

God with us at the heart of our community



June 2018

'Peace'

I was listening to a modern version of the old hymn 'When peace like a river - It is well with my soul' recently (MP 757). It was originally written by Horatio Spafford and published in 1876. So what happened in his life for him to write such lyrics? Horatio had had a very traumatic time.

Following the death of his

What's On in June

Daily Mon to Thurs

Morning prayers 8:30am

Sunday 3rd June

Prayer focus—6.30 pm

Tuesday 5th June

Holy Communion - 9:30am

Wednesday 13th June

Prayer 10:15am
at 103 Chafeys Avenue

Saturday 16th June

Messy Church BBQ
4.00-6.00 pm

Sunday 17th June

Meditative Service—6.00 pm

Tuesday 19th June

Holy Communion - 9:30am

Sunday 24th June

Witness Service—6.30 pm at
St John's Portland

Thursday 28th June

Prayer 7:30pm
at 30 Roman Close

young son, he lived with his wife and four daughters. As a lawyer he had invested in properties in the Chicago area which were damaged by the Great Chicago Fire that ruined him financially. In the economic downturn he decided to travel to Europe with his family in 1873. Due to a change of plan his family travelled ahead. The ship they sailed on, the SS Ville Du Havre, was in collision with another ship and sank. His four daughters drowned and his wife survived – she sent a telegram, "Saved alone, what shall I do...?"

As he travelled to join his wife the Captain of the ship told him when they were at the place where his daughters had died. It was then that he wrote the hymn. There are many differing reports on his life and beliefs, some good, some bad. However, at the heart of this great suffering, God's love and peace comes through.

It is difficult to imagine how

you cope with such tragedy and hardship. It is clear from the words he wrote that, no matter what happens in this life we are blessed with the hope we have in Christ. Through troubles and turmoil the Lord will whisper gently His peace to our soul. I fully believe this and have seen it in my own life. We all have times of great joy and sadness. Christ is Faithful to us, never give up. If you belong to God – you are part of His Family, and remember that God is holding you - and all is well.

Philippians 4: 7 - "And the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your heart and your mind in Christ Jesus."

Yours in the love of Christ,

Erica Mason

News of the Beckwiths with MAF

Hello Again from a very wet Mareeba!

The last week we have been drying out - literally! There has been extreme rainfall and flooding off the back of Cyclone Nora (to the north of us!) and it has made for an interesting time. Lots of pot holes and landslides and a large part of Mareeba being cut off for a time due to flooded roads - it's all part of the adventure! One positive for us has been that we have definitely tested out whether our new home is leak proof - and it is!!

We're all still considering our new home as a real gift and there hasn't been a day that has gone by yet where one of the girls hasn't thanked us for our new house. We've unpacked most but not all of our stuff and have now started working out what we're doing in the garden. - a big undertaking, especially during the hottest time of the year when you don't want to be out there after about 9am in the morning!

The girls' first term of the school year has gone well and they are loving it. They had parent-teacher interviews in the last two weeks of term and both girls' teachers are really happy with them, their friendship groups, their involvement in different things and they are both in the top groups for all subjects! With a chess tournament (which gained a ribbon), and a swimming carnival (with 3 ribbons!) for Abigail, a gymnastics in-house skills morning for Naomi and the end of term cross country event for both girls. It has been very busy!

One of the local school buses drives down our new road and the girls

have started to catch it some days , and are really enjoying their new-found little bit of independence too.

For the last few weeks Jenny has been really sick with the flu. Just before having time off work she was part of the orientation course for new MAF families. Exciting times for them as they prepare to embark on their new adventures. This time three families from India were amongst the candidates. Jenny had a really positive performance review, which was a real encouragement..

Mark has been swamped at work over recent weeks and been looking forward to getting out of his office and getting his hands on the Cessna Caravan for a change, that just came in from Papua New Guinea this week. He will also be getting the opportunity to visit the Timor-Leste and Arnhem Land programmes in the not so distant future, so that he can assess their hangars, along the same guidelines that he has used to adjust the Mareeba hangar.

Olivia, one of Naomi's classmates has been diagnosed with Perthes disease. We raised enough money for them to purchase a wheelchair which has made a huge difference to the way she manages her hip and lack of ability to get around. The hired wheelchair was too big and bulky and this new one has made life much easier for the family. She has begun physiotherapy and has a specialist appointment next month to see if there has been any progress in these early stages of the diagnosis, which should give some indication of how long it will take her to recover within the 2-5 year guesstimated period. Olivia has a sister in Abigail's

year at school, and we have enjoyed spending time getting to know the whole family better. Just over a month ago we invited them to join us at church. They are from a more Catholic background, but only really attended for high days and holidays. They have come along to church with us every week since we invited them. They have loved the sense of family and community and how relatable the teaching is at our church. Please pray for them as they have had a lot of extra things to deal with over last few years, but have been really positive about this 'new' church experience. It is definitely just the start of God working in their lives.

Next week (the second week of the school break) both of us have taken the week off from work, so that we can all go away for 5 nights, to get away and relax, something that we all really need! We're only heading to Cairns, so not too far but enough to have break from the norm and just hang out and be silly together without the 'to-do' list we have at home, getting the house all finished! With the last school holidays moving house, a busy term, Jenny being really ill and the girls and Mark being a bit under the weather with the end of term etc, we're all looking forward to a chance to unwind a little and hope to come back a little refreshed.

So here are a few prayer points from us for this month:

- Praise for the rains and for safety for us as a family during all the flooding

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Praise for a great first term of the school year for the girls

- Pray for Jenny to fully get back to 100% and the rest of the family too
- Pray that we will have some fun away and all come back feeling refreshed
- Pray for Mark's work in the hangar and for the planned trips out to the programmes

- Pray for Naomi's friend, Olivia and her family as they adjust to Olivia's diagnosis, and as they join us at church
- Pray that we will continue to enjoy the final unpacking, and the planning of the garden, even though the initial excitement has gone now!

Thank you again for your love and prayers. They really do keep us going!

Much love until next time!

**Mark, Jenny,
Abigail and Naomi**

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Finance

At the Annual Church Meeting (ADCM) I mentioned that our expenditure was greater than our income. This has been the case for a number of years, and it is only because we have received a number of legacies that we have managed to be solvent. This is not ideal. If you feel that you could increase your giving it would much appreciated, but there is another way that this can be achieved and that is by using the easyfundraising site when shopping online.

A number of us use the internet for paying bills, booking holidays and

buying goods. With the easyfundraising site, the company/shop/agent makes a donation to the nominated charity, in our case, Emmanuel church Southill.

To make use of this facility you need to access: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

You will be presented with a banner showing Join Us. In the box below enter Emmanuel Church Southill, it will then show one entry for Emmanuel Church Southill at Charlsetown (don't know why). Click on Join Us.

Click on Continue with E-Mail. Supply the details asked for, then Create my account.

Download the donation reminder. This will bring up a banner every time you use sites that provide a donation.

Go shopping.

If you need any help in setting up, assistance can be provided.

Brian P

An Invitation!

On Sunday June 10th we will be celebrating our Ruby wedding anniversary and invite you, our church family, to share this special day with us for a short time after the morning service in the church lounge. So we'll be providing cakes and some light savouries to go with the usual tea and coffee - and maybe you'll get a chance to see some wedding pix!

Joy and Brian

Thank you from Janet Hudson's Family

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended Janet's Funeral and for the outpouring of love and support that we have received. It was wonderful to see so many people at the service both from Emmanuel and the Dorford Baptist Church, as well as our own family.

We would especially like to thank Geoff and Donna, and all the fantastic people who helped on the day, to make it a truly special occasion that we will always remember.

We cannot thank you all enough.

God Bless You

The Baker and Hudson Families.

JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE DATE

Would all people with articles for inclusion in the July Newsletter please submit them by
Sunday 16th June at the latest

Thank you.

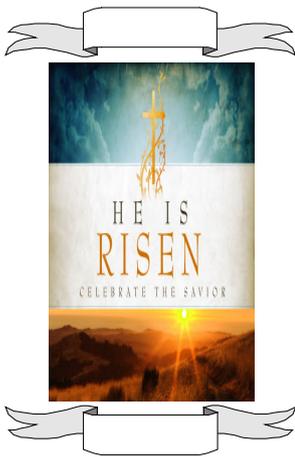
THE ANGEL AND THE FALLEN CONCERT

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL SATURDAY 7th JULY 2018 AT 7:30pm

Although World War One was a world war, most of the fighting was confined to a few key areas, which are usually referred to as the Western Front, the Eastern Front, the Italian Front, Gallipoli and the War at Sea. The concert will take the audience on a journey through these theatres to witness the sacrifice, destruction as well as the aftermath. The evening seeks to emphasise the tragic effects of war and honour our service personnel in the difficult tasks they faced then and still face to secure peace in our world.

Supporting the Band of the Scots Guards from the Household Division in London and brilliant soprano, Laura Wright, will be the English Youth Ballet and two of our city's choirs (St John's Singers and the Salisbury Junior Choir). Alastair Stewart will present the programme.

Tickets, from £15 each with all profits going to support the Royal British Legion, can be obtained by visiting:
www.salisburycathedral.org.uk/events/angel-fallen-concert



We thank God For

We Thank God for the beautifully made banners we have in the church, for the gift you have given to those who made them, and for the way they inspire us. Thank you also for those who look after them and change them for the seasons.
Thank You Lord

Meditative Service:- Sunday 17th June at 6.00 pm at Emmanuel Church

This is a short quiet service where we listen to scripture and song, giving the Lord the time to speak to us as we meditate upon His truths.

All are welcome. If you want to know more about it then please ask me.

Donna

Prayer Visiting

Please pray for everyone in the homes in Chafeys Avenue (part one).

SERVICES AT EMMANUEL

8.45 am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
10.00 am MORNING WORSHIP
with young people's groups

HOLY COMMUNION

8.45 am 1st. & 3rd Sundays
10.00 am 4th Sunday

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