

CONNECT

SUMMER 2016



SOUTHGATE
church

The Servant Queen

and the King
she serves

WITH A FOREWORD BY
Her Majesty
QUEEN ELIZABETH II

A tribute for Her Majesty's 90th birthday



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REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday	9.45am	Prayer Meeting
	10.30am	Family Worship (Creche available)
		Children's Sunday Club
	6.30pm	Evening service (1 st Sunday)
Monday	10.00am	CoffeeStop
	7.00pm	Liquid (13-16s)
Wednesday	9.00am	SPOTS (Parents & Toddlers)
	3.15pm	Wednesday Gang (Primary School children)
	7.30pm	Prayer House (alternating with House Groups)
Thursday	9.15am	Holy Communion Service
	2.30pm	Friendship Club (over 55's 1 st & 3 rd Thursdays)
	6.30pm	Youth Club (Middle School children)
	7.45pm	Thursday Club (Ladies Group 2 nd Thursday)

Children's mid-week groups run during term time only. See weekly notice sheet for details of all services and activities.

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CONNECT The Magazine of A Message from our Pastor.



Servanthood is a great word but also a challenging concept. Who willingly chooses to be a servant?

Immediately, I guess, many names pop into your mind. But for a moment let us allow ourselves to attribute this way of life to a young lady who had no thought of ever being Queen of England, but when history decided this would be the case, took on the role of servant hood willingly and has kept her promise fully and faithfully.

In the book *The Servant Queen* it quotes the Queen back in 2002 when she says *"I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel"*.

The Queen has many loyal subjects (or servants), but is herself servant of one, our Lord and God. Her servanthood towards the nations of this land and the commonwealth are without question. Her servant hood to Jesus is equally clear for all to see.

I remember seeing a poster many years ago asking the question, *'If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be sufficient evidence to convict you?'* The Queen has answered that question loud and clear; Yes there would be. As we prepare to celebrate an event which future generations may never see the like of again, it is necessary for us to pause, to look at the Queen, thank God for her and then to consider our own servanthood to our Saviour Jesus Christ and to others.

We have two great examples to follow, Queen Elizabeth II and Jesus himself. As Mark 10:45 says "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve ...". God asked Jesus his Son to lay down his life on the cross for our forgiveness and redemption. God asked the Queen to commit her life in faithful servant hood. As the then Moderator of the Church of Scotland said, when presenting her with *"the most valuable thing that this world affords"*, a Bible: It demonstrates that God's Word and God's Spirit were needed for her to follow her calling. Servanthood, commitment and service are three great goals. Like the Queen, we need God's strength, power and Spirit to achieve these goals. Ask yourself, "How am I living up to them"?

Your friend and Pastor, Peter

NEWS FROM OUR FAMILY & COMMUNITY WORKER

Youth Club had a great time on their visit to the Fire Station! Next month they're off to the Cathedral to take part in the Lego Pilgrimage, helping to recreate history brick by brick by recreating Suffolk's



Cathedral and the mother church of the Diocese entirely out of LEGO® bricks!

Congratulations to Hannah Moore and Jonathan Fayers on being chosen as young people's representatives to be part of the Diocesan vision for growth, Growing in God. They are pictured at a recent meeting with Bishop Mike, Rev Dave Gardner and other young people and Youth Workers working on the project. Please note



that not all future meetings will be held in Pizza Express!



We need more people to be part of our **Open the Book** teams which go into Hardwick Primary and South Lee Schools on Tuesday and Friday mornings, every two weeks. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to get up quite early, dress up occasionally and be part of a fun loving team who love to share stories from the bible in a lively and memorable way to children in our local schools.

Our **Church Holiday Club** will soon be here and we need YOUR help to make it the best! It will run from 10am-12pm from Tuesday 23rd August until Friday 26th August. Please put the dates in your diaries now and look out for sign up lists which will be coming soon!

Alison Burgess

In Memory of Rev Keith Spokes

It was with much sadness that we recently said our 'goodbyes' to Keith Spokes who had been a faithful member of our fellowship for his latter years, firstly with Heather, his wife, and since losing her almost 10 years ago. His funeral service was held in St Mary's Church where together with St Peter's , he served in ministry for several years, during the 1980s.

We all hold our own memories of Keith but as so often happens, so much is revealed about a person's life during their funeral service. The tributes we heard added to our knowledge of him, who we knew as lovely, quiet gentle – man who loved His Lord and served Him faithfully during his life. He was quite a private man and could be safely entrusted with anything in confidence.

In his early career, he lived in Kent where he met Heather, while working in agriculture and where he became a farm manager and was involved especially in the research arm of fruit farming. He won many prizes for his apples. At that time, Keith became a lay reader in the Church of England. He later worked for Bayer at Hextable and later in Thurston. Living in Bury, he became ordained as a deacon in 1984 and as a priest in 1985 and served in St Peters and St Marys until 1989, when he looked after 4 parishes in rural Suffolk. After his retirement Keith and Heather joined us at Southgate church and he often helped by preaching, leading worship and communion services. He was a tremendous help during our interregnums.

We heard that Keith and Heather were both keen gardeners . He had a great sense of humour and enjoyed listening to Gilbert and Sullivan. In recent years Keith had struggled with his health and had almost lost his sight before he died.

Keith was a much loved Husband, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather, Priest and Friend. We commit him to our Lord Jesus Christ. as we sung in the last verse of the hymn at Keith's funeral service,

'We rest on thee , our Shield and our Defender...Victors, We rest on Thee , through endless days'

Please continue to pray for his family ; Brigit & Chris, Judith & Martin, Aimee,& Darren, Molly Toby, Finn and Zech.

CHURCH LIBRARY

There have been several additions to the Church Library:

1. The Life You Never Expected

(Thriving while parenting special needs Children) by A & R Wilson

2. What Every Kid Wished Their Parents Knew and Vice Versa. By Rob & Lloyd Parsons

3. The Book That Changed My Life (How can it be alright when everything is all wrong)
by L B Secedes.

4. Forgiven (Amish school shooting - a Mother's love) by Terri Roberts

5 The House I Left Behind (A journey from Islam to Christ) by Daniel. Shayesteh

6 The Wisdom House by Rob Parsons.

All the books on the shelves and trolley have now been put in different categories and coloured stickered to show their genre.- Biography/Testimony, Life Situations, Children, Christian Living, Devotional/Bible readings, Bible Study and Christian Fiction.

The Library is there for everybody's benefit, please remember to return books for other people to read and benefit from.

If you wish to donate any books to the library please can you let me have rather than leaving on the shelves so that I can label them. Thank You.

Hilary Harrington



HOLIDAY CLUB

AUGUST 23RD - 26TH 2016

Are we having a holiday club this year? YES WE ARE!

I'm very excited to tell you that Anya has been in contact with us and offered to come to help us lead our club this year.

This is a real sign of God's provision and an opportunity to make some much needed changes to the way we operate.

We aren't expecting you to lead or teach, but maybe you could offer help with crafts, refreshments or pre holiday club preparation. Even if you can't come on all the days we'd love to see you on one or two. If you are at work maybe you could think of taking a day or two off on holiday.

Our theme this year will be based around kings and queens so get your crown or tiara polished and ready for action!!

Our holiday club is such an opportunity to reach children on our estate, to engage in a positive way with the families and be Jesus to them in the way that we care for their children. We want to help them to understand a bit more about God's love for them.

We will have our Family and Friends evening as usual on the Friday evening, so put that in your diary and come and enjoy that evening as we celebrate together.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOUR NAME ON THE
SIGN UP LIST WHICH WILL BE OUT IN EARLY JUNE!**

From Doreen and Alison

Christian Aid

Thank you to everyone who helped with the house to house collection this year. We have raised £1915.92 and a further £215.03 gift aid making a total of £2130.95. A really great result. Thank you also to the ladies who made muffins this made a further £80.

The Bury St Edmunds churches together Christian Aid group have also pledged to raise £4000 for "Healthier Futures for Women and girls In Ethiopia" by 31 August 2018. The EU will match our contribution by 5:1. We have already raised just over £1000. I hope to organise a "Big Breakfast" one Saturday morning in September or October to raise some more money. (Details at a later date. I will be looking for helpers).

The project aims to improve women and girls well being through better access to reproductive health services and family planning, to boost the economic prospects of the whole community. The project will also seek to influence the social structures that marginalise women

By 2020 the project hopes to: double contraception usage in women in the targeted areas to 59% and educate young women to halve the rate of teenage pregnancy to 5%.

Christine Dutton



A big thank you too goes to Christian Dutton for all of her hard work in organising and counting this collection from our area, on behalf of Southgate church.

Southgate Church Text for 2016

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you/ As the Father has sent me, I am sending you". John 20:21

In Memory of Judith Grimwood

It is quite some time since we last saw Judith at Southgate. Sadly, because of her long and debilitating motor neurone illness, she needed the care of Sherrington Care Home in Ipswich, which was close to her son Stephen. Many of us were able to join in a service of thanksgiving and celebration of her life in St Thomas a Becket Church, Gt Whelnetham on May 4th.

Peter preached a message focussing on verses from Matt 25 :21 and Matt 7:12 revealing a picture of Judith's life, who used her God given talents as a good and faithful servant, in the way in which she put others first. Judith was a very caring person who generously gave her time, her skills and her love to others, thus serving her Lord and Master, Jesus.

Judith had a sister, Sandra and two brothers, Colin and David. At home, in Whittlesey she developed wonderful skills in needlework which she was able to use later in life. After leaving March High school, she became a nursery assistant and later a house mother for Dr Barnardo's, where she cared for children. She also learned skills in sign language and worked as a welfare officer for the Suffolk mission for the deaf, where she met Brian, her husband. She used her skills in working in the hearing impaired units in Westgate and County Upper Schools. Judith used her caring skills as an assistant at Cornwallis court and at the West Suffolk Hospital for many years as an Occupational therapy aide and Physiotherapy assistant.

Judith and Brian had three children, Elizabeth who died as a baby, Stephen and Lorraine. While the family were still young, they became members at Southgate, where Judith served as a Sunday school teacher and worked with children in Holiday Clubs and Wednesday Gang. Sadly Brian died suddenly in 1997.

As a neighbour, Judith gave invaluable help to Beryl and Tim Sheppard, offering respite care and child sitting for the children in their foster care. She remained very much part of the Southgate family until she became too ill to continue living on her own.

We commit Judith to our Lord, confident that she will share her Master's joy as one of His good and faithful servants.

Please pray for Judith's family, especially, Lorraine , Mike ,Charlie and Thomas, and Stephen, Karen, Emily and Alex

Malawi -Faith in Action



The Bible Studies which Sally Jeffree wrote some many months ago continue to take us by surprise or should I say, God is using them to expand His Kingdom.

From being translated into 3 languages, introduced to the Army and then the Prisons, now we have heard of them being used for Television broadcasting!

Lameck was asked to do an Easter Refection for Malawi TV. From this introduction, Lameck took 30 of Sally's studies as a basis for 10 minute talks.

These were broadcast in the Malawian language, (Chichewa) during the morning and then in English for the evening. The recordings were made together so Lameck had to change shirts several times!!

Up to now we have supplied over 67,000 Studies and I hear more are being asked for!

With your help we have been able to fund two more Wind pump Irrigation schemes together with seed and provide some more goats for families who will take on orphans.

Thank you for your interest and support.

Frank Rumball

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, am sending you" .

John 20:21



Malawi packs
arriving in
Malawi



Children's Page



THE SAINT & THE MONSTER

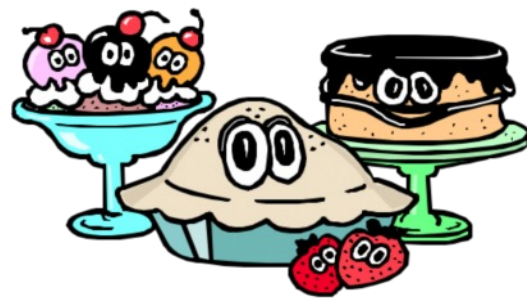
St Columba, whose feast day is 9th June, was born in Ireland and came to Scotland to be a 'pilgrim for Christ'. He founded a monastery on the island of Iona in 563. The monastery at Iona became a centre of learning and many missionaries were trained there. Columba carried the message of God's love throughout Scotland and monks from his monastery carried the message into England.

St Columba wrote a number of hymns and is said to have transcribed, or written out by hand, some 300 books in his lifetime.

And what has he got to do with a monster? Well, it wasn't the Loch Ness monster but a monster that was living in the River Ness. St Columba is said to have driven away this monster who was attacking a swimmer, with the sign of the cross and the words "Thou shalt go no further, nor touch the man; go back with all speed."

MONSTER MUNCHIES

75 g (3 oz) margarine
3 normal size Mars Bars
(thinly sliced)
3 large tea cups Rice Crispies
100 g (4 oz) chocolate cake
covering (melted)



Grease and line a swiss roll tin. In a heavy based saucepan, gently melt the margarine. Add the Mars Bar pieces and stir until no lumps are left.

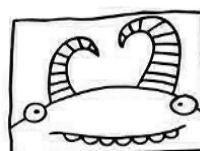
Take the pan off the heat and stir in the Rice Crispies – adding more if the mixture will take it. Spread the mixture in the tin and press it down evenly with the back of a spoon.

Cover with the melted chocolate and leave to set. Cut into 24 bars when cold – or cut into less



bars if you are feeding a very greedy monster!

How does a monster count to 17?



On it's fingers.

Reflections

His Glorious Day

He's the Ground of all being,
The Spirit of life,
The Father of faith
And the Mother of love,
He's the Christ-child within
Who fills darkness with light,
He calms our worst fears
With the peace from 'above'!

He's the giver of comfort
When our spirit is low
And source of all courage
When faith calls out – 'Go:
Go tell all the nations
That peace truly comes
When God's voice is heard
And God's will is done.

So follow the Christ-man,
Hold fast on His way,
Then one day we'll all share
His glorious day'!

By Sam Doubtfire

News of Nick Strachan

Nick has almost finished his teaching at Murree School this year. He has enjoyed the teaching and is adapting to living in Pakistan. He is learning Urdu and now knows enough to ask for food in the local market! For most of June and all of July he will have his summer holidays. He is hoping to travel in the north of Pakistan at the beginning of the vacation with one of his American colleagues. In July he is meeting up with his brother Robbie and his wife, Evie in Malaysia (her parents are working there) - he also plans to meet up with other friends in that general area this summer.

His new term begins on 8th August and he will be teaching AP Chemistry (A level), Physics, Geography, General Science and Basketball next year.

Thank you for continuing to support Nick in your prayers. It is really encouraging for us as a family as he is so far away; we know God is with him and with all of us back here.

Sue Strachan

'I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye'.

Psalms 32:8

SOUTHGATE CHURCH PRESENTS LOU FELLINGHAM

For its third concert at The Apex for Chaplain in the Workplace, Southgate is presenting Lou Fellingham and her six-piece band on **Wednesday 9th November at 7.30 pm.** Tickets, at £15, will be on sale from the box office, telephone (01284 758000) and online – www.theapex.co.uk – from on or around 1 July.

Lou's distinctive voice and heart for people have made her a greatly loved worship leader, singer and recording artist. Her four solo albums have brought her industry awards and repeat invites to appear on BBC's Songs of Praise. More than that, they have demonstrated Lou's desire to communicate the love of God, feed the church and bring revelation of God through her singing and songwriting. She has delighted everyone who has attended Spring Harvest over the past two years. Be sure to get your tickets early to avoid disappointment!



It is a time of Celebration!

The symbol of flames, candles or fireworks are often used at times of celebration or perhaps in remembering a person or an event. At Pentecost, flames were seen when God sent the Holy Spirit to the disciples, just as Jesus had promised them. We use candles on birthday cakes and if our church had had a cake this year, we would have seen 42 candles on our birthday which was Pentecost Sunday. The Queen's birthday cake will have 90 candles on it!

The Christmas candle gives out light by quietly growing small, symbolising Jesus, the light of the world, who gave himself up to become a frail human baby and later through his sacrificial love, became our Servant King. He taught us to become servants for God and others in his kingdom.

This year we are celebrating the 400th anniversary of the death of one of our greatest literary writers, William Shakespeare together with the occasion of the 90th Birthday of our reigning Queen. The article on the page opposite is an interesting reflection on these two great people. Our 'servant' Queen is a great witness to our Lord, who himself became a servant to save us all.

HOW TO BE GREAT

'Some', wrote William Shakespeare, 'are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them'. Only time would tell just how much greatness this uneducated boy from Warwickshire would achieve. He died 400 years ago, yet his words are spoken, read and performed today in parts of the world he never knew existed.

The play from which the above quotation is taken is, in part, about turning our notions of greatness upside down. It is set on Twelfth Night – a night when, at the time, roles in the household were swapped, with the servants becoming the masters. In the play, Olivia's devoted and trusted servant Malvolio is tricked into grasping at a position far above his station. It is he who speaks the above line, after other members of the household, playing on his vanity and his love for Olivia, convince him that if he just tried a little harder, he could win her hand in marriage and find the greatness that he yearns for. Of course, he ends up looking a fool and being sent away in disgrace.

The lady whose ninetieth birthday we are marking arguably meets all the above measures of greatness. True, at her birth she was 'only' third in line to the throne, and no one ever expected her to accede to it, but greatness was thrust upon her at her uncle's abdication, and she has certainly gone on to be one of the best-loved and most respected monarchs in the world.

Yet what truly makes Elizabeth II a great queen is not her parentage, her personality or her position. The Bible tells us that 'the greatest among you is the one who serves', and the Queen has certainly taken seriously the promise she made in a radio broadcast on her 21st birthday to 'be devoted to your service'. But as her Christmas messages have made increasingly clear over recent years, she first and foremost gives her service to God – the God who turns all our notions of greatness and worth upside down. He declares the poor rich, the weak strong and the foolish wise. He humbles those who exalt themselves, but those who humble themselves, who serve one another regardless of their position or power, them he exalts to true greatness. Not just for one night, but for all eternity.

Jennie Pollock

Wisdom – think about it

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things". Phil 4:8

In our workplaces we can struggle with an avalanche of data and information. We're all too aware that quantity of knowledge does not equate to wisdom. True wisdom is relational. It is a way of thinking – and living – which results in harmony with God and with others in every arena of life.

The Bible, the book of Proverbs in particular, builds a picture of wisdom as a compass for life, helping us to discern the path we should take and guiding us in how to walk that path. Wisdom is occasionally seen when someone has a moment of insight which unlocks a seemingly intractable situation.

However, most wisdom is based on habitual patterns developed over time. This can be regular focused attention on God's Word, as in the instruction given to Joshua: 'Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful' (Joshua 1:8). It also includes Paul's more general call to 'think about' things that are noble, right, pure, lovely, and so on.

Developments in neuroscience help us to reflect on the significance of directions like these in the Bible. Neuroplasticity is the term used to describe how the brain is modified by our patterns of thinking. As David Rock and Linda Page write in *Coaching with the Brain in Mind*: 'By exerting conscious energy, we decide what to pay attention to. Over time, the connections we make because we are paying attention become hardwired, and the basis for further actions.'

By making wise choices as to where we focus our attention – the articles we read, the TV programmes we watch, or the colleagues we listen to – our brains are reshaped. This influences our capacity to feel, think and act wisely. Paul's instruction to focus on that which is 'excellent or praiseworthy' is wise advice.

Bev Shepherd LICC

OUR FINANCIAL PAGE

SOUTHGATE CHURCH FINANCES AFTER NINE MONTHS

Expenditure	£
Ministry	36,565
Fellowship Activities	25,126
Family & Community	23,150
Administration	12,945
Premises	12,853
Tithes	9,150
Depreciation of our assets	6,147
Restricted Gifts	3,667
Church Groups	3,032

Total **132,635**

Income

Regular Giving	52,562
Fellowship Activities income	23,364
Gift Aid tax relief recovered	14,726
Other Collections	9,951
Church Groups	3,293
Restricted Gifts	3,157
Other	1,418

Total **108,471**

Net Expenditure **24,164**

The Church spent £24,164 more than it received in the financial year ended 31st March 2016.

At 31st March the church had £63,435 in cash and investments, nearly £20,000 less than last year. If we continue to operate with this level of deficit, cash reserves will be exhausted during the Autumn of 2018. Action will need to be taken next year to bring expenditure and income into balance.

We thank everyone for their faithful giving over the past year. Please pray about the year ahead and make an increase if you can.

Church Finance Team – Peter Maddock, Terry Ball, Liz and Bob Huddlestone & Bob Jones

May 2016



The phenomenon of Shelly-Ann Fraser Pryce

The Christian faith of the fastest woman in the world

Shelly-Ann Fraser Pryce is simply the fastest woman in the world! She won gold in the 100 metres in the 2008 and 2012 Olympics and also came top in the 100 metres World Championships in 2009, 2013 and 2015. She said of her London Olympic win: "It's completely different to Beijing because there I was inexperienced. I was young and I



never believed I could win. This time I was a bit nervous but I believed in God and I trusted Him to carry me through." Despite her amazing achievements, Shelly-Ann never seems to get the recognition she deserves. Asked if she is recognised when she goes out she replied "I go to the supermarket and people recognize me" before adding "and they want to ask me about Usain Bolt!"

She has had a faith most of her life but in her own words, "went away from the church" in her teens but is now back in the fold. She is clear about the difference her faith makes: "Believing in the God I believe in, has worked miracles in my life. I know God for myself so I am able to say 'Thank God' because I know who He is and I know what He has done in me and through me. So my faith is very important and at the forefront of everything I do. I believe that everything I have, every gift I have is from Him and He has given it to me for a reason. The purpose He has given me has shown me how to live and how to experience life differently. It motivates me and directs my life".

To deal with her nerves while waiting for the starter to call her to her blocks, she repeats Bible verses. She confesses to being a bit afraid before big races, so she repeats 2 Timothy 1:7 "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline." Another favourite verse is: 1 John 4:4 "the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world". She says it reminds her that if God is in control, then she has no reason to be afraid.



Shelly will be in Rio this August, trying to win an incredible third consecutive 100 metres title.

Stuart Weir

To Make you Smile

Hearing

A man went into a church and asked the vicar to pray for his hearing. Touched by his faith, the vicar agreed. "Kneel here," he began in a loud voice. The man knelt, and the vicar placed a hand on each ear and bellowed a prayer. "I hope that will help," he finally shouted.

"Well, I won't know for a while," the man replied. "It isn't until next month".

Revival families

After the local mission outreach had concluded, the three ministers were discussing the results with one another. The Methodist minister said, "The mission worked out great for us! We gained four new families."

The Baptist preacher said, "We did better than that! We gained six new families."

The Anglican priest said, "Well, we did even better than that! We got rid of our 10 biggest trouble makers!"

BURY DROP IN EXPANDING MINISTRY

Since September 2015, Bury Drop In has been caring for the community's homeless and vulnerable. Volunteers from churches throughout Bury have served hot meals and encouraged guests on Fridays, and various agencies that support the needy have been on site to provide practical assistance. Beginning 7 June, Drop In will open its doors a second day each week. Following an increase in the number of guests visiting the centre, the charity's trustees have decided to open on Tuesdays as well as Fridays. Drop In will operate from 11.00 to 2.00 on both days. The Tuesday menu will be a bit lighter than the fare on Friday, consisting mainly of sandwiches, cakes, and pastries. Drop In takes place at the Elven Centre across the road from Garland Street Baptist Church. Drop In would appreciate your support as we take on this expanded ministry. If you know of anyone who could benefit from its services, please extend an invitation for them to visit the centre. If you'd like to volunteer or make a donation, please visit our website at www.burydropin.org or e-mail admin@airdropping. We would also appreciate your continuing prayers as we share the love of Christ with those in need.

Dates for your diary

Celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday

Sunday 12th June

Come to our special service in the morning and join the Southgate community in Caie Walk for food and fun in the afternoon.

Fellowship Lunch

Sunday 12th June

Come Together Service

(Bury Churches Together)

June 18th at St Mary's Church 7pm

Exploring Prayer

Saturday 2nd July

St Edmundsbury Cathedral 3pm – 4pm.

Booking forms available in church or phone Jayne Whiteman 01284 748722

An evening with Lou Fellingham

Wednesday 9th November at 7.30pm at the Apex, Bury St Edmunds

Tickets £15. On sale from the box office

Tel: 01284 758000 and online.

Proceeds in aid of Chaplains in the Workplace

In faith, our church has purchased, 100 copies of the book 'The Servant Queen and the King she serves' which is a tribute to the Queen on her 90th birthday. Many smaller editions will be given to children in Hardwick Primary School and others will be available to give to people at the **Community Street Party on June 12th.**

If you are willing to contribute to the cost of these, donations would be gratefully received. The cost of the larger edition is £1.10 each and the leadership team has suggested buying two copies, one for yourself and one for friends or family. Or perhaps, donate one copy back to the church, which can be used as a gift to someone on the day of the street party.



Communications - Guidance for articles For Connect

If possible please include items by email between 250 - 400 words **or less.** We would particularly welcome short, personal 'Good News' stories which may help others in their faith journey.

Copy deadline for next CONNECT articles- Monday 12th September