

# Interserve

### **Envision, Equip, Engage**

Interserve works alongside the church in nations across Asia and the Arab world, wherever there are opportunities to share the love of Jesus with



Asian and Arab peoples. Their partners seek to bring about meaningful and lasting transformations in the people they work with through Jesus.

Working in many countries where the majority of people are not Christians but belong to a different faith group such as Muslims, Hindus or Buddhists, Interserve works alongside churches that often find themselves in situations where they are persecuted as a minority group. Partners located around the world often go to these countries where they take a wide variety of jobs in industry, healthcare, teaching, or business, as well as seeking out opportunities to share Jesus with the people they are alongside, and support churches there.

Many of Interserve's partners also work with Asian and Arab people groups in their home countries. Our partner Helen is based in Bristol with her husband, Jonathan. She is involved, both at a local and national level, with Interserve in the UK and their work amongst refugees and immigrants from Asia and the Arab world. She and Jonathan recently visited SGSG and preached at our services at St George's, where they also shared more about the work they are involved with. Helen has been working on new resources for Churches to use as they reach out and disciple those who have come to know Christ from a Muslim background.

Visit interserve.org.uk or Contact Liz Marlow for more information.



## Hope Explored runs each morning and evening on 17, 24 April and 1 May

Three sessions exploring the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Discover how he fulfils three great longings we all experience: Hope, Peace and Purpose.

See events page for how to Sign up:

Appointment of Our New Rector: We are delighted to announce that Rev Tom Darwent has been appointed as our new Rector. He is currently Vicar at St Paul's Camberley as well as being Priest in Charge of Heatherside. We are hoping that Tom and his family might be able to move in during August, but details are yet to be confirmed. Tom says: "It is a privilege and a joy to have been appointed to this role, though we will be very sad to leave St Paul's and Heatherside Churches. I am excited about helping the church fulfil its potential as we focus together on discipleship and mission to the parish". Please pray for Tom and his family as they prepare to move. See our website for the full Official Announcement.

#### Andy & Malcolm (your Churchwardens)

**Electoral Roll:** If you are baptised, if you live in Ashtead or have worshipped in the parish for 6 months or more, and are over 16, you can be on the Electoral Roll. You can complete a form on the church website, <u>sgsgashtead.org.uk</u> or collect from Reception. This enables you to vote at the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting which will take place on Thursday 9 May.** The final day for completed ER application forms is 23 April. PCC Nomination forms are available at both churches. There are 5 vacancies this year. Closing date is 5 May. Nominees have to have been on the ER for 6 months.

**Used Stamp Collecting for Bible Society:** Please do bring any used stamps to church to help raise funds for Bible Society. There will be a collection box for these at the back of St Giles' and St George's reception. The stamps should be undamaged and if possible with a border cut around them.

#### Please pray for...

- the work of Helen and other partners of Interserve, that they are fully prepared with the 'shoes of peace' as they walk with the Good News
- those suffering grief, pain and displacement in Taiwan following the huge earthquake this week
- for peace and healing for those whose lives have been torn apart by grief in Israel,
   Palestine and beyond
- Tom and his family as they prepare to move to Ashtead later this year
- Edward Tout and Laura Grayling who are to be married on Saturday 20 April at St Giles' Church

## **Events Coming Up**

A full listing & sign-up details can be found at sgsgashtead.org.uk/events or you can contact us.



#### Hope Explored: Wednesdays 17, 24 April and 1 May

Three sessions exploring the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Please sign up for the morning sessions 10.30am-12noon <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a> or separately for the evening sessions 8:00-9:00pm <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a> or go to <a href="mailto:sgsgashtead.org/events">sgsgashtead.org/events</a>

Contemplative Prayer - Monday 15 April, 8:00-9:00pm St Giles' Church A led time of contemplative prayer, offering us all space to listen to God.

#### Link Group for Women - 17 April, 2:30-4:00pm

A friendly, caring group of ladies, meeting each 3rd Wednesday at St George's. Enjoy coffee and companionship, informative talks and fundraising activities.

#### Oasis - Friday 19 April 9:30-10:30am

Ladies of all ages welcome! Refreshments served and créche available.

Churches Together Men's Breakfast - 20 April, 8:00-9.30am,

St Michael's Church An opportunity to build friendships over a simple breakfast with speakers, Dr Alison Anderson and Dr James Close, on how to prepare for your GP appointment.

#### Lunchtime Jazz - Thursday 25 April, 12:15-1:30pm

Professional musicians Sarah Jane Eveleigh and the band are back! Come and enjoy great jazz music and great food!

#### Mothers' Union - Thursday 25 April, 10:00am-12:00pm

Meets at St George's every fourth Thursday, starting with coffee, then a speaker and finishing with prayer. Everyone is welcome - you don't have to be a mother!

#### LYP Next Level Worship Night - Friday 26 April 7:30-9:00pm

Brought to us by Leatherhead Youth Project - games, music, an inspirational talk, and a time for reflection for those in school years 7 - 13.

Wheels for the World, Barn Dance Fundraiser - Saturday 27 April, 6:00 - 9:30pm Come and have fun with our live church family band and caller. Please sign up here. Bring and share supper with a donation of £8 per adult and £5 per child.

All proceeds go to Wheels for the World.



#### Here For You

If you have any questions, speak to one of our team

#### Sermon Series:

#### **Hope Explored**

14 April Hope Explored Luke 8: 40-56

21 April Hope Explored Luke 23: 32-47

Talks & services:





## St Giles' Church Park Lane, Ashtead KT211EJ

Sundays: 8:00am (3rd Sunday) | 10:30am (with SGSG Kids) | Choral VI 6:00pm Thursdays: 11:00am

## St George's Church Barnett Wood Lane, Ashtead KT21 2DA

Sundays: 10:30am (with SGSG Kids) | The Six 6:00pm (with SGSG Youth)

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