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*For bells are the voice of the church; they have tones that touch and
search the hearts of young and old.*

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Dear friends

It could be said that the calendar has fallen really helpfully for us this year. March was mainly taken up with Lent, Ash Wednesday having fallen on 6th March. April saw us moving through Lent into Passiontide and then into Holy Week and Easter.

May now takes up with that wonderful group of stories we collectively call “the Post Resurrection” stories. These are rather special because, although the disciples are still boggling at what has happened and although some of them are struggling to believe it all, the plotting and the treachery of the later pre-Resurrection stories are things of the past. The horror of Jesus’ arrest and trial and crucifixion are also things of the past. The big meetings and all the business, with the long journeys, are over as well. Instead it’s all rather more relaxed.

Soon the disciples will be given a special gift - the gift of the Holy Spirit (which we come to in June) and after that it will be up to them to take the spreading of the message of Jesus forward. They will soon become the first missionaries - and the first martyrs too - for what would become known as the Christian faith. Before that, however, in this post-Resurrection period there is time for Jesus to spend with the disciples, rebuilding that team, re-energising that team and getting it into such a shape that it can take things forward. There’s time for breakfast bar-b-ques on the beach, for conversations and reassurances before, at the end of May this year (30th), Jesus ascends to Heaven and returns to his Father to be seated at his right hand.

So, the way the calendar falls this year means that May, for us in church, is a neatly contained period to enjoy again those wonderful, post-Resurrection stories, the last days of Jesus’ earthly ministry and to savour again the joy of the simple message, “He is risen.”




With all good wishes

Michael

SERVICES AND OTHER KEY DATES MAY 2019

The Minister will be absent from 29 April - 6 May (Ministers' Summer School)
and from 7 - 11 May (Holiday)

No Bridge Club over the summer months

Sunday 5 May (Easter 3)	10.30 am	Sunday Worship conducted by Mr Graham Pearcey
	 Traidcraft after the service 	
Tuesday 7 May	2.00 pm	Ladies' Guild Hersham Room
	8.00 pm	Elders' Meeting Hersham Room
Wednesday 8 May	12.30 - 1.30 pm	Lunchtime Organ Recital at Weybridge URC with Anthony Gritten (<i>see page 5</i>)
Friday 10 May	10.30 am	Prayer Group Garden Room
	12.30 - 2.30 pm	Ladies Who Lunch Who Lunch Weybridge URC (<i>see page 5</i>)
Sunday 12 May (Easter 4)	10.30 am	Sunday Worship conducted by Mrs Thelma Roberts
Wednesday 15 May	10.30 am- 12 noon	Christian Aid Coffee morning in The Gateway, St Andrew's URC (<i>see page 5</i>)
Sunday 19 May (Easter 5)	10.30 am	Sunday Worship conducted by the Minister
	3.00 pm	 Messy Church
Tuesday 21 May	2.00 pm	Ladies' Guild Hersham Room
Friday 24 May	10.30 am	Prayer Group Garden Room
Sunday 26 May (Easter 6)	10.30 am	Sunday Worship conducted by the Reverend David Netherwood

<p><i>"And a bird overhead sang Follow, And a bird to the right sang Here; And the arch of the leaves was hollow, And the meaning of May was clear."</i></p>
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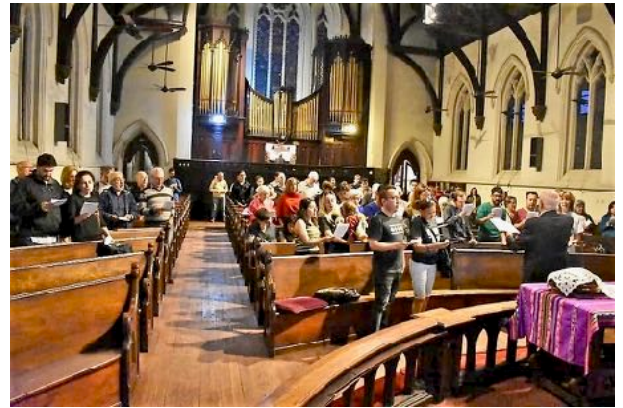
<p>Algernon Charles Swinburne</p>
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EVENSONG AT THE EVANGELICAL METHODIST CHAPEL IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA



Sunday 24 March was the Day of Remembrance, Truth and Justice (Día de la Memoria, la Verdad y la Justicia) in Argentina. It coincided with my being in Buenos Aires during a family visit this year and offered the opportunity to attend a special service at the principal Methodist Church of that country, where a family friend, Carlos Amarillo, whom I have known since he was eight years old, is the Pastor.

The principal Methodist church in Buenos Aires, consecrated in 1874, is now 145 years old. The first missionary arrived 1835 and in 1836 the Reverend John Dempster from the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States came and settled in Buenos Aires. The first chapel was consecrated in 1843 and later, in 1871, the building of a new chapel began.



Every year, in Argentina, there is a public holiday on 24 March, a day which is set aside to remember all those who lost their lives or otherwise suffered during a widespread political war campaign in Argentina between 1976 and 1983 known as the Dirty War. During this time, an estimated 30,000 people were abducted from their homes, blindfolded, taken to detention centres and were never seen again. These people are known as the 'disappeared'. The day is marked by peaceful rallies and marches by those who lost loved ones at that time.



*Bishop Américo
Jaara Reyes*

The Methodist Bishop for Argentina, Américo Jara Reyes, delivered the sermon and, to the surprise and delight of the congregation, joined with a group of young people to sing with a powerful voice, accompanying himself on the guitar.

The Order of Service was not dissimilar to ours at St Andrew's and I was really happy to see that two out of the three hymns were favourites of mine (I had been able to work that out by translating the Spanish of the first lines and realising that the rhythm indicated the old familiar tunes!). One was 'I the Lord of Sea and Sky' ('*Heme aquí Dios*') which we have sung from the screen in church as it doesn't feature in Rejoice and Sing and the other 'Onward Christian Soldiers' ('*Firmes y Adelantes*') with an introduction, as we had the last time we sang it at St Andrew's, that it is somewhat out of favour these days (those of us who were brought up with it love its rousing tune and the opportunity it lends to sing our hearts out!).



It was lovely to share in the service sitting with Carlos's wife Sonia, a Lutheran minister, and their two children, Michaela and Lucas, and special to receive communion from Carlos himself (*second from right*).

Ed





CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING

WEDNESDAY 15 MAY
10.30 am - 12 noon

The Gateway,
St Andrew's URC
Walton-on-Thames

ALL WELCOME!



Christian Aid Week is an annual door-to-door fundraising drive by the charity Christian Aid. The drive is held each year in Britain during the second week of May, when thousands of volunteers post red collection envelopes to households around the country. Held each year since 1957, the event celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2007, making it Britain's longest running fundraising week. Christian Aid works with 700 local organisations across 50 developing countries. Working with poor communities, it trains people to deal with the effects of climate change and prepares them for the threat of natural disasters. These local organisations – or 'partners' – also work on HIV, training and education, health and sanitation and peace and reconciliation.

ELDERS' MEETING

Tuesday 7 May
8.00 pm

Hersham Room



BRIDGE CLUB

NO BRIDGE IN MAY!



LADIES' GUILD

Tuesdays 7 and 21 May
2.00 pm

Hersham Room

PRAYER GROUP

Fridays 10 and 24 May
10.30 am

Garden Room



Wednesday 8 May

LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL

12.30 pm - Weybridge URC
Queens Road, KT13 9UX

This month's concert features
Anthony Gritten
Head of Undergraduate Programme,
The Royal Academy of Music

Bring your own snacks - enjoy the music
Tea and coffee available

Free entry with retiring collection in aid of
Musicians Benevolent Fund

LADIES WHO LUNCH

WEYBRIDGE URC

FRIDAY 10 MAY - 12.30-2.30 PM

**Soup, rolls, dessert and coffee
along with convivial company
all for just £4!**

Book your place with Margaret Faultless
Tel: 020 8399 3402

Email:


ladieswholunch@weybridgeurc.org.uk

SERVICES AND OTHER KEY DATES JUNE 2019

Sunday 2 June (Easter 7)	10.30 am	Sunday Worship conducted by Mrs Vivienne Gherold
Tuesday 4 June	2.00 pm	Ladies' Guild Hersham Room
	8.00 pm	Elders' Meeting Hersham Room
Sunday 9 June (Day of Pentecost - Whitsunday)	10.30 am	Sunday Worship conducted by Mr Sydney Shore
Wednesday 12 June	12.30 pm	Lunchtime Organ Recital at Weybridge URC with Martin Barnes (see page 7)
Friday 14 June	10.30 am 12.30-2.30 pm	Prayer Group Garden Room Ladies who Lunch at Weybridge URC

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Sunday 16 June (Pentecost 1 - Trinity Sunday)	10.30 am	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion conducted by the Minister
	3.00 pm	 Messy Church
Tuesday 18 June	2.00 pm	Ladies' Guild Hersham Room
Sunday 23 June (Pentecost 2)	10.30 am	Sunday Worship conducted by Mr Roy Bones
Friday 28 June	10.30 am	Prayer Group Garden Room
Sunday 30 June (Pentecost 3)	10.30 am	Sunday Worship conducted by Mrs Anna Crawford
	 Traidcraft after the service 	
	12 noon	Quarterly Church Meeting



We are so very sorry to learn of the death of Marjorie Forbes on the night of 20 April. Marjorie was the wife of one of our former ministers, the Reverend Edward (Eddie) Lane. There will be a memorial service at the church of St Nicholas Pyrford at 2pm on Friday 14 June. We send our love, thoughts and condolences to her family at this sad time.

A Bible that's falling apart usually
belongs to someone who isn't.

Charles Spurgeon



BRIDGE CLUB

NO BRIDGE IN JUNE



LADIES' GUILD

**Tuesdays 4 and 18 June
2.00 pm**

Hersham Room

PRAYER GROUP

**Fridays 14 and 28 June
10.30 am**

Garden Room

LAST MINUTE!

A minister waited in the queue to have his car filled with petrol just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Reverend," said the young man, "I'm sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean - it's the same in my business!"



Wednesday 12 June

LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL

12.30 pm - Weybridge URC
Queens Road, Weybridge
KT13 9UX

This month's concert features
Martin Barnes
Organist St John's Church, Hartley Wintney

Bring your own snacks - enjoy the music
Tea and coffee available

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ADVANCE NOTICE!



Music for a

Summer Evening

*Bushes & Briars,
Bluebirds & Beaches*

**Saturday 6th July, 7.30pm
United Reformed Church Hall,
Queens Road,
Weybridge KT13 9UX**

TICKETS £ 10.00

For more details

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A Cappella Singers is a Registered Charity 1049088
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STRATUS - A FRESH TAKE ON THE PIANO TRIO

On Tuesday 9 April the newly formed Stratus Trio gave a short concert at St Andrew's. It was the first time they had played for us and it proved to be a really lovely, relaxed evening, which drew a good sized and hugely receptive audience. With Nat on the violin and introducing the music, Sam on the cello and Zacc playing the piano we were treated to a very varied programme (*below*), drawing on music from popular classics and from more contemporary composers as well. The three friends are hugely competent, classically trained musicians whose playing was a joy to listen to. By the end of the evening, the question being immediately asked was "when's the next concert?" Hopefully it won't be long! *MH* (*Looks like we're in luck - see below! Ed*)



THE PROGRAMME

Say Something - as performed by A Great Big World and Christina Aguilera
Air on a G String/Orchestral Suite No 3 in D Major BWV 1068 - JS Bach, arr Lynne Latham
Amazing Grace - Early American Melody, arr Jay Althouse
She's always a Woman - Billy Joel
Hallelujah - Leonard Cohen
Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord - David Evans, arr Richard Shephard
The Lord Bless You and Keep You - John Rutter
Somewhere Only We Know - as performed by Lily Allen
Make you Feel My Love - as performed by Adele (Bob Dylan)
Cantique de Jean Racine, Op 11 - Gabriel Fauré, arr Henri Büsser
Viva La Vida - as performed by Coldplay
I Dreamed a Dream - Claude-Michel Schönberg



L-R Nat Zacc and Sam

We greatly enjoyed our first concert at St Andrew's and were quite taken aback by the lovely reception. It certainly proved to be an excellent start to our first series of concerts! The next two - at St. Peter's Church in Bournemouth and St Mary's Church in Portchester - were both warmly received and capped off a great few days.

We do, though, owe a special thanks to the audience at St Andrew's for their generosity and touching words. You'll hopefully be pleased to know that plans are already afoot for another concert in the summer and donations are already being put to good use with some recording studios in mind and a website soon to be up and running.

For now, if you're on Facebook or Instagram, you can catch us on www.facebook.com/stratusmusicldn or www.instagram.com/stratusmusicldn. Alternatively, we can be reached at stratusmusicldn@gmail.com.

Thanks again!
Nat, Sam and Zacc

EASTER AT ST ANDREW'S



On Good Friday, a group of us gathered in the Church Hall for hot cross buns and tea and coffee, half an hour before reparing to the church for a short and quietly reflective service led by our minister, Michael. He read a moving passage from 'Stages on the Way', a book by the Iona Community that traces Jesus' road to the Cross and beyond, step by step through Lent, Holy Week and Easter.



One of our ArtPeace friends in Zimbabwe has shared with us the enactment at her church of the Stations of the Cross, at dawn.

(photos left and right)

The Easter Service, led by Anna Crawford, was based on the women going to the Garden and finding the empty tomb, and the men on the way to Emmaus. With the Gospel readings and reflections on the thoughts and feeling of the those that had been left behind by the death of Jesus it proved to be a thought-provoking and emotional service as we thought about the women's reaction to the events of the last days. But we were able to join with them in joy and celebration as they realised Jesus had risen and was there with them and us for all time on our journey through life and beyond.



Our Easter Day service was more colourful than usual this year due to the assortment of cheery Easter bonnets, including a couple of fascinators, sported by a good many ladies in the congregation. There were extra bonnets on offer in the porch to ensure that no-one felt left out! I understand, such was the enthusiasm, that consideration might be given to this becoming a tradition at St Andrew's for the future. *Ed*





FRIENDS REMEMBERED

MURIEL CAMBROOK

Muriel was born in Northern Ireland, in Castle Dawson, the youngest of five, having two brothers and two sisters. Her father was a tailor who ran his own shop. She went into the Civil Service in London where she met Alan, who worked in Customs and Excise and they were married in Castle Dawson on 28 August, 1948. Alan and Muriel enjoyed a long marriage, just over 50 years, until Alan died in October, 1998.

Shortly after they were married, Alan and Muriel moved into the house in Zion Lane Isleworth where they lived until they moved to Walton in 1978, an area they knew because Muriel's brother, Jim, and his wife lived there. It was a very happy move and they enjoyed living not far from the centre of Walton. Muriel could indulge her love of gardening and she also became a very faithful member of St Andrew's URC. At St Andrew's we remember her singing alto in the church choir, back in the days when the choir stalls were in a gallery. Muriel could be guaranteed to be there at every choir practice and at every Sunday service. She was a faithful member and we remember her very kindly at St Andrew's. They were blessed with a son, Richard, and as the years have gone by so the family has grown to include Richard's wife, Ann, their children, Helen, Christine and Robert and the grandchildren, Leon, Anthony and Sophie. Family were important to Muriel and Richard remembers many family holidays in Northern Ireland, keeping up with the family there. After her marriage, Muriel had given up work but she returned when Richard was older, working initially in some temporary, clerical jobs around Isleworth before going to work for BOAC and later for BA. That helped her to enjoy quite a bit of travel and enabled her to visit Tanzania, Australia, where she had family, and various winter holidays in Spain.

We send our condolences to her family that includes her sister-in-law Florence Hueston and nephew David, both of whom are known to us as members of St Andrew's.

WESSEX SYNOD QUIET DAYS

THURSDAY 30 MAY AND SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER

Last year the walking quiet day was very successful. This year the day will be slightly different so those who attended last year could do so again without the day being a straight repeat.

Here are the details of both exciting Synod Quiet Days which have been organised by the Synod Silence and Retreats group. **Bookings to Ruth Heine bookings@urcwessex.org.uk Tel: 023 8067 4513**

Thursday 30 May 2019

A Quiet Day of gentle walking and spiritual reflection in the New Forest led by Mike and Louise Shrubsole.
Bookings close on Tuesday 30 April 2019.

Saturday 26 October 2019 : Mindfulness and Christian Spirituality led by Tim Stead

A practical introduction to Mindfulness with reflections on how it relates to Christian spirituality.

10am – 4pm. Arrivals from 9.30am. Cost: £15 per person, includes a light lunch

Fleet URC, 25 Kings Road, Fleet, Hampshire, GU51 3AF.

Bookings close Wednesday 28 August 2019

A FLORAL FEAST



Walton & Weybridge Flower Club would like to thank all those who supported their Spring Market. It was a very enjoyable afternoon, with wonderful plants, our thanks to Squires Garden Centre for donation of some plants. Good quality Bric-a-Brac, delicious home made cakes and a cream tea. But most of all what made the occasion was the laughter, friendship and happy atmosphere in the hall. Again thank you for coming to help make it such a memorable time.

Anna Crawford - President Walton & Weybridge Flower Club

PS There were 2,055 smarties in the jar and it was won by the nearest who guessed 2,051. AC



CHARLES WESLEY

Collaboration between the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church is extensive. Both churches cover England, Scotland and Wales. The Methodist-URC Liaison Group meets twice a year and its task is to focus on the local and intermediate dimensions of the relationship between the Methodist Church and the URC.

Charles Wesley was born on December 18, 1707. He became a Church of England clergyman and was a British leader of the Methodist movement, along with his brother, John. He is remembered chiefly for the thousands of hymns which he wrote, many of which are still in widespread use today, like "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing." Among one of the most republished hymn writers of the 18th and 19th centuries, Wesley's work helped to make hymn singing a prominent feature of English-speaking Protestant worship. He wrote well over 6,000 hymns, some of them among the most memorable and lasting such as: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," "And Can It Be," "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today," "Soldiers of Christ, Arise," and "Rejoice! the Lord Is King!" Charles Wesley was the 18th son of Samuel and Susannah Wesley's 19 children (only 10 lived to maturity). When older, he joined his siblings as each day his mother, Susannah, who knew Greek, Latin, and French, methodically taught them for six hours. Charles spent 13 years at Westminster School, where the only language allowed in public was Latin. He added nine years at Oxford, where he received his master's degree. It was said that he could reel off the Latin poet Virgil by the half hour. He died on 29 March 1788.

taken from the internet

TEE'D OFF

There was a clergyman who was an avid golfer. One Sunday was a picture-perfect day for golf and the minister could not resist the temptation. He rang his assistant and told him he was too ill to attend church. Then he packed up the car and drove three hours to a golf course where no-one would recognise him. Happily, he began to play the course. But an angel up above was watching the minister and was quite perturbed. He went to God and said: "Look at the minister. He should be punished for what he is doing."

God nodded in agreement. The minister teed up on the first hole. He swung and the ball sailed effortlessly through the air and landed right in the cup 350 yards away. A perfect hole-in-one! The minister was amazed and overjoyed. The angel was a little shocked. He turned to God and said: "Begging your pardon, but I thought you were going to punish him." And God smiled. "Think about it. Who can he tell?"

AN OLD IRISH BLESSING

May love and laughter light your days and warm our heart and home.
May good and faithful friends be yours whenever you may roam.
May peace and plenty bless your world with joy that long endures.
May all your life's passing seasons bring the best to you and yours.

FEEL THE LOVE !



If you want to learn tolerance and amiability you could do no better than to observe the capybara. This creature is a native of South America (where they call it a 'carpincho') and the largest rodent in the world. It is very sociable and lovable and is closely related to the guinea pig (although not quite so user-friendly as a pet due to its size!). Capybaras mostly hop because their forelegs are slightly shorter than their hind legs and they live in groups of mostly 10-20. They are fast runners and excellent swimmers. They can sleep in water keeping their noses above the water. Other animals love to sit on them and they are extremely good-natured about it. No matter how far they might wander in search of food, they are they always gravitate back to home.

A family friend who has an idyllic farm ('estancia') in Argentina (*see photograph right*) acquired a pair several years ago as pets and now has an extended family of about 100 of these friendly creatures happily living in complete harmony and a constant source of entertainment to her visitors. Let's learn from their example! *Ed*



FLOWER POWER



Jackie Rodwell writes:

"Dear St Andrew's Church Friends

I am most grateful for the flowers you gave me at a difficult time in losing my sister. Your flowers brightened me up and I am most grateful, again."

Mary Taylor would like to thank all her friends at St Andrew's for the beautiful flowers she received recently as well as Irene for delivering them. They brought her a lot of pleasure.

Norma (aka **Ed**) thanks St Andrew's for the lovely assortment of flowers she received after church to welcome her back from recent travels. She sets great store on knowing that she can always depend on the kindness of the St Andrew's family.

A message from **Ghislaine Stevenson**:

"It was a lovely surprise when Irene gave me a posy of the flowers from the Communion Table after church last Sunday. The vibrant colours of the gerbera really brighten up my living room, especially on the days when the sun is still not as bright as we might wish at this time of year! It is a strong reminder of the constant friendship and goodwill of the congregation at St Andrew's. Thank you all."

Nan Mercer says:

"I'd like to thank Irene for bringing me a beautiful arrangement of flowers from the Communion Table. They have remained fresh all week and give me real pleasure. It was lovely to have a relaxed chat with Irene - she does a great job!"

A PRAYER FOR NOTRE DAME

Our cover photograph was taken from the roof of the cathedral in Cadiz. It made me think of the terrible fire at Notre-Dame Cathedral, Paris, that broke out on 15 April and the bells of our 42 cathedrals that tolled in unison for seven minutes on the evening of Maundy Thursday as a mark of solidarity with that cathedral and the people of France. *Ed*

The Dean of Southwark, the Very Reverend Andrew Nunn, wrote this prayer for Notre Dame:

'It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done.' (1 Corinthians 3.13)

*Lord Jesus
your broken body, laid aside
rose in glory.
Give resurrection hope to the people of Paris
and all who grieve the destructive fire
at Notre Dame.
From the ashes may beauty once more arise,
as from the grave our new life comes. Amen*

ARTPEACE AND FRIENDS

EVERY PHOTO TELLS A STORY: The latest UNICEF report on the impact of **Cyclone Idai** says that the estimated number of people affected was 270,000 of which 129,600 were children. Zimbabweans have responded with outstanding love and generosity when their own



lives are in extreme distress due to their economic crisis. With each 10\$ purchase to assist with cyclone relief, the government charged 2% tax! Artist Fortune's wife Norah lost her teacher brother Martin as



with daughter Jane in Chimanimani during happier times. Above right, Maria (seated) outside her home being consoled by a neighbour.

DESPERATE! from Fortune. 'The man (trussed up) below, his wife and children had gone three days without food so he decided to take food from a local shop in Caledonia to feed his family as nobody could help him. His luck run out and he was caught and beaten only to be rescued by locals who understood his problem. Last December he was employed but was told in January that his company could no longer continue due to financial difficulties - so he and all the others lost their jobs. Now he cannot feed his family. His neighbours said they heard that he wanted to commit suicide.'



DESPAIR – from Mike. 'My 25-year-old son Tatenda (left) is still suffering from beatings by



the army following recent riots. I have just returned from the clinic having experienced the decay in Zimbabwe's medical institutions - patients died in front of me – so sad. I borrowed money to cover tests and painkillers. I am very worried John. My son did nothing and the army just beat anyone they thought may have been involved in the protests in January when many were shot. His wife Rutendo was also beaten for trying to defend him.'

ONE ARTIST'S VIEW from Christine – 'The economy has slumped yet again and we feel let down by our leaders. We hoped at last for honesty and accountability. We hoped for an upturn in industry. We hoped for something to hope for. We are saddened that the march to relieve Robert Mugabe has had no effect. Of all the enemies of state since arrested, all cases seem to die a mysterious death before the courts. We are saddened by the vulgar levels of unaccountability. We wish that our finance minister would for once deliver good news that does not see us pay for sins we did not commit while the culprits walk free and live more comfortably than those earning an honest living. We

must not be party to the circus that raises funds for alcohol when children are starving, uneducated and unhealthy. We feel let down because we have become vulnerable. There are few constants left. Nothing we used to place our trust in is reliable any more. We keep on keeping

on. We must remain faithful to the name of our nation - the house of rock. We must remain true and empathetic to the next person. When we lose our empathy completely, we shall surely fall. It is stories told, jokes shared and little gestures of love passed from one person to the next around pots and packets of the little food we have to offer, that remind us we are not alone and tomorrow the sun rises and shines upon all of us.'

ROBBED! After attending a funeral, four men attacked and overpowered Godfrey (left) running off with his phone. Christine also had her mobile stolen. They are devastated as mobiles are vital to contact families. Luckily Teresa from Woking URC came to the rescue with replacements!



The **GOOD** news is that ArtPeace are enjoying a good harvest: certainly, an improvement on last year thanks to early maturing quality seed, fertilisers and chemicals provided by our Marlow URC friends. Photos L to R show a happy Lizeni, Fortune's excellent crop which will last the

best part of a year and Lovemore's wife Junior harvesting. Our quick reaction in providing chemicals when crops were being attacked by the dreaded army saved the day as many of their neighbours' fields suffered badly - the artists will share with neighbours. **Johnston Simpson**



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Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins.

Be hospitable to one another without complaining.

**Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God,
serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.**

I Peter 4 vv 8-10