



FAMILY NEWS

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Thank You So Much - For your generous donation of 2,439.52 to **New Hope** as part of your Easter giving. We are extremely grateful for your gift as it helps us to provide many people with professional support and advice on how to move forward with their lives.

As we continue to see an unprecedented number of people in need of our services, we are so encouraged by wonderful people, like you, who want to help us change the lives of individuals in this dire situation. Thank you.

And again...Thank you St Andrew's for your continuing support of the Philo Trust. We are so touched that it came through the Easter offering.

Thanksgiving Service for Tim Fowkes – This will be on held on **Thursday 22nd June**, 2pm at St. Andrew's Church. All are welcome to come. There will be a service beforehand at 12.30pm at The Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham. This is for the family and anyone else who wishes to join us. No black please just lovely colours. Alex

News from Aidan Patrick - Aidan has written a little news report from Uganda, together with photos. If you would like us to email you a copy (or if you'd like a hard copy), do let us know at: Belinda.patrick@st-andrews.org.uk Thanks.

JustOne at Emirates Stadium - Saturday 8th 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) 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.

An Evening of Celtic-Style Worship and Meal – Lower Path Life Group invites you to be our guest and enjoy this special evening with us. Join us for supper in the Church lounge on **Wednesday 5th July**, beginning with Evening Prayer at 7.30pm and ending with Compline around 9pm. Come on your own, bring a friend, or make it an evening out for your small group. If you want to book your place (numbers are limited) or find out more, please contact Bill Seddon (wtseddon@gmail.com) or Lucy Turner (lucy.turner@st-andrews.org.uk).

Wedding Help for Jon and Hannah - Jon and Hannah are getting married here at St. Andrew's on **Saturday 29th July**. There are a couple of things we would like to ask the church to help us with. **1)** Would you able to make some cupcakes or tray bakes to serve after the service? **2)** Could we borrow a few cushions from you? (We will put a small tag on these to identify them and ensure they get back to their correct owners. If you can help us in either capacity please email: jonhannahwed@gmail.com. Thank you so much in advance.

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 20th June**. We'll discuss what to expect, transport, tents, joint lunches etc. Further information from Nigel and Denise Challis at: 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 (**21st-28th July**) and Week 2 (**29th July- 5th Aug**) you get a free place to camp and be on site and your meals provided.

Sign up at: <https://www.new-wine.org/unity17> 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

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, Blessings Alan. PS. Opportunities are still available on Friday if you prefer!

Persecuted Church Prayer Meeting - Tuesday 20th June. All are welcome to come and pray for persecuted Christians worldwide at the home of Jenny Thornton - 50 Lower Road, Chorleywood, from 2-3.30pm. For more information please phone 01923 351954.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Iraq

Almost three years after being snatched from her mother by so-called Islamic State (IS) militants, Christine, who was 3yrs/old when she was abducted, has been reunited with her family!

Reports say she was released by the Iraqi Special Forces. She was reunited with her parents on 9th June in the Ashti camp in Erbil, where her family have been living in a caravan. Her return was celebrated with dancing and clapping and singing. But, another resident at the camp reports that Christine herself is clearly in shock, not say anything and seems to be overwhelmed by the huge crowd of people welcoming her.

Happily, she looks quite healthy and it is surmised that she must have been in the house of a wealthy family who took good care of her. She was even wearing gold rings in her ears.

Christine was taken from her family when they were forced out of their home in Qaraqosh by IS, she turns 6yrs/old today, 18th June.

Please Pray:

- ◆ Praise God that Christine has been reunited with her family!
- ◆ For healing for Christine, as she begins to recover from her time in captivity
- ◆ That many more families in the Middle East would be reunited

The Shack - If you enjoyed reading The Shack, you might like to go and see the film which is now showing at Cineworld in Hemel Hempstead and at The Vue in Watford. The film, starring Sam Worthington and Octavia Spencer, has been produced by Stuart Hazeldine who made 'The Life of Pi' and 'Blindside'. Keith and I went to see it last Friday and it's well worth watching. (Belinda)

Avignon - I am leading a walking holiday based in the ancient City of Avignon for one week starting on **Saturday 16th 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. Good references are available upon request!

Second Corrector Needed - I'm writing you from Brussels with the following question. We are translating a Flemish book written by a leader in the Belgian church who is also a columnist in a national magazine. The book is being translated in 4 languages and will be published this autumn for mainly the secular market in Europe. It is also a fascinating read for believers. The title is "99 theses against humanism".

We are looking for a native speaking UK English person who could be a 2nd corrector and is familiar with the content/perspective (a believer). The first translation (I do this together with a US lady) will be finished by end June. The translation needs to be finalized by preferably end July, latest mid-August. The book is 120 pages short.

If interested or for a taster of the book first please email: veerlevictory@gmail.com

Position Vacant - PA to the Vicar of Watford - St Mary's Church Watford are currently recruiting for this position and invite applications. This is a key role in the church which helps to underpin and support the work of the Vicar and covers all areas of parish administration.

The position is for 12hours per week, 3 hours a day Tuesday to Friday, finish time could be flexible although 10 to 1pm would be preferable. Hourly rate £11-13. For more information call/email Jacky Faria in the Church Office on 01923 225189 or email: jacky.stmaryswatford@gmail.com. Copies of the job description and person specification are available from the Church Office.

Please send your CV and covering letter to: www.jacky.stmaryswatford.org.uk. Closing date for applications is **Thursday 22nd June**, interview date Monday 26th June.

Restore Hope Vacancy – We are recruiting for a new role of **Hope Development Manager**, to lead the development of a range of programmes designed to restore hope through inspiring, training and equipping people to fulfil their potential. Full Time, Salary Dependent upon Experience. Please apply in writing with CV to: shaun.israel@restorehopelatimer.org. Application deadline is **Friday 23rd June**. More details can be found at: www.restorehopelatimer.org

St Luke's Church, Watford - Vacancy – St Luke's is seeking to appoint a part-time (approx. 12hrs/wk) **Assistant Music Leader** for contemporary style music. The person concerned should be:

- A committed Christian with a living faith and heart for worship
- Passionate worship leader and enthusiastic team player
- Able to lead a congregation of all ages in worship
- A competent and confident musician
- Able to blend traditional and new music styles
- Able to encourage adults and young people to develop their musical skills

This is an exciting opportunity to develop new initiatives and talents.

Start date – latest Sept 2017, but earlier if suitable candidate available - For further details and an application form please contact: St Luke's Church Office – 01923 246161 or office@stlukeswatford.org Closing date: **5th July 2017**

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 or on the St Andrew's website: 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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