

## Some news from Mission Partners Graham and Jenny Longbottom

### April 23, 2010

This has been a sad week for us all at Helena Goldie Hospital, contrasting markedly with the excitement of the previous week. The death of a man from a head injury following a drunken fight provoked an outrage which led to the trashing and looting of the bottle shop in Lambete. Hoards of young men then arrived drunk at the hospital chapel where the body was laid and caused more damage. The patients were all frightened and did not sleep. Police reinforcements arrived on Saturday morning with a pathologist to conduct a post mortem which was done in our theatre. The perpetrator of the injury is now in prison and the community has paid some compensation money to the family of the victim. On Wednesday an article appeared in a national newspaper criticising the hospital for lack of care, demanding an inquiry and explanation. We are all trying to come to terms with this, and a staff meeting was held on Friday afternoon.

After the meeting we discovered that one of our own staff members had taken his own life. We are all shocked. Jenny and the chaplain broke the news to his mother who is currently an inpatient. Please pray for us at this difficult time, that we will be sustained by God's love and will continue to reach out and serve the community of the West Province of the Solomon Islands.

### April 30, 2010

The hospital and community are returning to normal after the events of the last two weeks. However some people are still expecting some reprisals. We had a 24 year old arrive at the hospital after a 3 hour canoe ride in the dark. She died just before arrival with an ectopic pregnancy.

Redecoration of the Out Patient Department started this week with the help of two medical students. We made very good progress, but there is still a lot to do. Also materials are arriving for the work on the "boys' hostel". Peter and Christopher arrive on 10th May for 2 weeks and they will be doing the work on this building.

Lambete (the nearest town) remains quiet as the "bottle shop" is closed, but the AoG church went ahead with a rally this week with some visiting preachers from Fiji.

### May 7, 2010

This last week was a challenge to our organisational and negotiating skills. With the hospital outboard motor in need of repair, nurses to be taken for a workshop, patients to be taken to Gizo for surgery, building materials to be collected in time for our sons' visit next week and a planned medical/dental tour to Rendova challenged our organisational and negotiating skills to the limit! Happily the United Church agreed to the loan of their outboard motor and driver, allowing everything to get done.

Our trip to Rendova was a day short but we managed to visit most of the villages. We spent our first night in a delightful spot - following a quiet inlet deep into the bush and staying with a couple who live with their extended family. Seeing flying fish and jumping dolphins the next day completed Jenny's sense of wonder. Our second night was back at the aid clinic at Lokuru: a large village where Jenny was able to make some home visits before doing a very busy clinic. We left mid-afternoon feeling hot, hungry and exhausted, only to be hailed back to a sick baby who returned in the canoe with us to hospital. With the canoe laden with people and all the garden produce that we had been given it was a very slow trip back, and we had to call into a logging camp to get some more fuel.

Back at Helena Goldie hospital a 24 hour electricity cut interrupted the normal routine. Our generator is faulty and only worked for 2 hours at a time, so we used a small portable generator to give one light to each of the three wards. Graham retired early to bed, but was soon up again to see one of our neighbours.

## GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

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# Bulletin

16 May 2010

Minister: Reverend Greg Haynes

Music Director: Richard Kenwood-Herriott

### 10.30am Morning Worship led by Miss Audrey Firth

Introit

Call to Worship

HYMN: H/P 252

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

A word to the children

HYMN: H/P 592

Family News

J Team leave:

Congregation: The Lord be with you

J-Team: And also with you

Anthem

Reading: Psalm 97 (*page 603 in the pew Bible*)

Reading: John 17 vv. 20 – 26 (*page 1085 in the pew Bible*)

HYMN: H/P 239

SERMON

HYMN: H/P 255

Offering, Doxology (H/P 642 v.6) and  
Dedication

Prayers of Intercession

HYMN: H/P 243

Blessing

### 6.00pm Taizé Service led by Rev'd Greg Haynes

#### Taizé Prayer for the 7th Sunday of Easter

Lord Jesus, after having given your life on the cross, you entered the glory of the Father. Allow all people to share in your risen life.

In you, Jesus, God made a new covenant with us. You are with us always, until the end of time.

Jesus, you appeared to your disciples after your passion. Strengthen our faith by your presence in our midst.

Jesus, you promised the Holy Spirit to the apostles. May the Spirit of consolation renew our faithfulness to you.

Jesus, you sent your apostles to proclaim Good News to the ends of the earth. May the Holy Spirit make us witnesses to your love.

#### *also today*

10.15am Crèche for all children up to four years in the Parlour

10.20am J-Team meet in the Small Hall

7.30pm Studio Dance SNYG in the Activity Centre

Pam Beck and Barbara Collis welcomed us at the door this morning

Stewards for today are Kay Bassett and Jean Fox

Flowers provided by Maureen Smith and Jenny Redfearn

After Morning Worship tea/coffee served in the Grove Centre by Thursday Fellowship

## Family News



*Please remember friends who would value your prayers at this time –*  
Poppy Busfield, Stan Ramsden, Chris Shagouri,  
and Eileen Stones

Please also remember in prayer members and friends who are having treatment in hospital; along with others who are having outpatient treatment for chronic illness; any waiting for results of tests.

We pray for the bereaved, those who are lonely, anxious or depressed, remembering with love all our friends who are no longer able to worship with us on a regular basis because of increasing frailty or ill health.

Pray for Mission Partners Graham and Jenny Longbottom serving God in the Solomon Islands and for their sons, Peter and Christopher, due to arrive there on the 10th May to help with the building of the boys' hostel.

### Friday 21st May at 7.30pm

Reverend Godfrey Nicholson will lead a study in Philippians Chapter 4 at  
**Trinity Church, Bramley**

There will be opportunity for discussion and questions

Everyone welcome!

*Rejoice in the Lord always.  
I will say it again:  
Rejoice!  
(Philippians. 4:4)*

### Prayer for Trust in Jesus

O Christ Jesus,  
when all is darkness  
and we feel our weakness and helplessness,  
give us the sense of Your presence,  
Your love, and Your strength.  
Help us to have perfect trust  
in Your protecting love  
and strengthening power,  
so that nothing may frighten or worry us,  
for, living close to You,  
we shall see Your hand,  
Your purpose, Your will through all things.  
*St. Ignatius of Loyola*

Draft Minutes for the Grove General Church Meeting held on Wednesday 28th April 2010 are now available in the Narthex

## THIS WEEK

- Mon. 17th 12.15pm** – Network/Women's Fellowship Luncheon Club in the Main Hall, followed at 1.30pm by their Meeting. Speaker: Mrs Janet Brown.
- Mon. 17th 7.45pm** – Flower Guild meet in the Parlour.
- Tues. 18th 9.00am** – Prayer Meeting in the Quiet Room.
- Tues. 18th 10.00-11.30am** – Tuesday Coffee Morning in the Small Hall. The Quiet Room available for prayer and meditation.
- Wed. 19th 1.30pm** – Line Dancing in the Main Hall.
- Thurs. 20th 9.00am** – Grove Weekday Wanderers meet in the Parlour Car Park for an eight-ten mile walk. Everyone welcome. Cars will not be required. Contact: Anthony Abel 0113 229 8060.
- Thurs. 20th 10.30am – Thursday Fellowship Group. Contact Anne Blackburn (2583239).
- Thurs. 20th 12.30pm – Lunchtime Service in Church, followed by soup/tea/coffee served in the Small Hall.
- Thurs. 20th 7.45pm – Grove Ladies Group meet in the Small Hall, Speaker: Christina Croft – 'Grand Duchess Elizabeth'.
- Fri. 21st 7.30pm – Circuit Bible Study at Bramley Trinity (see separate notice).

### NEXT SUNDAY 23rd MAY 2010 – PENTECOST

- 10.15am – Crèche in the Parlour  
10.20am J Team meet in the Small Hall  
10.30am – Morning Worship led by the Reverend Frank Pagden  
**6.00pm – Circuit Service at St. Andrew's, Pudsey**  
**'Great Pentecost Celebration'**  
Speaker: The Reverend Dr. Phil Meadows **from Cliff College**  
7.30pm – SNYG Dance Group meet in the Activity Room

Items for next week's Bulletin can be posted through the letter box in either the Church Parlour door or 28 Hall Park Avenue; telephoned to Beryl (0113 2586172) or preferably e-mailed to [bulletin@grovemethodist.org](mailto:bulletin@grovemethodist.org) by 5pm Wednesday please

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