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### In Peace



17th September Doris Lilian Jones

19th September Hayley Jordison-Harris

# **Holy Baptism**



1st September Caitlin Hermione Turpin

8th September Beth McMahon,

Joshua Aitken, Jasmine Bailey

15th September Darcie-Mai Anderson

## **Mothers Union**

#### Tues 15th October: World Faiths

Margaret Cramphorn will give us a talk about World Faiths in the Church Meeting Room at 8pm.

For more details see either Rosemary Bolton or Ann Stephens-Jones.

# All Saints goes "down under"!

It is unusual to get requests from couples in Australia to get married at All Saints, however one arrived a few weeks ago.

Jason and Stephanie are both English but are currently working in Sydney. Jo, having only hastily read their email, (her words), had invited them as usual to join us at a 10am service in the next few weeks so she could meet them !!!!!

It is usual for Kay to have a 'get to know you' meeting with all couples so she wondered how she could meet them and get all the forms completed. When Andrew heard of this he immediately suggested as he and Kay will be in Sydney in October they could meet up.

This has been arranged and we are due to meet them in the Shangri-la Hotel – 36 floors up overlooking Sydney Harbour Bridge !!!! – in the cocktail bar - this wedding meeting must be an all-time first for AS. Those of you who know Sydney will know this is a 5\*hotel and world famous for its views. If you wish to enjoy the view go to www.shangri-la.com/sydney/shangrila/

Eat your hearts out everyone stuck in Hertford – it's a tough life being retired !!!! Watch out for the December magazine for part 2 and possibly pictures!

Andrew and Kay



Could you offer someone a home far from home for just a day or two? HOST, a well-established charity, is hoping to hear from people who enjoy making others feel at home, and who would love to meet interesting young adults from other parts of the world who are currently studying at universities in the UK, and who want to understand this country better.

One host wrote: 'It is a great to welcome these students and make them feel wanted. They get to see a good side of life in Britain in contrast to what they might learn from the media. It is also fun getting to know someone from another country.'

Invitations can be for a day, a weekend, or 3 days at Christmas. Sharing Christmas with someone who has little idea what

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Christmas is can be really special – and for the guest, much better than being on a deserted university campus. Invitations are urgently needed from volunteer hosts, no matter how far they live from a university.

To find out more, please see <a href="https://www.hostuk.org">www.hostuk.org</a> or contact local organiser Sandra Purrett 01296 681625. Thank you.

## **News from the Millers**



We hope that you have all had a lovely summer. It's been a while since our last update, so I thought I would drop you a line.

We are well here and have enjoyed a lovely warm summer, getting out and about to the beaches and trails. We spent a week further up the Island in a place called Parksville, which was very pretty and has the very long beaches where the tide goes out a long way and so the water is shallow and warm with lots of interesting pools, and shells. Sophie and Alice loved it.

Next week is back to school, Sophie now shall be doing full-days, rather than half. She is going into Kindergarten (or reception), they start a year later here, so we were fortunate to have the past year to have settled her in. Alice is now 2 and a half and a proper little monkey, she's quite the comedian and very loud, at times making me pull my hair out but giving us a giggle at the same time.

They are both going back to their ballet and gym classes in a few weeks to, which they were enjoying before the summer break. I have also been getting to the gym this summer, which has been good to start getting fit again.



Graham is now working permanently in Victoria, so no more trips to cold Calgary thank-goodness and I shall hopefully be taking up a part-time locum post toward the end of the month, pretty much the same as I did in the UK. The jury is still out on whether we shall stay for the long-term, but having taken a year really to settle in, we feel it would be good to have a 'more normal' year now to see what life is like working and living as a family in Victoria.

Like anything there are pro's and con's on both sides, the biggest draw back is missing family and friends and Sophie and Alice not having family here. Relationships are one of the things that can't be replaced. That said my sister and niece came out at Easter for 3 weeks and Graham's parents in June, I have also made it back on my own to see my Dad.

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We have made some very nice friends here, both Canadian and ex-pat's and of course having young children opens many doors for meeting new people.

We shall continue going to Messy Church now the summer is over at the Anglican Church. We haven't been to many services over the summer, in particular Alice is quite a fidget and going through her 'terrible two's' so having a little break will maybe make a difference, both to our ears and those of the congregation!

Best wishes to all

Lots of Love Annabelle, Graham, Sophie and Alice-Bunny

#### **BONDING**

Throughout life many kinds of bonding are made

Bonding with parents, especially Mum is so natural and high grade

Then siblings came to the fore

With kindness you will treasure and adore

All this is given in families that are so right

You cherish their thoughtfulness with all your might

Later friends came onto the scene In school, in work and pastimes may in time be "has beens".

Probably the most precious time is with your first love

Whoever else you meet you cherish this new joy as given from above

Later when you feel ready to marry You will decide not to tarry

True bonding between couple then begins
Especially when your children seek perfection
and think you are free from sin

But what we forget is each person is quite unique

They may have flaws but nothing too bleak
That cannot overcome the bonding they have
shared

And this stays forever, if they have been well paired

As we grow old each coupling we realise has been great

And above all we appreciate the magic of finding our true mate

Also in God's time we too understand his message clear

Not to doubt but trust and hold him above all being dear

We may not see all and understand our birth But hopefully one day we'll come face to face to see His worth.

Mollie Day



