

Please pray for our church family	
Mon	Nigel & Jill Crowhurst
Tue	Harry & Pauline Davis
Wed	Jean Dean
Thurs	Peter Dibbo
Fri	Marilyn Du Plooy
Sat	Pauline Eagle & Phil
Sun	Pat Edge & John

News from Uganda

Our friend Bishop Eridard Nsubuga, the Bishop of Luwero, retires this week, on Sunday, 9th July. We wish him and his wife Mama Jane a blessed and peaceful retirement.

Sadly, Godfrey's election as his replacement has been nullified and the whole nomination and selection of the next bishop will now be restarted. This will be unsettling and difficult for the diocese and for Godfrey. The Church of Uganda urges Christians and church leaders to remain calm, pray for Luwero Diocese and all affected parties, and heed Psalm 46:10 –

"Be still and know that I am God."

Please Pray

For Bishop Eridard, Mama Jane, and their family as Eridard begins his retirement.

For Godfrey and his family, and the Luwero Diocese as they seek a new candidate to succeed Bishop Eridard.

For Raymond and Alison as they enjoy retired life together.

For our young people, as they come towards the end of another academic year.

Tea and Coffee

With more and more people staying on to chat after the 11am service each week, we would like to start offering tea/coffee every week. If you could help with this, please add your name to the list in the foyer or speak to Sharon / Ali after the service.



Sunday 9th July Trinity 5



Services for Next Sunday			
16th July Trinity 6	9am	Holy Communion	Tricia Roberts
	11am	Morning Praise	

Time	Service	Sermon	Readings
9.00 am	Holy Communion 1662	Tricia Roberts	Romans 7: 15-25a
11.00 am	All Age Service	Simon Robertson	Matthew 11: 16-19, and 25-end

Notices for next week's bulletin to the Parish Office by Wednesday 9am please

Raymond writes:

Dear Everyone,

We thought you might like to hear how we have been getting on over the last three months.

Raymond is not allowed to do anything in any church for six whole months. The sense of elation at no longer having to struggle to fit a quart into a pint pot every week has not yet begun to fade!

Even better, the river fishing season has opened at last. We are two minutes from the River Wye and I am often there in the early morning before the summer canoes start to come down around 11am. Despite the bad news about pollution, the river remains full of fish. Some days I cast out and can hardly put my rod down before it rattles off.

Thank you so much for your very generous gifts on our departure. We have put your cheque in our holiday fund. The big news is that we have bought a camper van. We have always loved camping but our days of living under canvas are long over. The van we really wanted is quite hard to get hold of. However, when we started to search, there was one for sale in Great Yarmouth, one in Scotland and one just 19 miles away.

Are there any downsides to retirement? Well, I can't just ring the diocese anymore when something in the house needs fixing. On the plus side, we don't need to live with the diocese's idiosyncratic colour scheme. We have gradually been working at the issues raised in the survey and are down to our final project. It will feel like we have really moved in when that is all done.

We have found a good church, very similar to St John's in terms of size, music and informality. Sitting together in a pew for the first time in 38 years was a strange experience, but we are gradually getting used to it.

Raymond was asked on Sunday last, one minute before the service started, if he could do the intercessions because the person on the rota had failed to show up. The person asking was very apologetic, but I was able to assure her I had, in fact, been in that position once or twice before. Home from home!

However, our life of -almost- uninterrupted ease will soon come to an end. Two vacancies are coming up in the deanery when two vicars retire at the same time. This thought was giving the Area Dean sleepless nights. However, another retired vicar has also recently moved to Hereford, and we understand that the sound of champagne corks popping has been heard in the Area Dean's study.

I guess I will have plenty of sermon illustrations about the strange events that took place in my last parish - if anyone will believe them.

We really do miss you all.

Every blessing

Raymond and Alison

Ethiopia Hunger Crisis Appeal

Tearfund reports that after five failed rainy seasons, the situation in and around the Borena region of Ethiopia is now critical. An estimated 20.1 million people need immediate food support, including 7.4 million children and women who are malnourished.

This is Ethiopia's worst drought in decades, and whole communities are at crisis point. But, in spite of the situation, there is hope. Poverty is not God's plan. The church is.

We are collecting donations for this appeal as a church. If you would like to contribute please either transfer money to the church bank account - details below - or give cash/cheques in an envelope to James, Ali or Sharon, who will make sure it gets to the right place. Please make sure all donations are clearly labelled **Ethiopia Appeal**. Thank you.

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