



Warsash “Jesus is Lord” Church

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- 7 Hawthorn Court
2:30
- Care Home Tour**
- 14 Hawthorn Court
- 15 Rose Villa
- 17 Glen Lyn
- 18 The Firs
- 20 Forest View
- 21 Hambledon—
Prayer & Praise
- 28 Joint service @ St
Paul's 6:30pm

July

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Paul's 6:30pm
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- 19 Hambledon—
Prayer & Praise
- 25 Adam & Jess'
wedding

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Welcome We hope that you enjoy today's service

Lee Swartz is speaking this morning

Following the service refreshments will be served downstairs, please join us if you are able.

14 June John Swindell is preaching and we will be sharing in a church lunch following the service. In the evening there is a prayer meeting at 6:30pm.

21 June Paul Carter is preaching.

28 June Andy Donaghy is preaching and we have a joint service at St Paul's @ 6:30 continuing to explore Healing

Healing / Kingdom / Covenant

A series of joint evening meetings with St Paul's Church Sarisbury and ourselves to explore these subjects.

Next meeting Sunday 28th June
at St Paul's Church 6:30pm

Care Home Tour

- 14th Hawthorn Court
- 15th Rose Villa
- 17th Glen Lyn
- 18th The Firs
- 20th Forest View

Please join in if you can, see Brian for times

Jean's Health update (Open doors)

We have good news to share.

We saw the Oncologist this morning as planned and he told us that the chest x-ray carried out yesterday showed that there has been a significant improvement in Jean's lungs during the past four weeks. The white cancer cells can be seen clearly on the x-rays and these are much reduced when compared with those seen on the earlier x-rays. He also added that this is an indication of what is happening in other areas of Jean's body as the medication attacks the renal cancer cells where ever they are found.

The side effects on the reduced level of medication have not been as severe but have still not been very pleasant and so the doctor said she could have two weeks off for 'good behaviour'. We now have to go back and see him in two weeks time on the 19th June after having a further chest x-ray. He will then look at what changes have taken place as a result of being off the medication for two weeks and then decide on the future course of the treatment.

So we do praise the Lord for these encouraging developments and express our warm appreciation to all of you for your love and ongoing prayers.

With our love, Jean & Graham

Exploring Healing Next meeting Wednesday 24 June
7:30pm - 8 Home Rule Road - All welcome

Hear the word of the LORD!

Prayer & Fasting

'A very large bird of prey, like an eagle, standing with hooked beak and wings outstretched, as if over a nest and protecting eggs or chicks from the sun's heat, but the 'nest' was our church.'

Deuteronomy 32:9-13

But GOD himself took charge of his people, took Jacob on as his personal concern. He found him out in the wilderness, in an empty, windswept wasteland. He threw his arms around him, lavished attention on him, guarding him as the apple of his eye. He was like an eagle hovering over its nest, overshadowing its young, Then spreading its wings, lifting them into the air, teaching them to fly. GOD alone led him; there was not a foreign god in sight. GOD lifted him on to the hilltops, so he could feast on the crops in the fields. He fed him honey from the rock, oil from granite crags,

The Road Block

While on their way to a service at a different church one Sunday evening a couple came across a road block; the road was completely closed. This meant that they would be late for where they had originally intended to go, so they turned round and came to the prayer meeting instead.

As we prayed, God reminded one of them of the "road block" which she shared. As we continued to pray, we believed that God had given us a prophetic sign that we needed to repent, to turn around, to get back on track to where God wanted us to be rather than where we wanted to be.

As we considered this, we realised that a number of folk at the prayer meeting had prayed prayers of repentance. However, there was the belief, by the person who had shared the picture that the road block was in the church. That there are things, that as individuals and maybe corporately we need to repent of, to turn away from, to get on track with what God has for us. There was also the belief that God has something much bigger for us as a church but this would not be easy but would have to be fought for.

Song of Songs 2v4

He bought me into his banqueting house (house of wine) and his banner over me is love. His banner over your church is Love.

I saw a table laden with every kind of fruit in every different colour all different types of bread different colour flowers, it was a beautiful sight it was inviting.

Luke 14 v 16 - 24

All about the invitations gone out and that if there was time to respond for yourselves to take the fruit, bread, flowers (gifts God has given) and take them out to others share them in the highways and the byways when its convenient and when its inconvenient. These people will be of different race, different culture, not the kind you would choose but they are chosen of God

Irrigation Pipe

I had a picture representing the church in Warsash, an irrigation pipe similar to the ones you see on farms, where water is pumped at pressure from the source and exits via lots of holes. God is supplying you with abundant water, and it is supplied to meet the needs of the various people you come in contact with across Locks Heath and Warsash.

Isaiah 6:8

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Joshua 1:2-5

Cross this Jordan River, you and all the people. Cross to the country I'm giving to the People of Israel. I'm giving you every square inch of the land you set your foot on--just as I promised Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon east to the Great River, the Euphrates River--all the Hittite country--and then west to the Great Sea. It's all yours. All your life, no one will be able to hold out against you. In the same way I was with Moses, I'll be with you. I won't give up on you; I won't leave you. Everywhere our feet touch — God will give us.

Healing

That we should explore healing — have a group in the Locks Heath Centre with a large banner with the word healing and pray for people.

Luke 4:18 -19

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Is this the "Road Block" we were told of earlier in the year?



Overseas Fellowship Of Nigeria Christian (OFNC)

Southampton Branch.

29/05/09.

Dear U.R.C Warsash,

Through Martin,

We lack words to express our gratitude to this church for allowing us to continue to use the church hall for our prayer meetings. May the lord bless you all.

Yours in Christ



The Area Secretary

This was received along with a cheque for £100

Paul Archer

It is with great regret that I have to inform you of the sudden and tragic death of Mr Paul Archer at the age of fifty-seven. Paul had served the Wessex Synod and URC (Wessex) Trust Limited the Wessex Trust as Financial Officer for several years and had done so with great dedication and commitment, bringing significant gifts to the role which have benefited us hugely. He was based in the Synod Office, and those of us who work there will sorely miss his humour and diligence.

As we give thanks to God for Paul's life and achievements, please remember his friends and family in your prayers.

Adrian J. Bulley
Synod Moderator

Frances Lillian Claxton

It's over a year since Frances died, time does go so quickly. Frances was an active member of this church and during her many years held practically every post going in the church at some point or other including elder, church secretary, church treasurer and Sunday School teacher.

My earliest recollection of Frances was at my first church meeting; reports were being given for the various organisations and then Frances gave her report as 'Synod Representative'. First there was a blow by blow account of the "lovely tea" that had been provided, it seemed as if each sandwich and cake had to be described in the most intricate detail followed by who was there, and that was it, we never did hear what had been agreed or otherwise at the meeting.

Frances was always keen to know what was going on and had that ability to mix with folk of all ages and she enjoyed having the young folk call in on her. As time progressed Frances found it too difficult to attend the services but she managed to continue to attend John and Idea's house group regularly which she loved. She also managed to go once a week to the "lunch club" which Frank her brother would take her to and then Frank would drop her off at the church for Craft Afternoon were she would manage to hold court. This however, also became too much towards the end.

Frances loved having communion brought to her at home and enjoyed catching up on what was happening in the church. She never married and Frank her brother lived just across the road from her and helped to look after her.

Frances left a number of bequests to various charities that she supported as well as some bequests to her family members on the Isle of Wight. The remainder

of her estate was divided equally between Frank and the church she loved and served so faithfully for so many years. We have just received the proceeds of that bequest, £123,005.11.

It is said that if you really want to know where someone's heart is then ask to look at their bank statement. There can be no doubt where Frances' heart was and where she is now. This church is richer because of her, not because of the money she left us but because of her life long commitment to Jesus and the way she lived that out.

We would ask you to prayerfully consider how this money can be best used. The elders have two items which we feel would be appropriate:

- Replace the stair lift. Although this works we are informed that it is now obsolete and spares are no longer obtainable. We have "repaired" this ourselves but it does not meet safety criteria laid down. So to use some of Frances money to buy a replacement seems very appropriate as she was a keen user of the stair lift for many years.
- Repair the round window at the top of the stairs. I'm sure most of you are aware that this window is in need of repair and as it points to the age of the church and its witness in the area this too seems appropriate.

Obviously, we will need to at least tithe on the sum so again we need to prayerfully consider what organisations / people God is looking to us to support and encourage financially.

What a great God we serve, thank you Lord for Frances and the example she has given us.

Memories of Sunday School Days (Warsash Congregational Church)

as told By Frances Claxton On Sunday 20 February 2000

The Situation

The Sunday school was situated next to the church where the car park is these days. It had a large main hall with dark heavy curtains drawn across. There was a smaller room with a high ceiling and sliding heavy door. There were railings round the outside and a front porch. The windows were of special design, unusually shaped. In the main hall there was a large platform for the Superintendent and the two top classes.

The Children

I started Sunday school at six years old, a few weeks after our family moved to Warsash. Some children called Fisher, who knew my parents, took me. There were probably one hundred children, many quite young. Children up to six were in the Primary that met in the small room. Mrs Lewis was in charge of the primary, but was taken ill. She asked my mother to take over until she was better; sadly she died at the age of thirty nine years and Mum's temporary job continued until she was over eighty years old. Mum loved little children and they her. They all sat in rather pretty small wooden chairs. In the long hall it was long forms, with swing backs. Most classes were of about eight children. We all had a small box for hymnbooks. The top class of boys was taken by Miss Daisy Newbury, and the top girls by Miss Nellie Button. Both were popular teachers.

A lectern, dedicated to Sarah J Bowman who had connections to the Sunday school which now stands in the church, was on the platform where our Superintendent stood. For many years it was Mr C J Newbury, a well-known builder and businessman. He was about seventy years old by this time, and had white hair and a small beard. He kept order and announced the hymns and bible readings. Sunday School lasted about an hour, and was held mornings and afternoons. Some of the morning sessions would be spent in church. Mr Newbury always spoke about the Light of the World by Holman Hunt. A tortoise stove, that could be very warm but cold when it was not working well, heated the room.

The Lessons

Our lessons came from a book called "Teachers and Taught", but this was changed over the years. The children had small lesson books and had to learn the text and verse by heart. Most of the stories were from the Bible, but sometimes were about missionaries and Bible translators. Pretty texts were awarded to the children.

The Scripture Examinations

Every year in January we would be asked to enter the Scripture Examination. Most children did. From January to March we went into the Primary room to study the passages set. Miss Newbury always took these lessons, and was a good and interesting teacher. The subject was usually something about Jesus, but occasionally it would be Abraham, Moses, Daniel or St Paul. We also were expected to study the passages at home. Then four written tests were held so we became used to writing our answers. The exam was always held on a

Friday in March, and took place all over the country. Our school was affiliated to the Gosport and Fareham Sunday School Union. There were various divisions according to age — the questions were harder as you got older. Our supervisor came from another school. We had to wait patiently until May when the prize giving took place in Gosport. On that day we went to Southsea for the afternoon, then tea and over the ferry for the prize giving. We travelled in two lorries. The benches from the Sunday school were placed in the back of the open lorry. Something that would not be allowed to happen these days. There was a great excitement to see who had won the shield. All the time I was a child it was our Sunday school! We won it for twenty-eight years running! A programme was printed with each child's marks, and the points the Sunday Schools gained. Prizes and certificates were presented to each, and the shield. I was pleased to receive several prizes, and competed for many years, and later on as a teacher. Teachers' questions were quite difficult and required a lot of thought and time.

On our way home in the lorries we would be singing, to the tune of "He a jolly fellow". - Miss Newbury's a jolly good teacher — because we won the shield". Sadly Miss Newbury died in her forties. I took the children for scripture exams for some years after that. Warsash gave a shield in memory of Miss Newbury.

Sunday School Anniversaries

Sunday School anniversaries were held in June in the church. The church would be decorated, and parents invited. A special speaker would come. Children would sing and recite, and read the lessons. One little girl played the organ on one occasion.

Special Concerts

Occasionally a lovely concert would take place. Once it was called God's Garden, and another time the Flower Garden. The schoolroom platform would be built up so everyone could be seen. The schoolroom would be packed.

Prize Giving

This took place in January, when prizes were presented for attendance. Sometimes a well to do lady from the village would be asked to present them.

The Superintendents

The most well known would be Mr C J Newbury, afterwards Mr Fred Light, and Mr Harry Hicks. Later on it was usually the minister. Mr Newbury always told the story of Jesus the Light of the World. I don't know if it was because he was old but it did not do us any harm to hear the story over and over again. It became very familiar to us. Mr P Tutton was in charge for several years also Mr Drinkwater, Rita's husband. At one period we had the children from Horseshoe Lodge — about twenty of them. They were nice children but not easy to manage. They could be very noisy at times. We got to know them and to love them.

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Funny Incidents

1. When Mr Pike passed away Andrew Steadman asked whether he had gone to live with Jesus. When he was told, "we were not sure as we did not know whether Mr Pike loved Jesus". Andrew replied, "I am sure he has because Mr Pike loved everybody." He wanted Mr Pike's name on a roll of martyrs, because he died at his wheelbarrow.

2. Many years after Mr Newbury's death Trevor Woodset was told that he had gone to heaven. When we got back to the church, I showed Trevor a photograph of Mr Newbury. Trevor asked whether it had been taken before or after Mr Newbury had gone to heaven.

3. A Christmas tree miraculously appeared in the church secretary's garden, so we used it in church, and for our party. Many years later we discovered it came from St Mary's church, and was tipped over when the trailer went over a large pot-hole in Church Road.

The Sunday School Friends

The Sunday School friends was a group of ladies who raised money for the Sunday school. mainly for tea parties. They worked hard for the Sunday school.

Sunday School Christmas Parties

We had a lovely tea and Christmas tree. My mother (Mrs Lillian Claxton) bought the gifts. so I helped label them. The tree was on the platform, and one small girl had the fairy doll from the tree. A lady in the village gave us lovely crackers.

My Friends at Sunday School

My best friend was called Joan Lewis (later Mrs G Hann), and we went to church and Sunday school together. Later on at the age of fourteen we became teachers, and members of the church.

Sunday School Giving

In the early days all the money collected at Sunday school was given away to the London Missionary Society and the Bible Society. It helped us to know the importance of giving.

The John Williams Missionary Ships

Every year the children in Congregational Churches were asked to collect money for the John Williams. He had been a missionary for many years to the South Sea Islands. and greatly loved, but one sad day people that he came to help murdered him. Since then a line of John Williams ships had served the islanders faithfully. In my time the ships were John Williams V and VI. We all had a card and collected contributions from neighbours and friends. Later on we received a small certificate, as did the Sunday school. Lots of us went to Southampton to look over John Williams V. when she called there. Many years after when John Williams VI was built we went to Tower Bridge to visit her. The names of the visiting Sunday Schools were called out on a hailer.

The War Years

Our Sunday school was able to keep going during the war years, due to the kindness of Mr H E Palmer. the

butcher opposite. He offered his cellar to be used when an air-raid warning occurred. I was away most of those years, but remember us all going there on one occasion. I don't think we could have continued without this facility. A tragedy took place one evening during a raid. A large family of children named West were in their air-raid shelter, their mother was in bed with a new baby. Unfortunately the shelter was heated by a coke-brazier, and three children were overcome by fumes and died. The others were treated in hospital. Our minister said it was the saddest funeral he ever conducted. The children all came to Sunday school, one had ginger hair and freckles.

The Hymns

We sang hymns from 'The Sunday School Hymnary'. Many were pretty hymns about birds. flowers and streams. Others told stories of Jesus, or Samuel or Daniel. My favourite was called 'He Saw the Wheat Fields Waiting'. Carey Bonner edited the hymnbook. He came once to a Sunday school teacher's rally, to present certificates to teachers with many years service. Among these were Mr Newbury and Miss Daisy Newbury.

The Pictures on the Wall

Sunday School pictures were of "The Sower", "The Hope of the World" showing Jesus surrounded by children of many races, and a Missionary picture. There were also shields and certificates.

The Closing of the Sunday School Building

Many years later when I was an elder we were given the disturbing news that the building was unsafe, and must be demolished. Apparently the foundations near the road were sinking. We had to accept it, and the contents of the Sunday school had to be removed, and furniture was stored in the Manse garage, temporarily. The next day demolition work began. It was a sad experience for those who had loved the Sunday school. but its work carried on in the church.

The Influence of the Sunday School in the Village

I have always been sorry that so few of the Sunday school children joined the church. However. I think that it had quite a wide influence in the village, and many people remembered their Sunday school days with affection, and some of what they learned, for the rest of their lives.

Prayer

Thank You for all those who served You faithfully in the Sunday school, as superintendents or teachers.
Thank You for all the children who attended Sunday school, may they remember something of the lessons they learned, and Your love that was shown there.
We pray for our church today. and for the children who come, and we pray that other parents and children may be drawn into the fellowship of the church.
For Jesus sake.
Amen

By Miss Frances Claxton

Born 25th March 1918—died 14th January 2008

GLOBAL VOICES AND AFRICAN JAZZ

A very special musical occasion will take place at **7.30 pm on Tuesday, 14th July** at The Anvil, Basingstoke. It will feature musicians and singers from Brookfield Community School, Park Gate Primary, Sarisbury Junior, Locks Heath Junior, Hook-with-Warsash Primary, St John the Baptist Primary and St Anthony's RC Primary Schools, together with some very welcome guests from Brookfield's linked South African Township Choir. Tickets are £7 for adults, £4 for under 16s and concessions.

To help folk from our area attend, a coach trip to this outstanding event is being organised. Cost will depend on how large a coach is needed, but the maximum charge will be £20, which includes a concert ticket. For more details, or to book a seat, contact Jocelyn Jones on 01489 572479 **by 13th June at the latest**.

Global Voices

Is an educational project spearheaded through music. The Project involves creating very special learning opportunities for students at Brookfield School and 'learners' from their Partner South African Schools. Currently fund raising for a new phase of the project you are invited to come and be part of this enjoyable evening with Brookfield Jazz Band and give to this community project on **Sunday 14th June 7pm at Locks Heath Free Church**, 255 Hunts Pond Road, Titchfield Common P014 4PG Telephone: 01489 579669

Invitation to the

ORDINATION and INDUCTION OF Mark Richard Meatcher

To the Ministry of the United Reformed Church

At High Cross Church

58-60 Amethyst Road

Somerford

Christchurch

BH23 3EB

On SATURDAY 11th JULY 2009 At 3p.m.

ST MARY'S EVENING OF MUSIC

On **Friday 26th June, at 7.30 pm, St Mary's Church**, Warsash, will be hosting a musical recital by the much-loved pair Paul Hart (trumpet) and Elizabeth LeGrove (organ).

It will also feature the Southampton Youth Brass Band, described as "the best and finest young brass players in Southampton".

Entry £5, on the night; Fairtrade wine and nibbles included.

Proceeds to the church heating fund.

ST MARY'S CHURCH SUMMER EXTRAVAGANZA!

On **Saturday 27th June, from 1.30 to 4.30 pm, at Hook-with-Warsash CE Primary School Field**, Church Road, Warsash, St Mary's will be holding a variety of events, stalls and activities, including the Human Fruit Machine, It's a Wipeout, Warsash's Got Talent Fringe, cream teas, and music by Warsash Band! Come and join in this afternoon of fun.

For more details, and to register for Wipeout teams or Talent performance, visit the church website www.stmarywarsash.org.uk.

Regular Activities

Sundays	10:15am	Prayer in the vestry
	10:30am	Morning service with children & young people's work 1st Sunday in the month Communion 2nd Sunday in the month Church Lunch following the service
	6:30pm	Prayer meeting — 2nd and 4th Sunday in the month
Monday	7:30pm	Puppet ministry <i>for info contact Brian 01489 584317</i>
Tuesday	1:00pm	Craft Afternoon <i>for info contact Isabel 01489 584317</i>
	7:30pm	Re-Mix (youth) <i>for info contact Adam 07515719462</i>
Wednesday	7:30pm	House groups—various locations and alternate weeks <i>for info contact Linda 01489 581009</i>
Thursday	10:15am	Coffee Morning <i>for info contact Charlie or Sylvia 01489 600523</i>
Friday	2:00pm	House group—alternate weeks <i>for info contact John or Ida 01489 576511</i>
	7:30pm	Worship Practice <i>for info contact Brian 01489 584317</i>