

Diary for June 2017

Thurs 1 st		
7.30pm	Heathfield with CSL PCC	42 Graham Way, CSL
Sat 3 rd		
7.00pm	Quiz Night	Community Hall, CSL
Sun 4 th Pentecost		
10.00am	Pentecost Benefice Communion (with activities for children) No other services this Sunday. We meet together as early Christians did "in one place"	Community Hall, CSL
Thurs 8 th		
2.15pm	Toddler Church - not in the small hall because it's election day	5 St Luke's Mews, CSL
Sat 10 th		
Noon-4pm	Dog Show & Fete	CSL
Sun 11 th		
8.30am	Holy Communion	Heathfield church
10.00am	Family Praise with Sunday School	Community hall, CSL
	Morning Worship	Hillfarrance Church
Thurs 18 th		
2.15pm	Toddler Church	Community room CSL
Sat 17 th		
2.00-4.30pm	Hillfarrance Fete	Hillfarrance
Sun 18 th		
8.30am	Holy Communion	Hillfarrance Church
10.00am	Ignite! Fun activities for kids!	Community Hall, CSL

Sun 18 th continued		
10.00am	Third Sunday talk - Sally Woodbury, Local Romany Gypsy from Hillfarrance	Community room, CSL
	Morning Worship	Oake Church
4.30pm	Songs of Praise celebration	Hillfarrance Church
Wed 21 st		
11.15am	Holy Communion	93 Burge Crescent, CSL
Thurs 22 nd		
2.15pm	Toddler Church	Community room CSL
Sun 25 th St John the Baptist		
8.30am	Holy Communion and breakfast	Hillfarrance Church
10.00am	Family Communion - Our patron saints' day no service at CSL	Heathfield Church
6.30pm	Evensong	Oake Church
Wed 28 th		
7.30pm	Oake PCC	34 Merrifields
Thurs 29 th		
2.15pm	Toddler Church	Community room CSL
Sat 1 st July		
2.00pm	Wedding of Stuart and Louise	Hillfarrance Church
Sun 2 nd		
8.30am	Holy Communion	Oake Church
10.00am	Family Communion	Community Hall, CSL
6.30pm	Evensong	Hillfarrance Church

Lee Abbey

Lee Abbey is a Christian retreat set in a 280-acre estate in the Valley of the Rocks, Exmoor.

A small group from the benefice spent a week end in this beautiful and spiritually challenging environment and enjoyed great fellowship and a varied programme of events.

Those who work in the Lee Abbey community are mainly volunteers from more than 20 nations. They blessed us with a warm welcome and caring hospitality. They joined us at meal times and prayed daily for each of us by name.

Our activities included worship, 'dissecting' psalms 84 and 139, chatting to other guests and walking in the woodlands and along the spectacular coastline.

A member of the Abbey pastoral team led our group in prayer for St

Luke's church centre.

The week end aimed to renew and refresh our faith in our spiritual journey and we were enriched by our experience.

Psalm 139

1 You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.

2 You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

3 You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

4 Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.

5 You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

For more information the website is: www.leeabbey.org.uk/devon

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Church News

Covering the parishes of Heathfield with CSL, Hillfarrance and Oake

Preb Alison writes...

I write a day after the terrible tragedy in Manchester. At 6.45pm on the evening of the 23rd, I had a phone call asking if I could accompany someone to the church land in CSL to light a candle. Thanks to social media and word of mouth, by 8.30pm (the time we'd arranged to meet) around 40 people had gathered. We kept silence, lit candles and a prayer was said. It was very moving, especially as some of those who came, were children.

The targeted murder of children and young people is not only abhorrent to us, but it's something we cannot comprehend. It would be easy to fall into despair, fear and feel the need to blame a particular group of people for this abomination. But that day, I'd been on a course entitled Reconciliation. During the course of the day, we heard examples from the Truth and Reconciliation movement in South Africa and about the remarkable forgiveness of many who'd suffered terribly during the Holocaust. Forgiveness is not a word readily on our lips after Manchester – and that might be a long way off, as indeed it was for those Holocaust sufferers, but it was suggested that the way to move forward after tragedy, is to get away from the notion of being victimised. I think we saw that in the positivity and love that the people of Manchester were exhibiting. They would not let this tragedy shape their lives, they would carry on as usual, they would help those in need – whilst the dead and injured were indeed victims, the people of Manchester were not. And that gives hope for the future as different races, cultures and religions live side by side in the Manchester area. I pray that it will be this amazingly positive response from the Mancunians that will be part of their common memory, so that they will be able to move past the horrors and enable love to overcome evil.

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