

The Balcony

Inevitably, because of holidays, congregations are smaller in August. This can sometimes mean that the reduced congregation is divided evenly between the balcony and the main worship area.

It means that people can be spread very thinly throughout the church, which has an effect on the quality of our worship—especially when it comes to singing. The balcony is really helpful on ordinary Sundays. It ensures that we are not all cramped together, but on smaller holiday services, it can have exactly the opposite effect. It divides us and creates a feeling of a very thin service.

Let's get together...

PCC felt that it wanted to test this out. So, we have decided to conduct an experiment. On two Sundays this summer, we will be roping off the balcony and encouraging everyone to sit downstairs. This will also make our worship more welcoming and attractive to visitors. **Next Sunday, July 29 and again on Sunday August 17**, we will be

trying this out and will be roping off the balcony. It will give us all the opportunity to see what it's like to worship together. Clearly the sacrifice will be more on the part of those who normally sit in the balcony, and we do appreciate that.

St Francis Day

St Francis School used to have a small service meeting there once a month. Once the parish was split in half, there were not enough people to make that viable. However, we have led a Christingle their last December and intend to do another this year. And in addition, we want to celebrate St Francis day with St Francis School parents and children. In order to do that, we will be running a service at

4 PM in the afternoon on Sunday, September 30. This will be in place of our 11am service. There will be a 9 AM service that day, but we would equally be delighted if 19 o'clock members were able to join us at afternoon.

The school will publicise this service among its parents and children. We hope there will be participation from the children of St Francis. Two weeks later, will be our own Harvest Service and we are going to be inviting parents and children to come and join us for that. There may even be a choir coming from St Francis.



Latest News About Andrew

At the time of writing, Andrew has been unconscious for about 12 days. He is sleeping peacefully, though turning him every two hours is inevitably painful.

Both he and Jean are being well cared for at the hospice.

Policies

PCC has passed or ratified a number of policies.



Our intention is that they should go on the website. However, Catherine can help you if you would like to see one on paper. The following areas were considered on Monday evening :

- ◆ **Domestic abuse**
- ◆ **Fair Recruitment**
- ◆ **Handling of disclosure information**
- ◆ **First Aid Policy**
- ◆ **Data Protection Policy**

Kids in Summer

As ever, we will not be running children's groups during the summer holiday. This year three of our holiday services will be All Age and three will not.

Normally, there are not too many children in church during the first few weeks of August. Our aim will be to provide a number of different videos in the Quiet Room so that children can have an enjoyable time when they come.

When Raymond is away, **Simon Robertson** will be preaching for the first Sunday, and **J John** will be finishing his series on evangelism (Caring and Sharing) thanks to Youtube.

The Computer: Media Shout

Thanks to the magic of Skype and the ability of the Media Shout technicians in Nashville Tennessee to remotely take over our computer here in Haydon Wick, all our IT problems have now finally been resolved.

Our hope is that the next time the computer decides to break down, it will choose a service other than the Confirmation Service to do this in. Many thanks to **Paul Nichol** for his perseverance with this issue.



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 sad waiting continues. **Pam Howlett** had to return to hospital last week, We remember her and Peter. **Ruby Allen** is once again back in James Wilks House after a much longer stay in hospital than expected. Pray for **Frank Mead, a member of our congregation** who is now in the Royal Marine. This is probably not the easiest of places to be a Christian and we pray for his faith and witness there.



Sunday July 22

Trinity 9

Sun 22nd	1pm	Sunday School Picnic Lydiard Park
Mon 23rd	9am 2pm	Pram Club Helpers Cleaning Session Homegroup in Quiet Room
Tues 24th	8pm	Homegroup 27 Garraways RWB
Wed 25th	1.00-3.00pm 7.30pm	Craft Club Homegroup 17 Rother Close
Fri 27th	10.30am-1.30pm	Rock Café

Please pray for our church family	
Mon 23rd	Tony & Jill Nash
Tue 24th	Patricia Newman
Wed 25th	Abraham & Esther Ngeru & family
Thurs 26th	Paul & Carol Nichol
Fri 27th	Tony & Grace Njoroge & family
Sat 28th	Jane Nyambura
Sun 29th	Althea Nye

Joan King will be leading Prayer Circle whilst Sharon is away. Joan can be contacted on 490396 or by email to joanking@live.co.uk



The Face of Jealousy

Services Next Week			
29th July	9am	Holy Communion	Raymond Adams
	11am	All Age Service	Raymond Adams

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Time	Service	Preacher	Readings
9.00am	Holy Communion	Raymond Adams	1 Samuel 18:1-9 John 3:22-30
11.00am	Morning Worship	Raymond Adams	1 Samuel 18:1-9 John 3:22-30