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Newsletter  
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**The unfolding of your words  
gives light; it imparts  
understanding to the simple.**

**Psalm 119:130**

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## No Trifling With the Truth

When did you last open your Bible – the Word of God – to ‘read, mark, learn and inwardly digest’ it? That’s how the 1662 Book of Common Prayer puts it:

*Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life.*

To the compilers of that book, the study and imbibing of the Word of God was vital to their whole lives.

So what about us today? Some, I fear, scarcely glance at a Bible during the week – and even neglect to follow it in a Sunday service. I can’t claim to be a paragon of virtue in this respect, but then the reading, studying and meditation in God’s Word is not so much a duty laid on us, but the very food we most desperately need. It does require consistent effort, but the development of reading, marking, learning and inwardly digesting the Word can bring much pleasure as we deepen our understanding and love of the Lord.

I’ve been challenged by Moses’ words in Deuteronomy 32: 46-47: Take to heart all the words by which I am warning you today, that you may command them to your children, that they may be careful to

do all the words of this law. For it is no empty word for you, but **your very life**. Did you notice that – it’s ‘your very life’. John Piper comments, ‘The Word of God is not a trifle; it is a matter of life and death. If you treat the Scriptures as a trifle or as empty words, you forfeit life.’ It is not sufficient to rely on others to teach and preach from the platform. We each desperately need the blessing that only comes from personal study of the Word. Again, Piper says: ‘If the Word of God does not abide in us (John 15:7), we will reach for it in vain when the enemy strikes. But if it lives within us (through constantly saturating ourselves with the Word), what mighty warriors we can be!’

God’s Word is the food we need each day for our ‘inner man’. Without it we starve and die. If you need help to get into the Word, please ask me for suggestions of study notes.

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## Fellowship News:

Please pray for Doris Hopkins who is very weak and confined to bed most of the time. Pray also for Alan & Doris Race – for Doris, as she has a few days respite break away later this month; for Alan as he stays at home and has carers in attendance. May the Lord be very close to our older friends as they pass through difficult times.



We pray for those returning to university and school – new classes, new teachers.

Please continue to pray that the final agreement on the car park access will be signed and sealed quickly.

## ***In September...***

*"Spring scarce had greener fields to show than these  
Of mid September; through the still warm noon  
The rivulets ripple forth a gladder tune  
Than ever in the summer; from the trees  
Dusk-green, and murmuring inward melodies,  
No leaf drops yet; only our evenings swoon  
In pallid skies more suddenly, and the moon  
Finds motionless white mists out on the leas."*

***- Edward Dowden***



***Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.***

**Romans 12: 2**

## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Tuesday	2nd	2.30pm 8.00pm	Afternoon Fellowship -David Piggott Leadership Meeting
Wednesday	3rd	11.00am 8.00pm	Mill River Lodge Service Prayer & Bible Study 30 Cambridge Road
Thursday	4th	8.00pm	Banner Group
Friday	5th	7.30pm	Pathfinders
Saturday	6th	8.30am	Early Prayer - Stuart Beadle
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICES</b> <b>Rick Warner + Communion</b> <b>Youth Service</b>
Monday	8th	10.00am	Little Verse
Wednesday	10th	10.30am 8.00pm	Gillette House Service Prayer & Bible Study 165 Tanbridge Park
Friday	12th	10.00am 7.30pm	WAM - Barrington House Pathfinders
Saturday	13th	8.30am	Men's Breakfast - Peter Scofield (Y Centre)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>14th</b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICES</b> <b>Robert Taylor</b> <b>Robert Taylor</b>
Monday	15th	10.00am 7.45pm	Little Verse District Committee meeting - Dorking
Tuesday	16th	2.30pm 8.00pm	Afternoon Fellowship Church Action Group
Wednesday	17th	8.00pm	Prayer & Bible Study Littlehaven Cottage
Friday	19th	10.00am 11.00am 7.30pm	WAM - 18 Swan Close, Southwater Paige Court Service Pathfinders
Saturday	20th	8.30am	Early Prayer - Simon Mason

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>21st</b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICES</b> <b>Jonathan Gooch</b> <b>Steve Piggott + Communion</b>
Monday	22nd	10.00am	Little Verse
Wednesday	24th	8.00pm	Prayer & Bible Study 186 New Street
Friday	26th	10.00am 7.30pm	WAM - 8 Uppark Gardens Pathfinders
Saturday	27th	8.30am	Early Prayer - David Piggott
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>28th</b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICES</b> <b>John Polson</b> <b>David Ansell</b>
Monday	29th	10.00am	Little Verse
Tuesday	30th	2.30pm	Afternoon Fellowship -Gordon Hamilton

### Preaching out this month

**7th**     **Stuart Beadle – Copthorne am**

**28th**    **Stuart Beadle - Denne Road Harvest Service**  
**am**



**Praying and caring for the Community**  
**Roads for prayer:**

**Clarence Road & Oakhill Road**





## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Sunday Morning Worship**

Our young people join us for the first part of our Sunday morning services and then have their own groups:-

- Crèche: Babies and Toddlers  
Primary: Pre-school, Reception & Years 1 & 2  
Junior: Years 3, 4 & 5  
Intermediate: Years 6, 7 & 8  
Senior: Years 9, 10 & 11

**For further information phone 01403 250021**

### **Prayer & Bible Study meetings**

These meetings are held on a Wednesday evening at 8pm, either at the church or in various members' homes.

**For further information phone 01403 266193**

### **WAM—Young Mum's Group**

This group meets at 10am on Friday mornings in various homes and a crèche is provided for children.

**For further information phone 01403 241067**

### **Afternoon Fellowship**

This group meets fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons at 2.30pm.

**For further information phone 01403 263397**

### **Little Verse**

For parents with babies or toddlers. Meets Monday mornings at 10am. Singing & action songs followed by coffee or tea and chat

**For further information phone 01403 255055**

### **Pathfinders**

This Group, for young people in school years 6, 7 & 8, meets at 8pm on Friday evenings.

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