and contact number.

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