I recently spent a few days down in Swansea visiting my Mum. She lost my Dad around a year and a half ago, and so I try to go there as much as I can to see her. During my time there, I was really struck by how much she relies on those around her for support, and how those people have been really good at putting her first. The help they gave was really encouraging and it had a big impact on me.

Of course, we all try our best to put others first. It’s part and parcel of being a good person and I see it happen a lot in our community. That is what makes Hillmorton the special place it is.

And although I often see this positive trait in the actions of others, it’s Jesus who is my most powerful example. He spent his life putting others first, and this was actually the motivation which led him to his death on the Cross. He was doing it out of his love for all people, us included. By dying on the Cross, he paid the price for the things we do wrong.

In the letter of 1 Corinthians which was written by Paul, one of Jesus’ greatest followers, we are told to ‘not seek our own good but the good of our neighbour.’ If we do this, we aren’t just showing our love to others, but more importantly, we can be sharing the love of Jesus as well. And this is an incredibly powerful thing to be part of.

I spend my working week with people that show the love of Jesus to others every day. It is an incredible privilege, and I know that although they do it because they are lovely people, there is also a desire to show Jesus’ love as well. And it never fails to inspire me.

As I witnessed my mum being helped so much during my visit, I was encouraged by the concern shown to her and it felt very tangible. However, I know that when we follow the example of Jesus, and we try to show his immense love for others, then amazing things can happen. We do try and love others and this can be a positive thing, despite out imperfections, but Jesus loves others perfectly and powerfully, and it’s only when we see this at work that we realise how powerful love for others can really be.

With love and best wishes
Gareth
WORSHIP AT ST JOHN’S & ST GABRIEL’S

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Sunday 26th May at 10.30 – Family-friendly service with a focus on Burundi
Followed by a Bring and Share lunch in Rogers Hall
Come and hear more about this beautiful country and Christian ministry there

Sunday 16th June at 10.30 – Father’s Day Family Service Special
Come and join the celebration and thanks for Dads

Children are very welcome at all of our services
First Sunday of every month is our Family Service. Something for everyone, no matter how young or old you are (or feel)
On other Sundays there is always a children’s group during the service.

OUR 10.30 SERVICES ARE BROADCAST LIVE ON FACEBOOK
If you can’t physically make it to church, you can watch our services live on-line via our facebook page – or watch on replay anytime. Just go to the following link
www.facebook.com/stjohnhillmorton

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY
We offer prayer ministry after some of our 10.30 services in Jesus’ name, in love, in anticipation and faith, gently, trusting that God loves us as we are but sometimes wants us to be set free/restored/healed for our good.

Regular weekly services
Tuesdays at 8am – Morning Prayer in Church
Thursdays at 10am – Holy Communion at 80 Crick Road

Home groups meet regularly. Please contact Steve if you would like to find out more.

If you would like to talk about a wedding or baptism, would like to share a prayer request or ask for a home visit to talk about anything, please contact Steve or Margaret.

If you are new to Hillmorton or Houlton, and would like to find out more about us, please do get in touch. We’d love to welcome you.
FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals
8th April        Joan HALL (81)        Waverley Road
12th April       Charlie HOWARD (76)   High Street
17th April       Len EDWARDS (91)     Deane Road
7th May          Brenda WESSON (92)    Willow Tree NH
9th May          Pamela HENDERSON (89) The Locks
10th May         Marion HILL (80)      Barnet
14th May         Brian ROSE (79)       Fleet Crescent
21st May         Jean BOXELL (80)      Bucknill Crescent
22nd May         Daniel BRANSTON (94) Constable Road
23rd May         Ray HOLDER (87)       Harrison Close

ACTIVITIES IN THE PARISH

Meet-4-Tea Rogers Hall on every 2nd Tuesday 2-4pm
Next: 11th June & 9th July
An informal time for friendly company and refreshments

Coffee Morning 10.30am in Rogers Hall
Next: 29th June & 27th July
A chance to catch up with old friends and meet new ones over a cuppa.

The Craft Club
At 80 Crick Road on the 1st & 3rd Monday in the Month from 2pm to 4pm
Further details contact Betty Rayns – 542726

Hillmorton Job Club – 9.30 to 12.30 every Thursday at Rogers Hall
We provide support and practical advice with job searches, producing CVs, job applications & benefits applications. We offer a relaxed environment where you can drop-in, meet friendly faces & support each other over tea, coffee & biscuits.
For more information, contact Revd Steve Gold steve@stjohnhillmorton.org.uk

Every Tuesday at Rogers Hall 4 – 5.30pm
(during Term-time)
An after-school club for 5 – 11 year olds, with fun activities, games, car racing circuit, arts & crafts, table football, pool table and a bible focus.
More info from Gareth Davies Tel 07425 137408

YOUTH HUB - Mondays at 4pm
For anyone aged 10 – 14 years
Pizza, Games and a Bible study.
Please speak to Gareth for more information.

Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group – for children from birth to school
Rogers Hall 9.30am every Tuesday in term time. New members welcome.

Dollman Dots Baby & Toddler Group
The Barn, Houlton 9.00am every Thursday in term time.
SPECIAL EVENTS THIS SUMMER

St John’s Celebration and Gift Weekend
6th & 7th July
Church open and offering hospitality all day Saturday 6th
Opportunity to see progress on our development project
BBQ following our Family Service on Sunday 7th
All welcome!

Holiday at Home
Week commencing 12th August
Hosted by Meet 4 Tea, with a variety of activities, meals and outings
Details to follow, but for more information contact Margaret Simmons, 576279

Summer Holiday Club - Showstoppers
20th – 23rd August at Rogers Hall for anyone aged 5-11
Please contact Gareth for more information, and to book a place.

Messy Church (in Rogers Hall)*
3rd July 5.00pm – 6.30pm
Messy church is a way of being church for families of all ages, based on creativity, hospitality, and celebration.
For more information please contact Gareth on 07425 137408. *Booking essential

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                        Claire Hughes          07511 550125
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