

Diary for July 2018

Sun 1 st		
8.30am	Holy Communion	Oake Church
10.00am	Family Communion	Community hall, CSL
3.00pm	Alison preaching in Wells Cathedral. Guided tour afterwards for any who come to support her.	Wells Cathedral
5.30pm	Evensong	Hillfarrance Church
Wed 4 th		
7.45pm	SLC Steering Group	3 West Villas, CSL
Thurs 5 th		
2.15pm	Toddler Church	Community room CSL
Fri 6 th		
7pm	Oake PCC	34 Merrifields
Sat 7 th		
2-4pm	School Fete	Cotford St Luke
Sun 8 th		
8.30am	Holy Communion	Heathfield church
10.00am	Family Praise with Powerhouse	Community hall, CSL
	Morning Worship	Hillfarrance Church
Thurs 12 th		
2.15pm	Toddler Church	Community room, CSL
7.30pm	Deanery Synod. Open to all, see overleaf	Appley Pavilion

Sun 15 th		
8.30am	Holy Communion	Hillfarrance Church
10.00am	Third Sunday and Ignite!	Community hall, CSL
	Morning Worship	Oake Church
Wed 18 th		
1.00pm	Church lunch	Hillfarrance
Thurs 19 th		
2.15pm	Toddler Church - Teddy bears picnic - please bring a small plate of food to share	Community room CSL
7.30pm	Heathfield & CSL PCC meeting	6 Cole Close, CSL
Sun 22 nd		
8.30am	Holy Communion	Hillfarrance Church
10.00am	Family Praise with Powerhouse	Community hall, CSL
6.30pm	Evensong	Oake Church
Sun 29 th		
10am	Benefice Family Communion	Community hall, CSL
Sun 5 th Aug		
8.30am	Holy Communion	Oake Church
10.00am	Family Communion	Heathfield Church
5.30pm	Evensong	Hillfarrance Church
<p>During August, the 10am services that would normally have been in the school hall in CSL will be in Heathfield Church</p>		

Deane Vale Benefice

Rector: Rev Preb Alison Norris 6 Cole Close, CSL
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Please email items for the next news by

Friday July 20th to dvbcommunications@gmail.com

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80 miles at 80 - from Dawn

A big thank you to all those who generously sponsored me on my walk. The Lord really blessed us; we had perfect weather, the country side was looking spectacular clothed in the green of spring with wild flowers abounding and wonderful views. Nothing can beat God's creation. We covered 84 miles in 7½ days starting near Kingston St Mary, going over the Quantocks and onto Exmoor, making a circular walk as far as Withypool. A total of 26 people & 10 dogs joined in at various stages. So far I have raised about £900.00, which will be divided between St Luke's Centre and The Children's Hospice Southwest.

Hillfarrance Fete 9th June

Thank you to everyone who helped with the fete and/or

came along and supported on the day. It was a lovely day and with your help, we managed to raise £1428.

CSL School Fete 7th July

If you can spare some time to help with the church stand at the school fete, please contact Derrick (Email: derrickreid@btinternet.com)

Deanery Synod Thursday 12th

7.30pm Appley Pavilion This meeting is open to anyone (not just DS reps) The speaker will be Rev Tina Hodgett who is the Diocesan Mission and Evangelism enabler and she might help people understand more about Pioneer Ministers. The Diocese has funding for a number of Pioneer posts, and our Deanery is applying for one. Come and discover what this is all about!

Deane Vale

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Church News

Covering the parishes of Heathfield with CSL,
Hillfarrance and Oake

A message from Preb Alison

If you are reading this, it's likely you are one of the 43 who replied to Sarah saying you'd like to continue receiving the DVN each month... what happened to the other 57?! Perhaps they are fed up with being bombarded with emails asking "Are you happy we keep sending you our information?" Some seem to want us to say "Yes!" and opt in (like the DVN) and some assume you are happy and therefore say you don't have to do anything about it; all very confusing - and all of this to keep our data safe.

There is a character in *Star Trek: the next generation* called Data. He is an artificial intelligence built by a robotics scientist to be in his own likeness. He is an impressive computer, but during the early years Data suffers problems with understanding human behaviour and is unable to feel emotion. This inspires him to strive for his own humanity, eventually leading to the addition of an "emotion chip", which gives him some sense of wisdom and sensitivity.

In the book of Genesis, the writer says we humans have been created in the image of our creator - God - but it takes us centuries to realise what that means. We find the answer in the flesh and blood person of Jesus. Jesus shows us who our creator is, and who we were intended to be. We are free and unique people - capable of love and hate, right and wrong, and we make choices about the life we live - for ourselves and in relationship with others. In order to have the life intended for us, we are called to be in a relationship of love with our creator and the rest of His creation.

Like Data in *Star Trek*, we often seek fulfilment and an understanding of what our lives are about, but instead of seeking emotion and wisdom, it sometimes feels as if we'll end up as robots with impressive skills at the expense of choice and all that makes us human. Our striving to make our lives safe, secure and free from harm is not intrinsically bad, but it can have the danger of taking away our humanity.

Jesus said "I have come to bring you life in all its fulness." What does that mean to you?