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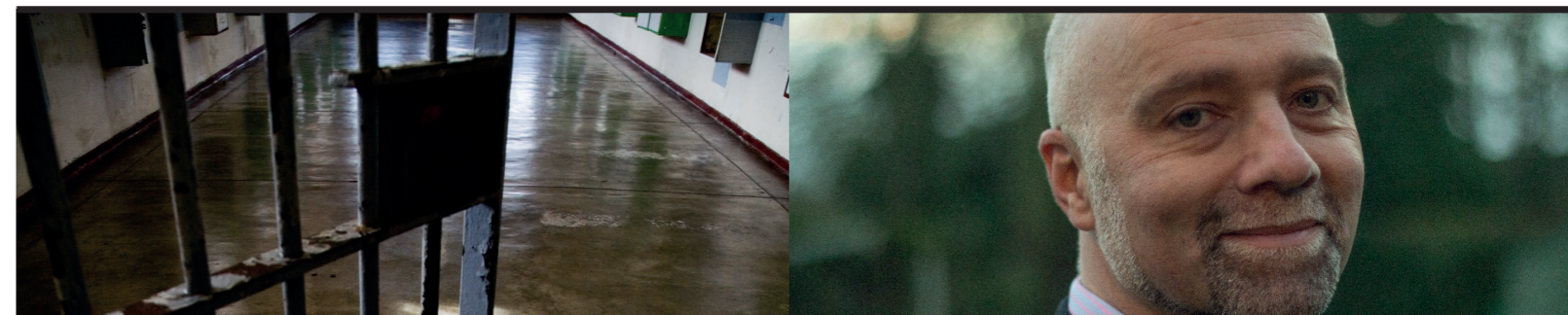
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Parish Newsletter

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LALEHAM MAN IN PRISON!



“Hey! I need to talk to you.”

A prisoner shouts across the exercise area. He's friendly but insistent and I'm not sure if he means me or the chaplain I'm standing with. As he strides quickly towards us, the officer nearby concludes that all is well and looks away again. It's my second day in prison this week and I can't help wondering how I got here...?

Looking back, in 1988 I had stood at the front of Laleham Church waiting for Tania, the love of my life to walk down the aisle. Growing up in the village, we had been church members and part of the local community with great friends, supportive family and good role models — such things seemed pretty normal to me, but the last 3

decades have shown me otherwise.

I can't say exactly when it started, but sometime after the start of the new millennium, the contrast of the privileged life we lead and those struggling and suffering in our world took hold and wouldn't let go. Clean water, food on the table, a roof over your head, a loving home and a space in which to thrive are certainly not the norm for millions.

As someone who calls themselves a follower of Christ, I also couldn't escape the reality that Jesus was a radical reformer who pushed for equality and social justice. After a career in British Airways it was Medair, a humanitarian organisation based in Switzerland serving people in war and disaster-torn countries, that gave us the opportunity we had been looking for.

After a few years in Medair, I was asked to lead Prison Fellowship. PF is a national network of 2,400 Christian volunteers who support prisoners in the 120 prisons of England and Wales.

I always thought I wasn't good enough — or clever like friends who are doctors and can do amazing things. The truth is the parable of the Good Samaritan isn't a nice bolt-on for those we think of as special people, but a challenge for every follower of Christ.

Peter Holloway is the Chief Executive Officer of Prison Fellowship. Come and hear more about Peter's story, and the work of Prison Fellowship, when he comes to speak at the morning service on June 18th. A testimony to the impact of Prison Fellowship is inside.

Churchyard Trees

A professional survey of the trees in the Churchyard has been carried out.

This has recommended the cropping of the great beech tree on the corner of the road, and the replacement of two conifers with oaks. With the approval of the council, work will be carried out early in

the Summer, paid for by donations from the congregation.

The repairs to the Church tower are now completed, also paid for by the generosity of the congregation.

This image is from a three-minute video of the Church and its location made by Alastair Duncan, while Churchwarden, and can be found on YouTube.

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Church Office and Heritage Centre Refurbishment

They were once the Laleham Public Conveniences and due for demolition.

Twenty years ago, the building was converted into a Church Office and Heritage Centre. Thanks to the continued generosity of members of the Church congregation, a further £30,000 has been raised to completely refurbish the building. With modern insulation, heating and lighting, the building will serve as a resource for the parish for decades to come. A modern working environment will be provided for the Church staff, with space to welcome visitors, and a more controlled environment for the Heritage Centre collection.

By the time you read this new windows will have been installed, with the main work being carried out through June. During this period the Church Office will move to the Youth Centre, and the opening times will change to Monday and Wednesday afternoons.



HOLIDAY CLUB

MISSION: POSSIBLE

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS OF PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE

BIBLE LESSONS
SONGS QUIZ
GAMES CRAFTS
LOTS OF FUN

ALL SAINTS' YOUTH CENTRE, TW18 1RZ
TUE 22 - FRI 25 AUGUST
9.30AM - 12.30PM
**** BOOKING SOON ****

General Election 2017: Quizzing the Candidates

Faith has a central role to play in politics and this general election, say the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

In a pastoral letter to the Church of England, Archbishops Justin Welby and John Sentamu urge people to set aside "apathy and cynicism" and draw new inspiration from the ancient Christian virtues of "love, trust and hope".

The three-page letter encourages

voters to remember Britain's Christian history and heritage, as well as a concern for future generations and God's creation, as they make their decisions.

Following the divisions of recent years, it calls for reconciliation, drawing on shared British values of cohesion, courage and stability.

At a time when political differences may be felt more intensely than ever, the Archbishops insist that a Christian's "first obligation" during the election and

beyond is to pray for those standing for office, and recognise the personal costs and burdens carried by those in political life and by their families.

Christians also have a duty to play an active part in the process, they add.

Churches Together in Staines and Laleham are organising a Hustings in which Spelthorne's candidates can be questioned. At the time of going to press the planned date is 7.30pm Friday 2nd June at St Peter's Church in Staines.

Do you pray?

It seems around half of us in the UK do, according to the latest European Social Survey.

But does prayer make any difference? What can I pray about? And is there a right way to pray? These are some of the questions we'll

be exploring in our services over the coming weeks. All Saints' is linking with a national initiative called 'Thy Kingdom Come'. It is packed with suggestions and ideas for helping us pray at every age and stage, including practical and creative resources for parents to pray with their children.



AN EX-OFFENDER WITH KEYS!



Simon needed his next hit of heroin at almost any cost. So he went out burgling.

He'd begun taking heroin as a 19 year old. Multiple prison sentences over the next 24 years failed to prevent him from slipping back into addiction. He was unaware of the devastation his crimes were causing.

"I didn't think I was hurting people like that," explains Simon. "My catalyst to change was a Prison Fellowship Sycamore Tree victim awareness course I attended in prison. A victim of a crime came and told us how it had affected her life."

"I started to resent the offender and realised that I was doing the same thing to other people. I was sick of hurting my family, hurting myself and hurting society. My justification for the crimes was that there weren't any victims. If I robbed a business, I wasn't hurting anyone as an individual, but the course made me realise that I actually was."

Reoffending statistics in England and Wales are shocking. Nearly half

of adult offenders are reconvicted within a year of release. But Sycamore Tree has a profound effect in helping offenders understand the impact of their behaviour on victims, their families and communities. And it helps them find ways to turn their lives around by taking responsibility for their actions – just like it did with Simon.

Simon was released from prison in November 2012, headed straight to a drug and alcohol treatment centre and has been clean ever since. "Because I'd been entrenched in this lifestyle for so long, this was one of the hardest things I've ever done," he recounts. "But, do you know what? It was the most rewarding as well. Now I love life and I am able to be there for my family."

And remarkably, less than four years after leaving prison, he works in a prison as a drug rehabilitation officer. He is a rare, yet amazing example of an ex-offender with keys!

And Prison Fellowship is helping people like Simon turn their lives around in prisons across England and Wales.



Dates for your diary

JUN 2017

SUN 4	10:00. Morning Service 10:30. Morning Service 18:30. Evening Service
SUN 11	10:00. Holy Communion 10:30. Morning Service 18:30. Evening Service
SUN 18	10:00. No service 10:30. Joint Holy Communion 18:30. Evening Service
SUN 25	10:00. Morning Service 10:30. Morning Service 18:30. Holy Communion

JUL 2017

SUN 2	10:00. Holy Communion 10:30. Morning Service 18:30. Evening Service
SUN 9	10:00. Morning Service 10:30. Holy Communion 18:30. Evening Service
SUN 16	10:00. Morning Service 10:30. Morning Service 18:30. Evening Service
SUN 23	10:00. Holy Communion 10:30. All Age Service 18:30. Evening Service
SUN 30	10:00. Morning Service 10:30. Morning Service 18:30. Holy Communion

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SUN 6	10:00. Morning Service 10:30. Morning Service 18:30. Evening Service
SUN 13	10:00. Morning Service 10:30. Holy Communion 18:30. Evening Service
SUN 20	10:00. Holy Communion 10:30. Morning Service 18:30. Evening Service
SUN 27	10:00. Morning Service 10:30. All Age Service 18:30. Holy Communion

Services at 10.30am in Laleham School Hall. Other services in All Saints' Laleham unless specified.