



St. Michael & All Angels

CHURCH IN THE PARK | LIVING, LOVING, SERVING

Outlook

*Happy
90th
Birthday,
Your Majesty*



June 2016

Welcome to Your Church

The fact that you are reading these words suggests that you are a new reader of this magazine. Either you are a newcomer to this area or you are a visitor.

If you are a visitor, we hope that you have enjoyed your visit to our church; that you have found it interesting, instructive and conducive to prayer. If you are going to be here at one of our regular service times, we hope that you will join us in the worship of God and we ask that you take our greetings back to your own church.

If you are new to this Parish, we bid you welcome and invite you to join us and share in the fellowship of God's family in Hughenden. This magazine gives details of the regular times of worship here. We hope that you will find something to meet your spiritual needs. The printed word is cold and remote and we would like to make personal contact with you, so please leave your name and address in the box at the back of the church.

Whoever you are who reads these words, may God bless you, sustain you and protect you, your family and friends, now and always.

Grant us Lord, faith to believe and strength to do thy will

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Dear Readers,

As we go to press, Her Majesty The Queen's actual 90th birthday has been and gone; celebrations at Windsor including a 900 strong horse display are well underway, but as we anticipate in our cover this month, her official birthday will be in June along with the many public events and street parties that will mark the anniversary.

Monarchist or Republican, few deny the value of the years of unswerving service given by The Queen so faithfully and through such changing and challenging times.

As Patron of the Mothers' Union (currently celebrating its own 140 years of service) we are especially asked to pray (see this month's prayer points) for The Queen's service to that organisation: one of many which she supports.

The Queen's birthday celebrations are not the only significant dates worthy of note: the formal Induction and Installation of our new Vicar is almost upon us and an update of the various preparations and arrangements is the first article herein.

Then of course there is the Referendum.....

Jane and Christopher Tyrer (Editors)

The Vacancy – the final update...

As you should all know by now, the Revd Keith Johnson will be inducted and installed as Vicar of Hughenden on **Wednesday the 13th July at 7.30pm**. The Bishop of Buckingham is expected to preside and amongst those in attendance are expected to be the Area Dean, The Revd Dave Bull, who is Team Rector at All Saints, Marlow, the Lay Chair of Wycombe Deanery Synod, Graeme Slocombe and the Revd Canon Rosie Harper, representing the Patron, the Oxford Diocesan Board of Patronage. There will be a number of local clergy who will come and meet and welcome Keith and his family as well as local dignitaries, locally from Hughenden and from Wycombe. It will be an uplifting occasion as Keith begins his ministry amongst us and we hope that as many as possible will make the effort to be present to welcome him, his wife Rachel and their sons, Luke and Samuel.

After the service there will be refreshments provided in Hughenden Village Hall which will consist of a finger buffet of hot and cold dishes, with wine and soft drinks. We have been asked why we have booked the Village Hall: the reasons are those of convenience and space: those who are organising the food can do so free from the service going on around them and we can get far more people comfortably inside the Village Hall than in and around the Church.

We are seeking **offers of accommodation** overnight on the 13th July. There may well be members of Keith's present congregation in Chatham who will wish to come for our service. Some will not be able to be with us because of the demands of work the next day and distance, but some will make the journey and may want to stay overnight rather than face the M25 late-ish at night. Please will anyone, who would be willing to host, let us know. We have received three offers to date, for which we are very grateful. Please do not feel offended if your offer is not taken up – we are just being prepared and making sensible contingency plans!

Keith and his family are planning on moving in towards the end of June. **Please let them settle in.** Keith may go on a retreat before the 13th but, in any event, he will have plenty to do. In the meantime, work to the Vicarage has commenced. It involves some slight reconfiguration of the upstairs facilities, improvements to the accommodation and floors, updating and decorating generally and

some repair work to part of the drive. This work is well underway and we are very grateful to Brian Clark and a small team who have been looking after this work, from our point of view. It is being carried out under the auspices of the Diocese with approved diocesan contractors. Thanks are also due to David Lowe for work in the garden, including pruning some vegetation and cutting the grass, as well as to a team that removed some carpets and have done some general maintenance work during the Vacancy. Since the Vicarage was not leased out, a team has been visiting regularly to make sure that all is well and, especially in the colder periods, to make sure that there have been no leaks. **Many thanks to all those involved in getting the Vicarage ready.**

We are very grateful to **Alan Jaycock** who has been taking photographs of members of the congregation. Keith requested this to be done, in order to get to know and put names and faces together as part of his preparation. There is no obligation, should you for whatever reason, not wish to be recorded!

On **Saturday the 2nd July**, we are organising **a day of cleaning and clearing in and around the Church**. Inside, we are hiring some high-reach cleaning machinery to vacuum out the high recesses, as well as the not so high reaches, of the inside of the Church. Inevitably this will dislodge as well as “hoover” up dirt, dust and cobwebs etc. above arms’ reach. We hope that as many able bodied people as possible will come and clean up the inside of the Church. Old clothes, energy and a sense of humour might come in handy. Those with arachnophobia might prefer to work outside! For, in addition to cleaning inside, we want to have a general tidy up of the churchyard. We hope to cut the grass across all the usual areas and, perhaps, some of the areas which do not get cleared. Since our sheep departed, the grass has been allowed to grow during the summer. Some valiant attempts are regularly made with the wider areas for which we are very grateful as, indeed, we are with the wonderful work done by the regular lawnmowers.

The question of how to look after the graves that are not regularly tended by relatives is a complex one to which we have turned our thoughts. We would love to be able to tidy up those graves at the edges and extremities which are no longer tended by relatives and have become overgrown. Some are quite old; some not so: we are giving thought as to how we can approach this, if, indeed, we can

resource anything ourselves. Getting outside contractors is beyond our finances. Any thoughts would be appreciated.

Our efforts on **the 2nd July** will be crowned by a **BBQ. Beer is arranged!** So please pray for a fine day, plenty of volunteers and that a thoroughly enjoyable and convivial time will be had by all. There will be plenty to do for all ages!

We are pleased to report that the **noticeboard at the gate** into the churchyard is being refurbished – hopefully in time for the 13th July. It is overdue for a facelift and for accurate information to be available to all who come in and those who use the park. Many thanks to those who are coordinating this work: it will be invaluable.

Finally, **thank you all!** It has been heart-warming how many have stayed the course, added to their services and come forward and offered in so many and various ways. To thank you by name would be invidious – the list would be gigantic and, with our luck, we would be bound to forget someone! The continuing work of our mission and outreach has continued unabated and we have been very fortunate. We have grown and thrived during the Vacancy. I am sure that you appreciate that, without **Helen, our Associate Minister**, we would have struggled – to say the least. She has kept us sane [assuming that we were in the first place] and has done so much: from the Saturday Prayer Breakfasts to all the services, weddings, funerals, baptisms, visits and meetings that she has prepared for and undertaken as well as the planning that goes on unnoticed behind the scenes. She has been ably and generously assisted by **Melvyn**, our “retired” [some mistake surely!!] priest with permission to officiate and **David**, our Licenced Lay Minister – all of whom have taken and preached at a great many services and thus provided quality and continuity. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to **Arthur and Lin**, who have taken Evensong regularly throughout the Vacancy. We are also very appreciative of the contributions of the Revd Canon Tina Stirling who came and took services for us in the last quarter of 2015, the Revd Peter Wainwright who has taken services regularly during the vacancy and who has kindly agreed to continue to do so to cover holidays etc. We have also welcomed the Revd Steve Williams in May. We have been richly blessed during this period of vacancy.

So now to what lies ahead: let us welcome Keith and his family and enjoy and support his ministry among us. Let us pray for them as they

prepare to move and for ourselves that we may, together, embrace the future.

**Rob Innes and Christopher Tyrer:
Churchwardens.**

Churchwarden news

Editors' introduction: after six years, Brian Clark has completed the term of service encouraged by the Church of England. As was written in the Annual Booklet and spoken to at the Annual Church Meeting, Brian and his wife Sylvia have been faithful stalwarts of the Church for a very long time. They have done, are doing and, we hope, will continue to do a very great deal in and about the Church. Brian's expertise and his wisdom will still be available and, although taking a well-earned rest from the PCC and its various sub-committees, he will still be a visible presence at services.

The new Churchwarden is Rob Innes, who takes office from the Archdeacon's Visitation on Tuesday the 24th May. We invited him to write about himself!

I feel both delighted and privileged to have been elected Churchwarden in respect of the fabric of our beautiful building, St. Michael and All Angels, Hughenden.

I have been asked to introduce myself! Who am I and what am I like? Well, I guess it would depend on who you asked that question of: my wife, my mother or my friends!

I am 58 years old. I am married to Sarah. Between us, we have seven children and three grandchildren. We now live in Marlow, having moved there at the end of February.



My working background is largely one of serving. I was a police officer with the Metropolitan Police for 30 years, a civilian in the British Transport Police and then enjoyed a short stint looking after those who are fortunate enough to be able to afford Aston Martins!

More recently, I have been a traffic examiner for the Driving and Vehicle Standards Agency (formerly VOSA) and I am about to change

jobs within the Department of Transport to become a driving test examiner.

I was brought up as a Salvationist. My parents, Anne and Brian, still regularly attend their local Salvation Army in Dorset, where I will worship with them if visiting on a weekend. At the age of 25, I felt drawn to the Church of England, where I have been pretty much ever since, though I did accompany Sarah to the Methodist Church in Marlow and Marlow Christian Fellowship for some years as we worked through where we should worship together. Three years ago, pretty much to the day, Sarah and I discovered St. Michael's. We haven't looked back. We both feel that we have grown as a Christian couple and that we get "fed" superbly by the wonderful clergy that we have been privileged to be led by. We also feel that St. Michael's is a place where we can grow through contributing to the life and people of the church. So it is in that vein that I would reiterate that it is with great pleasure that I find myself your new Churchwarden, alongside Christopher.



With best regards, Rob.

Rob Innes

Update on Workaid

There will be no collections for the time being for Workaid, as they have sufficient donations for the moment.

Workaid tackles poverty by providing disadvantaged people with the tools they need to learn a skilled trade and earn a living.

Since 1986, Workaid has helped around 100,000 disadvantaged people to break the cycle of poverty and build better lives for themselves and their families (Eds)

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**Tiny Tots'
Teddy
Bears'
Picnic**

**Thursday 9th June
from 12.15pm - 2.15pm**

All Teddies with their owners are welcome at the Picnic which is to be held at St. Michael and All Angels Church Hughenden in the Mothers' Union Garden (indoors if wet). Food and drink will be provided for all Teddies, Children and Parents. Please bring a rug.

Do Come!

Babies and Toddlers @ St. Michael's meets every Thursday in term time from 0930 -1130 in the North Room. Come for chat, play, craft and refreshments. Included, every SECOND Thursday of the month, will be 'Tiny Tots', a time of fun worship in Church. **For details contact Helen Peters – helen.peters@peters-research.com**

Faith Schools



I wonder what you understand by this term? It is something that is now frequently thrown around by politicians and educationalists. It is also an example of the need to define your terms. If you understand a faith school to be one that is to a significant degree funded by a religious institution of some kind, then of course all the church schools in our local area would fit into this box. However, another definition that is offered is that of a school which aims only to educate children of that particular faith. If we

use this definition then Church of England schools are certainly not faith schools. I would subscribe strongly to the second possibility and I find it aggravating when church schools are lumped together with schools from other religious foundations that frequently have an air of religious exclusivity about them.

Church of England schools can either have the letters VA or VC after their name, meaning voluntary aided or voluntary controlled. Both receive funding from their diocese but VA schools have a heavier involvement, both financially and educationally.

The church has of course been involved in education for centuries. In the Venerable Bede's Ecclesiastical History he writes of two sorts of schools: song schools and grammar schools, both dating back to the time of St Augustine in the sixth century and both with considerable church control. However, it is obviously in the 19th century that a huge array of acts went through parliament that still affect our school system today. In 1897 the Voluntary Schools Act decreed that money would be available for schools funded by other sources than school boards (the forerunner of local educational authorities.) Typically this referred to church schools, both Anglican and Roman Catholic. Hence VA and VC schools.

The C of E school where I teach was started in 1847 by two sisters, the Miss Carters. They describe the village as being a rather remote and poor settlement and very heathen. Their mission when setting up a school there was to, and I quote: 'educate the ungodly of the parish'. I find that phrase both useful and appealing. Interestingly it must have been quite lost by the middle of the 20th century. By then C of E schools were frequently over-subscribed, being seen by many parents as 'good' schools. (This usually is a euphemism for a school where many pupils passed the 11+.) Governors of such schools also

felt led to create admissions policies that asked for regular church worship and often a letter from a vicar to support this and provide evidence. By the latter part of the century Sunday papers were full of articles about parents frantically aiming to get themselves known at their local church, having their children baptised and all for the sake of moving up the admissions list. There is nothing wrong with parents trying to do what they deem to be the best for their children. My point is that this sort of activity should not be necessary. Pleasingly, in the last decade, dioceses, including Oxford, have been trying to persuade governors that church membership should not be part of the admissions procedure. The sign outside my school states that our mission is to serve the community and our prospectus begins by saying that we welcome children of all faiths or of none. I feel strongly that this is how it should be and it indeed should be seen as an opportunity, an opportunity and a privilege to offer unchurched children an education imbued with a strong Christian ethos. 'To educate the ungodly of the parish' is a very 1840s turn of phrase, but we deviate too far from that at our peril. We make it abundantly clear who we are as a school and what we are about, so parents would be very unwise to send their children to us if they intended to withdraw their child from everything that had anything to do with RE. They might spend a considerable time out in the corridor. As it is this doesn't happen; and little Muslim or Hindu boys are often to be seen in dressing gowns and tea towels, acting as Joseph or a shepherd in the KS1 nativity. All children learn about Islam, Hinduism and Judaism, but our whole school life has a solid Christian basis as does our daily act of religious collective worship and on this we do not compromise. It is, though, definitely inclusive rather than exclusive; and all the stronger for that.

At our recent Easter service, held in church and led by Year 4, the children took love as their theme: the love we have for Jesus, the love God has for us and the love he wants us to have for each other.



The Year 4 parents each found a red paper heart on their seats and were invited to write on it the name of someone they loved or of someone who had shown love to them. At a given point in the service all the adults took their hearts up to a large wooden cross and the children hung them up. It will be a long time before I forget the sight of Muslim and Hindu mums and dads happily and spiritually joining in with the rest of the congregation in a Christian church. Something that just must be right don't you think?

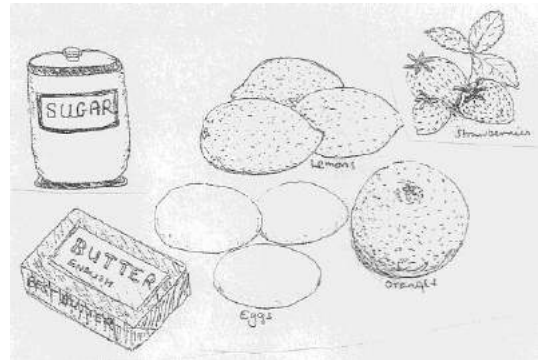
Susan Brice

June Recipe

Strawberry and Lemon Curd Tart

Ingredients

227 gm/ ½ lb good shortcrust pastry
(shop bought or frozen is OK)
227 gm/ ½ lb strawberries
1 level tblsp caster sugar
2 – 3 tblsp lemon curd (add a little lemon
juice if shop bought and a little sweet)
100 ml/ 4 fluid oz fresh orange juice
1 tsp arrowroot or cornflour
½ lemon, squeezed
A little water



Method

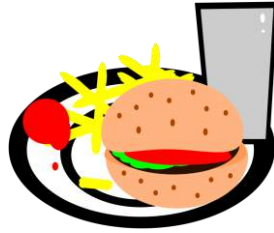
Slice the strawberries in half or quarters if they are very large. Shake the caster sugar over them and sprinkle with 1 dessertspoon of the orange juice. Leave to marinate.

Roll out the pastry and line a non-stick tart tin, or a buttered, lined metal one with the pastry. The tin should be about 8½ - 9 inches across. Make a fork pattern around the edge, then spread a good layer of lemon curd on the base of the pastry. Arrange the strawberries cut side down in circles to cover the lemon curd. Combine the rest of the orange juice with the arrowroot or cornflour mixed with a little water and a squeeze of lemon juice. Heat this mixture gently until it becomes clear and then brush over the strawberries to glaze them. Cook in a fairly hot oven for about 20 minutes or until the pastry is a pale golden colour. Serve hot or cold with cream, crème fraiche or Greek yoghurt.

This strawberry and lemon curd tart is one I made up for my family at one of our get-together Sunday lunches. It was so popular I thought I would share it. Strawberries are one of the delights of June and the fun of picking your own at one of the gather-your-own farms is something I love doing. If, however, you don't have the time, markets and shops supply plenty of these delicious fruits. I hope you enjoy trying this tart. It certainly got the thumbs up from my family!

Ann Way

A Grace



Lord, May we be grateful
For this our plate of plenty
And in our gratitude
Give us the love and will
To fill the empty plates of others in the world.



Ann Way

And Thanks

To Our Lord
Who loves us all
Please receive my gratitude
For the cloak of comfort and understanding
Which fills my life
NOW and in the heavenly future

Ann Way

Jochebed's story.

"It's a boy," the midwife smiled as she hastily wrapped the slippery bundle and handed it to me. Then her eyes met mine and the smile died. The weight upon my heart was not simply the few pounds of new life that had just been born. We were both thinking of the river Nile and Pharaoh's pronouncement that all baby Hebrew boys would be tossed into those crocodile infested waters. Why couldn't it have been a girl? Then my heart could have been filled with joy instead of pain. But even before I had counted my baby's fingers and toes I determined that Pharaoh would not destroy this child. At that moment I had no idea, no plan of what to do and I shared my thoughts with no one but God. I barely noticed as Shiphrah left the room, touching my shoulder with a mixture of sympathy and resignation. I had known her from a time when we were both young girls and I knew she feared God more than Pharaoh. She would keep the secret of my boy child.

I was blessed in my daughter Miriam. We talked and prayed together. It is impossible to explain but somehow we both felt sure that there was some great plan for this child, and our part in that was to ensure he lived to manhood. I can't remember who had the idea, maybe it came out of desperation, for we had heard tales of Egyptian soldiers visiting Hebrew settlements and of how the women wailed as their sons were ripped from their arms. Anyway, Miriam and I decided that actually the river was the only place we could put the baby and Aaron brought us reeds from the Nile as we fashioned a rough cradle and smeared it with pitch to make it waterproof... we hoped. There were stories that crocodiles hated the smell of this sticky, noxious substance and we tried to believe that this meant they would leave the floating basket alone. In the darker moments, suckling my baby as others slept, I thought that maybe we were just swapping one way to die for another but I could see no option.

And so the hours and the days slipped by and the time came when Miriam and I crept down to the river bank and set the cradle in amongst the reeds. It was camouflaged well and we agreed that it was not immediately noticeable. The baby's head was wet with our tears and he was wrapped in our prayers and blessings as well as his swaddling cloths. Then, well, I couldn't bear to



stay and Miriam couldn't bear to leave. Thinking back now I'm not sure what we had thought would happen next. Now I can see that God was in control and we were doing his work but at the time it seemed as if we were moving from one panicky moment to the next. Anyway, I certainly could not have guessed how things would work out.

Miriam rushed through the door, her eyes large, and words falling from her tongue in a puzzling cacophony. Well, we all knew that Bithiah, the Pharaoh's daughter, occasionally came to the river bank with her maids, but for her to have come today and for her to have seen the cradle, it was too much to believe. And I couldn't work out at first whether I should be happy or frightened for my tiny son. Was this good news? Miriam obviously thought it was. She gabbled, waving her arms, as she told me how Bithiah had a maid wade into the water and pull the basket out. She had smiled as she lifted the baby and, as Egyptian princesses can, had laughed and told her maids that she would keep this child and bring it up as her own. A plaything I had thought, she would not have her sleep broken by the needs of a baby. She would take the smiles and leave the tears to others. But while my daughter danced excitedly around me, my head was full of questions; uncomfortable ones. What was Bithiah thinking? Would she keep this whim a secret from the Pharaoh? She must realise this child was a Hebrew, mustn't she? Did she even know of her father's plan for Israelite boys? Her world and mine shared nothing at all. I couldn't begin to answer my own questions.

That night I lay awake, trying to make sense of what had happened and failing. The morning found me fretful and confused.



If God did have a plan for my small son, why didn't he make it clear to me? Very often we lack strength and faith, even though we are believers, don't you agree? So I was totally unprepared once more when Miriam burst into my thoughts. She had been down to the riverbank again, just looking, just looking, she had said. And, there was one of the Egyptian maids who had beckoned to Miriam. My baby, MY baby had refused to feed from the wet nurse that Bithiah had found and Miriam had been asked to find a Hebrew

woman. She tugged at my sleeve and shook me. Didn't I see? Didn't I understand? Why wasn't I smiling? I would be the wet nurse for my own baby. I fell to my knees and prayed for forgiveness for my own weakness, for my lack of faith. I did smile but I cried too, my tongue licking the salty bitterness from my lips.

Later that day the world changed, the sun shone for me and my spirit was light. My son was placed into my arms and I left Miriam to listen to the practical details. The baby was to be in my care until two years passed. He would be safe from the blows of any Egyptian soldier, Bithiah would see to that. Later he would be brought up in her care in the palace. I wondered about this princess who I would never know. It was said she stood up to her father and lived life her own way. Some even thought that she no longer worshipped idols. Her name meant daughter of God. I wondered again, with little insight or understanding and then put all these difficult thoughts away.

I lifted my son and made ready to feed him. In the Hebrew way I put him to the left side first, over my heart.

Susan Brice.

Lighthouse



Monday 25th July - Friday 29th July 2016

Get the summer holidays off to a great start with a Christian holiday club for primary school aged children.

Volunteers always needed and welcome!:

www.lighthouseadmin.org www.lighthousemissenden.org.uk

BEST OF BRASS

The World Famous Brighouse and Rastrick Brass Band perform in
a joint Concert with Amersham Band
At the Wycombe Swan



Sunday June 12th 3 pm
Tickets from www.wycombeswan.co.uk
Adults £21
Concessions £18.50

Race for Life



On Sunday 26th June the annual 5K 'Race for Life' in support of Cancer Research, will take place on Wycombe Rye.

I am not a natural runner, although I very much enjoy walking in the countryside. As I really wish to support this cause, I intend to take part. Perhaps I may set off at a gallop, finish at a canter with the clock in view and fill in with a steady trot!

If anyone feels they would like to encourage my effort, please let me know as I am hoping to raise some funds for Cancer Research.

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Floodlighting Dedications

A floodlighting dedication for June is for:

19 – 25 June

Len Rickards will be remembering, as but especially on 22nd June being the fifth anniversary of the death of his dear beloved wife, Val. Always so thankful for the happiness through the 67 years of knowing each other

If you have special occasions to mark, why don't you dedicate the floodlighting? Your dedication can be for anything within reason, remembering loved ones, birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, new babies or just for the joy of being alive!

Kay Kennedy is remembering with much love her husband David on 2nd June, his nineteenth anniversary

Naphill Village Fete 11 June 2016



The church is hosting a stall at the Naphill fete on the theme of the Mad Hatter's Tea Party. There will be a children's tea for the under 10s and sparkling conversation for the adults! We would love to encourage families to join us on the day and showcase the many groups and services which would appeal to this group in our community. Any help you can offer us either on the day or

beforehand in terms of set-up, sandwich making or spreading the word would be most welcome. For details or to get involved please contact Anu Thompson on anupamathompson@hotmail.com or on 265458.

Valley Friends

The Work of an Auctioneer



Our speaker, Barry Twyman is an auctioneer who mostly works at Amersham Auction Rooms. He spoke enthusiastically about his work which he does for six days a week finding it busy and most enjoyable. The techniques of selling are learned by observing what happens in the auction room, although every auctioneer has his/her own style. Momentum is the key, as it is important to keep going and normally people are swept along in the speed of selling. It is usual to sell 150 to 160 lots per hour. Time is money! As the market changes, it is important to have experience of fashion trends. For example large heavy brown furniture is not suitable for today's smaller homes. The auction rooms handle 4000 to 7000 items per week. There may be 74 to 80 possible buyers in the show room but on the internet there are thousands watching and the auctioneers are literally selling to the world. The sale room has, therefore, to be dressed elegantly to help in attracting bidders. Items are being airmailed out during the sales. All items have to be valued and catalogued and some need to be identified as genuine by professionals.

Many other jobs need to be done before an auction starts. By 11-30 am on Sunday morning 400 lots need to be put out for sale. Barry said that of his six days work only 2 to 3 hours per week are actually selling time. Valuations are free and there is a team of four well-qualified valuers who can visit people's home to value. Barry's talk was free and all donations go to charity.

To end the evening Barry organised a game, Heather bravely volunteered to act as auctioneer. Following questions Barry was thanked for his very lively and interesting talk.

Our next meeting, entitled VIVA MEXICO! presented by Val Brown will be on June 10th.

Joan Steel

Communicants April

3rd 23 + 39 = 62
10th 16 + 71 = 87
17th 18 + 35 = 53
24th 19 + 80 = 99

Weekdays
4th Lady Day 5

News from Ebenezer

EBENEZER CHILDREN'S CENTRE, Bugoye, West Uganda

There have been changes at The Centre. In February 2015 at the start of the new school year, Pastor Samson resigned as Director of the Centre and the directorship was passed on to his eldest daughter Charity Loryn, who had completed her UNI studies in public administration and management, and in December 2014 was married to Geoffrey Masereka who is now the project manager.

Charity and Geoffrey are now ably managing the home for the resident orphans and also the primary and secondary schools.

During this year Samson has also donated to The Centre an eight acre plot of land which he owned, and Geoffrey has taken over the cultivation of this acreage. Last year was not a good year weatherwise for crops but this year they are hoping for a good crop of maize and beans which make up a large part of the staple diet. They also have 100 chickens and an incubator donated by a church in the USA. They occasionally transport a few of the older orphans to the site at weekends to help but also employ local labour – the land is about four kilometres from Bugoye. Charity has

commendably said that her aim is to be as self-sufficient as possible in the production of food for the orphans.

You may have noticed that there are a few photos of some orphaned children on the notice board above the font. These are the ones who are awaiting sponsors. There is no set rate for sponsorship. Any amount will be gratefully welcomed and be valuable encouragement for Charity and Geoffrey.. Please contact Rita Pulley 01494 563470.

Alternatively, you could collect your small change in a jam jar and pay it into the Hughenden Church Ebenezer Account (please be sure to write on the yellow envelope that it is for The Ebenezer Centre) or give it to Rita. If you have children who attend the JC Club their collection gifts each week are allocated for The Ebenezer Centre.

Rita Pulley

Social and Outreach Committee Sunday Lunch BBQs from 13.30

26 th June	The Thompsons'
31 st July	The Hawkins'
18 th Sept	The Mackeowns'

Signup sheets, with address details, will be provided, on the Church noticeboard, in advance of each event. Please add your name if you plan on coming; and also indicate if you need a lift or can offer a lift to others.

Food will be provided, but if anyone wants to bring donations to share, please add this to the sign-up sheet.

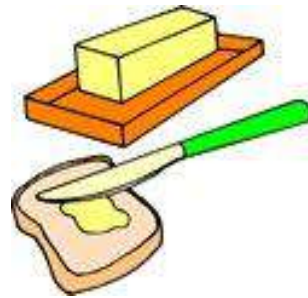
There will be no set format for these events which are intended to allow opportunities for Church members – especially families – to get together socially.

If you have any ideas about how these events can be expanded please let the Social and Outreach committee know.

Patrick Mackeown



Mothers' Union Ploughman's Lunch



Lunch Served from NOON

On

Tuesday, July 5th

**In Church House and
the Mothers' Union Garden**

Bring and Buy Stall

Proceeds to Mothers' Union Charities

June's Prayer Topics

1 st Families and family life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During National Family Week we give thanks for the strength within the Church to support families in the ups and downs of life. - For the new families bringing their children to be Baptised and joining our Church Community.
5 th Mothers' Union	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As we celebrate the official 90th Birthday of the Queen, we give thanks for her Patronage of Mothers' Union and pray that her example of service will inspire us to live out our Christian Faith by supporting families worldwide.
15 th Church magazine Editors/ Printers/ Distributors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For editors to find interesting items for the magazine - For all those that help to be able to meet deadlines to ensure timely production - That the new printing machine will be safely installed and that the printing team finds it easy to operate. - Thanks that Hilary is able to do the distribution again following his successful hip replacement operation.
27 th Councillors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For those making unpopular decisions regarding the development of the reserve sites for housing, to meet the district shortfall - For calm discussion, cool heads and a compassionate outcome, that can be gracefully accepted by those who resist the loss of green spaces. - That sufficient provision can be made to meet the massive demand on our overloaded infrastructure
29 th - House-groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For all housegroup Leaders and members as they talk, learn and grow in faith through their discussions and questioning, as they meet together and that numbers in housegroups can grow - For new housegroup leaders to come forward as every Alpha course initiates a new housegroup
30 th - MS Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For those who are starting new drug treatments in the hope it can ease their symptoms - For those whose MS is currently in remission and hope it will remain that way for as long as possible - For those whose MS has caused a relapse and hope that they recover as soon as possible.
Mission Prayer Topic – MAF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanks that Timor-Leste team is blessed by a local employee who assist with language learning and interaction with local government. - For the Lesotho Flying Pastors project, where MAF partners with local churches to help them reach remote mountain villages with the Gospel
Weekly Prayer topic – Servers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the new chalice team as they start their duties. - That God can make their initial sessions problem free, so they may carry out their duties calmly and thoughtfully.

The US Presidential Election: a view from South Carolina.

During the early part of May, I was fortunate enough to travel to Hilton Head Island, in South Carolina, where I have friends and an English friend of mine has a time-share flat. It was a welcome change of temperature – 8-12 degrees centigrade to 25-28 degrees. It was during my visit that Donald Trump became the presumptive nominee for the Republican Party having, finally, forced all his opponents to drop out of the race by his commanding lead amongst the delegates to the forthcoming party conference.

South Carolina is a southern state with a Confederate history from the Civil War. Old habits die hard. It is strongly conservative and staunchly Republican. The general view of South Carolinians of President Barack Obama cannot be printed and has to be imagined in its full dreadfulness – and then some.

Yet there is unease amongst Republicans in South Carolina. My friends are Republican in political persuasion, happily without the racist aspects, but they are appalled and aghast that Mr Trump seems to be heading for the nomination of their party. His politics divide – as we have seen in the many reports that have come across in our media – and he is not seen as a Republican Party candidate because his campaign has been self-funded and independent of party. He has used the party as a convenience. His campaign has been financed by the spending of about \$35m of his own money as opposed to the huge sums that are available and have been expended by Hillary Rodham Clinton.

So why has Donald Trump been so successful and what are his prospects? First, there has been and is a huge backlash against the so-called elite of Washington DC and “Government.” It is seen as corrupt, inefficient and incompetent. The numbers in Congress and the Senate have meant that President Obama has been hampered as well as hindered in getting his policies passed by the US legislature. An example that especially irks is the budget deadlock that appears to paralyze Washington from time to time when the Democrat President cannot get his fiscal policies through a Republican dominated legislature. People are fed up with the politicians who have run the country for the last few decades – the Bush family and, now the Clintons. People want to see the mould broken.

Donald Trump has played a canny game, so far. His headline-grabbing speeches have not cost him anything because he does not have to pay for his utterances being aired in television news programmes – only his adverts and general running expenses fall on his pocket. He has made headlines and has been widely reported. Now that he is the presumptive candidate, his rhetoric will soften and he will try and reach out to some very bruised egos and a suspicious Party as the election approaches. For those who like this sort of thing, it will be interesting and exciting.

For many outside the US, not much is given to his prospects but there is a considerable body of respectable opinion in the country which sees him winning in November. Hillary Rodham Clinton [the “Rodham” is her maiden name and she is using it for obvious reasons] – assuming that she finally defeats Bernie Sanders – another “outsider” who has done far better on an anti-establishment programme – and gets the Democratic party nomination, is not going to find it easy and will certainly not have an easy ride to the White House.

The nightmare scenario from Americans on Hilton Head? Donald Trump in the White House and Boris Johnson in No 10. Politics on both sides of “the pond” are getting interesting!!

Christopher Tyre

24/7 Prayer for Wycombe

Acting Together with Loving Kindness - On a Sunday afternoon in March a multi-faith gathering took place at All Saints Parish Church to hear first hand from a young Syrian Kurd called Ahmad who had made a very eventful journey from Syria to the U.K. During one part of his journey he was secreted with several others in a tanker of flour, without the knowledge of the driver, by a smuggler; somebody they all paid to get them to U.K. On that journey they all began to sink into the flour, one of them having to be held up by the rest. They realised their dangerous situation and started to hammer on the side of the tanker to get the attention of the driver. When the driver stopped and opened the hatch of the tanker they found that they were close to the Italian border, in totally the opposite direction to where they had

paid to go. It's a sad reflection that another human being would exploit them in this way when they were so desperate.

Ahmad's deepest desire was to find a place of safety and peace to bring his family. He had already attained legal status in the U.K. and the Home Office then issued a visa for the rest of his family to join him from Aleppo in Syria and he had just 20 days to arrange this. Eight days after he spoke at All Saints his family made it over from Aleppo in just the nick of time. In just 24 hours, with pledges for everything needed, a furnished flat was provided for them in Wycombe and so they have become the first refugee family who have found refuge here in our town.

On Sunday, 15th May, we were able to meet Ahmad, his wife Aisha and their two daughters, one a toddler of about three and a baby of six months, and it was obvious that Ahmad was very emotional about the help and support they had received from Wycombe Christian and Muslim networks and others within the communities working together. We would call it a miracle, God working for good through a desperate situation, and it is hoped that another Syrian family will be able to be helped in the same way in the not too distant future.

Lighthouse - the Christian holiday club for children, takes place during the last week of July and the Wycombe site, which is held at Highcrest Academy on Hatters Lane, have three posts they want to fill. They are looking for a Group Leader for 8 year olds, a Sports Co-ordinator and a Shop Co-ordinator. If you think you might be interested in any of these posts do contact Lighthouse Administration on their website. They also request prayer for volunteers to come forward and offer their services and for local churches to be supportive and encouraging of Lighthouse and promote it within their fellowships.

The Dorcas Project - I caught up with Jo Preston during the first week of May and they are very pleased with their storage facilities at the Big Yellow Box on the London Road. If the ladies of St Michael's laundry team think things have been a bit quiet of late, take heart because things are picking up a bit so the laundry will be filtering through. The day I spoke to Jo she had 14 referrals and they are also beginning to think ahead to their School Uniform Vouchers, which are usually

handed out just before the school summer break so they are hoping that they will gather enough funds to accommodate all those in need.

Our committed prayer day this month is on **Monday, 13th June**, from 8 am to Tuesday at 8 am. The prayer space will be set up in Church House with all the usual facilities available. Please remember the last hour of prayer in the prayer space will be between 4 – 5 pm, enabling me to clear everything away in the event that Church House may be needed during the evening. The sign-up sheet and Prayer Points can be found on the table at the back of the church at approximately the same time as the June Outlook. Prayerfully consider signing up for one hour of prayer, or part of an hour if that's all you are able to manage, bringing our town and the ministries taking place there before God.

Yvonne Cook

From the Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

On Sunday 8th May: Lennon Stuart and Carteleia Sarah Rose, children of James and Bernice Hewson from Park View Crescent, High Wycombe

Holy Matrimony

On Saturday 30th April: Kenneth James Kevin Smithy to Georgina Anne Bavin

On Saturday 14th May: Francis Harry Terence Gater to Julia Kirstie Bone

The Departed

Joan Brooks, aged 89

Roy Baldwin, aged 79

JUNE CALENDAR

Wed	1	11.00 am	Visiting bellringers: Church Tower
		1.00 pm	Knit and Natter: Church House
Sun	5		2nd Sunday after Trinity
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
		9.00 am	Sung Communion
		10.45 am	All Age Family Service and Holy Baptism
		2.15 pm	Church House Teas
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Tue	7	7.30 pm	Mothers' Union: Church House
Thu	9	12 noon	Tiny Tots' Teddy Bears' Picnic: MU family garden if fine
Fri	10	1.00 pm	Wedding: Robert Ferns and Lisa Hubbard
Sat	11		Barnabas the Apostle
		8.30 am	Prayer breakfast: Church House
			No Holy Communion here on this day, but we are invited to join St Francis Terriers for their celebration
		2.30 pm	Visiting bellringers: Church Tower
Sun	12		3rd Sunday after Trinity
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.45 am	Family Communion with JC Club
		2.15 pm	Church House Teas
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Mon	13	8.00 am	24 hours of prayer for High Wycombe: Church House
Tue	14	10.30 am	Visiting bellringers: Church Tower
Wed	15	9.30 am	Oxford Mothers' Union Trustees meeting: Church House
Thu	16	9.30 am	Toddler Group: North Room
		10.30 am	Friendship Morning: Church House
		3.15 pm	Messy Church: Cryers Hill Methodist Church
		7.30 pm	Parochial Church Council: Church House
Sat	18	12 noon	Private booking: Church House
Sun	19		4th Sunday after Trinity
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Sung Communion
		10.45 am	Informal Family Service with JC Club
		2.15 pm	Church House Teas
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Tue	21	10.00 am	Visiting bellringers: Church Tower
Thu	23	9.30 am	Toddler Group: North Room
Fri	24		Birth of John the Baptist
			No Holy Communion here on this day
Sat	25	8.30 am	Mens' breakfast: Church House
			New Mozart Orchestra rehearsals: Church and Church House
			New Mozart Orchestra concert: Church
Sun	26		5th Sunday after Trinity
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.45 am	Family Communion with JC Club
		2.15 pm	Church House Teas
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Wed	29		Peter and Paul, Apostles
		10.00 am	Holy Communion (30 minutes): Church
			Oxford Mothers' Union Trustees meeting: Church House
Thu	30	9.30 am	Toddler Group: Church House
			Christians in the Community Coffee Morning: Church House

The Lectionary – June 2016

Date	Lesson	Readers		
		8.00 am	9.00 am	10.45 am
5th	2nd Sunday after Trinity			
	1 Kings 17, 8 – 9 & 17 – 24	A Stacey	R or A Gee	M Dean
	Galatians 1, 11 – 24	P Hynard	S Brice	
	Luke 7, 11 – 17	Priest	Priest	
	Evensong: Psalm 44			
	Genesis 8, 15 – 9, 17	AJ/L Smit		
	Mark 4, 1 – 20	S Brice		
12th	3rd Sunday after Trinity			
	2 Samuel 11, 26 – 12, 10 + 13 – 15	J Wilson	H Farrar-Hockley	C Tyrer
	Galatians 2, 15 – 21	J Dauncey	B Brice (check	R Smith
	Luke 7, 36 – 8, 3	Priest	which lesson)	Priest
	Psalm at 9am: 32			
	Evensong: Psalms 52 & 53			
	Genesis 13	L Stallwood		
	Mark 4, 21 – 41	M Morgan		
19th	4th Sunday after Trinity			
	Isaiah 65, 1 – 9	J White	J Palmer	Leader
	Galatians 3, 23 – 29	C Carter	S Badrick	
	Luke 8, 26 – 39	Priest	Priest	
	Evensong: Psalms 50 & 57			
	Genesis 24, 1 – 27	B Brice		
	Mark 5, 21 – 43	B Doran		
26th	5th Sunday after Trinity			
	1 Kings 19, 5 – 16 & 19 – 21	J Holmes	L Stallwood	C Godfrey
	Galatians 5, 1 & 13 – 25	A Jaycock	E Sadler (check	H Morley
	Luke 9, 51 – 62	Priest	which lesson)	Priest
	Psalm at 9 am: 16			
	Evensong: Psalms 59 & 60			
	Genesis 27, 1 – 40	L Smit / AJ		
	Mark 6, 1 – 6	E Bailey		

Regular Meetings and Organisations



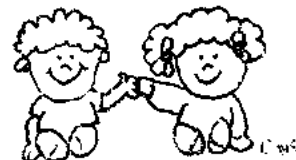
Friendship Morning

This is a get together in Church House on the 3rd Thursday each month at 10.30 a.m. It is primarily for those who are bereaved, who live on their own, and for those who are lonely. The emphasis is very much on companionship, and the atmosphere is light and cheerful. Please contact me if you think this is for you.

Penny Austin – 01494 529596

Babies & Toddlers @ St. Michael's

Babies and Toddlers @ St. Michael's meets every Thursday in term time from 0930 -1130 **in the North Room**. Come for chat, play, craft and refreshments.



Included, every **SECOND** Thursday of the month, will be 'Tiny Tots', a time of fun worship in Church.

For details contact Helen Peters – helen.peters@peters-research.com

House Groups

A variety of house groups meet throughout the week: for days and times, or for **further information contact Helen Byrne - helenbyrne67@googlemail.com or 01494 564342.**

Young People's Groups @ St Michael's

CYFA (School years 10+) Alternate Sunday evenings in term time.

FLASH (School years 7-9) Monthly Sunday evening in term time.

AWESOME AND ACTIVE

(AAA) (School years 4-6) Monthly Sunday: teatime in term time.

For dates of meetings for all groups and further details contact Rebecca Hawes - rebecca@wycombeyfc.org.uk

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“To enable all to follow Jesus Christ”

We shall live out this mission through Prayer, Presence,

Persuasion and Proclamation by:

i) Leading lives centred on Jesus Christ –

That is steadfastly based on the Bible and prayer

That is based on Jesus' example

By being ambassadors of Christ to our friends, families, neighbours and work and school colleagues.

ii) Being seen and known in the wider Community by

- *Understanding the communities in which we live and seeking to be fully involved in those communities*
- *Building appropriate bridges between our Church and our community*
- *Taking every opportunity to share the Good news about Jesus Christ*

iii) Offering and receiving spiritual and practical support and development –

- *That is appropriate to wherever people are on their spiritual journey*
- *That is based on worship that is honouring to God and accessible and relevant to all*
- *And that is led by prayer that engages with the will of God and his purposes*

Loving Father – we ask your blessing on our ‘Minister in Waiting’ the Revd Keith Johnson, his wife Rachel and their sons Luke and Samuel, as they prepare to move from their home in Chatham to come and live and minister in Hughenden. Guide us as we prepare to welcome them and open our hearts to embrace the future, Amen.