



It's All About the Crew ...

Please don't throw out your brochure "It's Not about the Pilot". Every church member should have received one by the middle of this week. Just before the summer holidays is the last time of the year I would think issuing something like this.

July is not the time of year when people think about new initiatives. In July the congregation tends to be focused on sunscreen, travel insurance, sleeping bags, malaria pills and getting everything done before everyone goes away.

We will pick all this up again in September when we return. Instead of looking at a book of the Bible, we will be looking at ourselves, seeing how far we have got since the days of that Quest, and where we need to go in the future. The whole Church of England has recently been running a *Renewal and Reform* programme. (That's to a large extent where the Pattern Church has come from.) We will be doing something similar in St John's, initiating our own local *Renewal and Reform* programme.

That being said, some things can wait until September and some cannot.

The treasurer's role can wait a little longer. This is because we have a provisional team in terms of our churchwardens, Rod and Sharon, Joan, currently looking after the ledgers, and Tony Nash all keeping us on track. We want to hand the books over in good shape. In fact, "books" may well become a thing of the past.

PCC needs to do some more work on our expectations of the treasurer's role before the holidays, and we will be looking at that subject again on Monday. We need to be clear in our own minds about what we want our new Treasurer to do.

But some things won't wait until September. We need to be ready.

Scramblers: We are saying farewell to Althea Nye. Althea has helped with the Scrambler class for five years, and done a wonderfully conscientious job. She is one of our three Scrambler leaders, and we need to replace her. This is not something we can start to think about on September 9 when our children's work restarts. We need to have a new leader in place.

In addition, we are losing the services of Rachel Crosby, who has been acting as an assistant leader for the last few years. We are really grateful to Rachel, who has done this in addition to working on Saturdays, and going to college during the week. Full marks for effort there.

That means will need at least two assistants for next year and one Scrambler Leader.

Parents: as chief beneficiaries of children's work, are often active in helping. That is as it should be.

We also want to say a special thank you to those who continue so faithfully with this ministry. It is wonderful to look out on a Sunday morning and see some many children in church.

(continued from p2) And it is great to hear from parents and much the children love their groups. This is due to the dedication of our children's team. We thank them for it.

So If you have not yet got involved with our children's work, here is an opening. We need you to have a short interview as part of our Safer Recruitment Policy, and to provide references. You will also receive Job Spec. But most importantly, you will feel part of the wider team and know you are contributing to the lives of children in the way the matters most.

What else is coming up at PCC tomorrow evening?

These days, governance forms a big part of our task as churches. So, we will spend part of the evening focusing on various church policies which have been presented by the Finance, Fabric and Governance sub- team.

We will also be developing our links with St Francis School. We have a special St Francis Day service planned for **Sunday, September 30**. This will be an entirely new departure. We want to talk to PCC about it first, and will be saying more about what we have in mind next week.

**SOME
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NEW**

Tony Njoroge has been looking at a Islam as part of his course, and has conducted an interview with a member of our local mosque. Islam is the second biggest religious group in this country. But know much do we really know about it? In a couple of weeks' time we will invite Tony use the bulletin to explain a bit more about what Muslims believe, and we will be looking at where the major differences between Christianity and Islam lie.



The computer: the saga continues.

The computer that operates the TV screens is working well.. However, when it comes to presentation, we can only get any three of our four screens to operate. (The fourth is the monitor used by the operator.) That is why the screen above the door is currently not operating. An initial email conversation with Media Shout has drawn a blank. They have invited us to book a time to Skype them. At the very least, they should be able to tell us it is a hardware or software issue. Paul Nichol continues to investigate.....

There will be a service of Holy Communion at James Wilks House on Wednesday 18th July at 3pm. All Welcome.



Prayers: We continue to pray for **Andrew and for Jean, for Simon, Rebecca and Rachel and their wider family** in these last days of Andrew's life. Andrew appears to be comfortable and is now sleeping constantly. The waiting and watching take their toll. We remember **Ruby Allen** and **Pam Howlett** who have both spent a lot of time in hospital recently. We pray for our **children's leaders** and the work they do throughout the year. We also remember the wider world and the visit of **President Trump** with all the implications his presidency will have on our future in terms of trade and defence.

Mon 16th	9.30-11.30am 2pm	Pram Club Homegroup in Quiet Room
Tues 17th	7pm 8pm	Homegroup Meal at Manor Farm Homegroup 27 Garraways RWB
Wed 18th	1.00-3.00pm 3.00pm 7.30pm	Craft Club Holy Communion James Wilks House Homegroup 17 Rother Close
Fri 13th	10.30am-1.30pm	Rock Café

Please pray for our church family	
Mon 16th	Christian Mead
Tue 17th	Daniel Mead
Wed 18th	Richard & Gail Mitchell
Thurs 19th	Oldi & Lara Morava & family
Fri 20th	Gareth & Ade Morris
Sat 21st	Sharon & Rod Mortimer
Sun 22nd	Trevor & Linda Morton-Holmes

**Sunday School Families
Picnic next Sunday**
22nd July 1pm
Lydiard Park
(in front of house)



Services Next Week			
22nd July	9am	Holy Communion	Raymond Adams
	11am	Morning Praise	Raymond Adams

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Sunday July 15
Trinity 8



Paul Gets Real

Time	Service	Preacher	Readings
9.00am	Morning Prayer	Raymond Adams	Psalm 43 2 Corinthians 12:11-end
11.00am	Holy Communion	Raymond Adams	Matthew 6: 1-6 2 Corinthians 12: 11-end