

St. Michael & All Angels
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Outlook



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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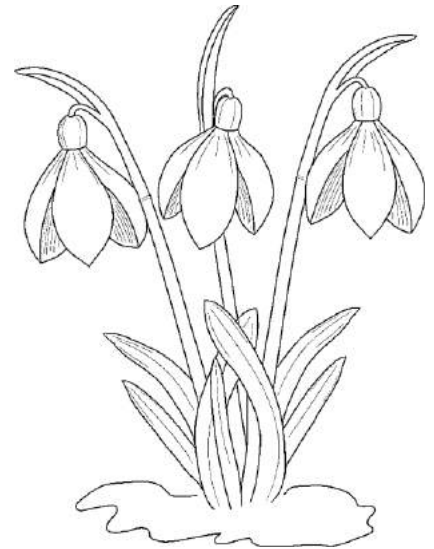
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February 2018

Dear Readers,

This is the first magazine of 2018, so even though it's February, a very Happy New Year! Christmas is already a month past. The figure of Baby Jesus lay in his crib in the church, the shepherds and the three wise men came to worship him and they have all now been put away for another year, but, of course, never forgotten in our hearts. Now the New Year's resolutions should be under way – or perhaps they have already been broken!



Our church year has started on a sad note with the loss of two very dear members of our congregation. Kathleen Moxham who, for 25 years, was editor of *Outlook* and until very recently attended the 10.45 am service in church, and Diane Hawkins, who amongst many other tasks, was the Alpha Course administrator and a long time member of the Mothers' Union. They will both be greatly missed and our hearts go out to their families.

February 14th is Valentine's Day when traditionally boxes of chocolates and flowers are given to sweethearts and wives. However, the 14th is also Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent, so for those intending to give up chocolate, it may prove to be a difficult day! The Lenten Fast reflects the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness. In fact the period is actually 46 days but the six Sundays within Lent are not counted (Sundays are always feast days in the Christian calendar). During this period the church vestments will be purple, which is the traditional colour of mourning (recalling Jesus' death), and also symbolic of royalty (celebrating Christ's coming as King). Easter Sunday this year falls on 1st April.

Sylvia Clark

Editor

From the Vicarage



As I put fingers to the keyboard to write these words, a new year lies ahead. I wonder what 2018 will bring. If last year was a difficult or painful one for you and your family and friends, then you will no doubt be hoping for a better time in the months which lie ahead. Perhaps you have made a new year's resolution to give something up, or start something new, to become healthier, adopt a better work/rest life balance, book that long-awaited holiday which you can tick off your bucket list, or vow to catch up with old friends before you completely lose touch.

As I look at the months ahead, I am mindful of a landmark I will be reaching in May – as I celebrate my 50th Birthday... [pause for sharp intake of breath and pleasant comments, such as "Gosh Vicar, you don't look a day over 40!"] I am looking forward to celebrating my half century by watching my favourite cricket team Somerset at some stage, and spending some time away with my wife, to mark the occasion together.

This year, I hope to make walking a bigger part of my life – after all, living in such a beautiful location, I have no excuse not to! However, I will be still regularly found in coffee shops to keep a visible presence in the community (Mondays in Hughenden Valley Village Café and Wednesdays in Bon Ami at Naphill – from 10am – 12noon) – but I shall endeavour to exercise some restraint when it comes to the cream cakes and bacon sandwiches.

As Vicar, my hope and prayer is that St Michael & All Angels Church will continue to demonstrate the love and compassion of Jesus Christ in our wonderful community, during 2018, both through word and deed. If you have any suggestions how we might do so, I am always delighted to hear from you (email: keiththevicar@gmail.com) or to meet you in a café. Perhaps you know of a friend or neighbour, in need of a home visit, or other support, or of a young family who have recently moved into the area, who would like to find out more about our church activities.

As I mentioned previously, Bishop Steven has tasked the Oxford Diocese to become a more "Contemplative, Compassionate and Courageous Church" – and my aspiration is that we might embrace these worthy qualities, just as Jesus Christ modelled for us, and see our communities transformed. Amen

Keith

From The Marines to Ministry

At eight years of age, when he shared with a friend that he was going through a troubled time in his life, his friend's mother said she would pray for him. Soon after, things began to change for the good. He felt as if a burden had been lifted from his young shoulders. It was a turning point and the start of a new relationship with God. This was the profound introduction of Justin Montague's inspirational talk to Men's Breakfast in November. So deep and lasting was the impact of that simple but transforming act, that Justin contacted 'Maggie' (the mother of his confidant) to thank her when he was accepted for training in ministry.

As a youngster, uncertain of what it meant to be a Christian, Justin lived his life being 'a good guy'. Lacking an understanding of discipleship, he fumbled along - walking, as he put it, on the other side of the street, not truly following Christ.

Alongside this nascent spiritual development, Justin led a very active life playing football and ultra-distance running which he continued at university, although now mixed with drinking and holiday work abroad. Army life had always appealed to him so on graduation, searching for a role that would satisfy his need for a physical lifestyle, he applied to join the Royal Marines.

Prayer and church attendance was now irregular but, while waiting to go into the army, he found himself working for a delivery company and co-driver to a man who was a priest. Over time, conversations with this man led to Justin going back to church and begin to seriously question his lifestyle. It was another pivotal moment and he started to see himself as a follower of Christ. This newfound conviction was sustained by regular attendance at church services when he joined the Marines in 2015.

Only 12 of the original 60 recruits successfully passed-out of training. Presented with the Diamond Award as top trooper, Justin joined 42 Commando, completed pre-deployment training and found himself stationed at Camp Bastion in Afghanistan. It was not long before he found himself with his section in a remote compound in N..... (basically a Police Station). Surrounded by the Taliban, it was immensely hostile with lots of close-quarter fighting. With a very cold winter approaching, Justin took part

in a series of ground operations and on one particular occasion was notified that his troop would be the lead section - virtually 'bait' to draw the enemy into the open. Aware of the real danger facing him, Justin prepared himself with prayer and felt an immense feeling of peace - what would be would be, but he put himself in the hands of God. It was a bitter encounter and one of the soldiers in his section was killed.

Shortly after this, he transferred to K..... where he joined a new section and took part in operations lasting a minimum of four hours. During one big operation he found himself as the lead soldier scurrying with his section across a paddy field under heavy fire. At the end of the day, Justin was one of only two members of the troop uninjured. One soldier, Ben, a good friend, was killed. He had shown exceptional bravery during the fighting and was posthumously awarded the Military Cross.

It was a turning event in Justin's life and he found himself in another battle, fighting on two fronts - one with his body, one with his mind. He became seriously ill and underwent nine surgical operations whilst simultaneously combating deep psychological trauma brought about by survivor's guilt. He began to isolate himself from others but determined, as a 'survivor', to keep going.

In search of healing, Justin surrendered himself to the Lord and prayed for help and guidance. The change was profound. It was the start of his physical recovery (he now competes in ultra-distance races with his new wife, Melissa). He recalled the passage from the Bible where Jacob wrestles through the night with an angel to find his true identity, emerging victorious in the morning as Israel. For Justin the transformation was spiritual, from being a soldier to being a 'soldier of Christ' and he now finds himself in 'basic training' at an Oxford college for a very different life as a Minister in the Anglican Church.

Justin ended his talk with the words, "I am finally doing what the Lord has called me to do." And as he humbly accepted a rapturous round of applause, his story, reminded me of one of my favourite picture books for children, 'Peace At Last'.

Roger Grant

Mothers' Union

Our Advent Service, which last year was held on 5th December, is always very special as it calms us before the rush of the next few weeks as we await the celebration of Jesus' birth. Our thanks to Revd Helen Peters who led our service.

This special evening in our calendar is always very well attended and we also take along our gifts for the Women's Refuge. The Holy Communion service is followed by coffee and delicious mince pies, once again made for us by Joan Steel. Many thanks to Joan. It is a most enjoyable evening.

Our first meeting of 2018 will be our AGM on Tuesday 6th February at 7.30 pm in Church House. As always, new members are very welcome.

Advance notice: The Women's World Day of Prayer will take place at the Wesley Methodist Church, Priory Road on Friday 2nd March at 10.30 am. The programme has been put together by women from Surinam and the theme is 'All God's creation is good'.

Sara Badrick

Thank You

I am so very grateful to everyone who has sent get well messages and cards; for being remembered in prayer each Sunday and for the kindness of many who have visited me. It was so comforting to know that I was in the thoughts and prayers of so many during my open heart surgery and as I recovered. I am pleased to report that I am getting stronger every day and looking forward to being able to go on long walks again. Special thanks to Keith and Helen for their support and prayers.

With very best wishes,

Dory Morgan

The Chiltern Arts Festival: A New Classical Music and Arts Festival in the Chilterns



The Chiltern Arts Festival is a new classical and arts festival bringing the finest in classical music and arts to the Chilterns region between the 3rd and 11th February 2018.

This vibrant winter festival consists of 18 different events taking place in venues across the Chiltern Hills. Venue locations include Dorchester-on-Thames, Marlow, **Hughenden**, (*see following poster*) Henley-on-Thames, Great Missenden, Berkhamsted, High Wycombe, Wendover and Tring.

Chiltern Arts also takes pride in presenting a series of young artists, with concerts featuring the winners of its new Young Artists' competition, Take Note: choir Echo and the A4 Brass Quartet.

In addition, the Chiltern Arts Festival will be hosting a concert and dinner event in the Art Deco surrounds of the Gatsby in Berkhamsted; a presentation of the classic silent movie "Joan of Arc" accompanied by live music from the Orlando Consort; an installation themed on the topic of memory, commemorating 100 years since the end of the first World War; and a photographic exhibition held at Tring's beautiful College Lake.

The Chiltern Arts Festival will bring some much-needed warmth and joy to the cold winter months. Full details can be found in our free brochure, on the websites and social media links listed below.

Web: chilternarts.com/festival Twitter: @chilternarts

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Programme

3rd February 2018: Tenebrae – Russian Choral Treasures (Marlow)

4th February 2018: WW1 Discovery Day; Faure Requiem and Echo (Henley)

5th February 2018: Tasmin Little and Martin Roscoe (Great Missenden)

6th February 2018: Elgar Piano Quintet and WW1 Poetry (Wendover); Katona Twins Concert and Dinner (Berkhamsted)

7th February 2018: A4 Brass (Penn Street); Brodsky Quartet (High Wycombe)

8th February 2018: Academy of Ancient Music (Tring); Orlando Consort (Edlesborough)

9th February 2018: Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment 'Experience' Ensemble (**Hughenden**); Brahms in Love - world premiere of Jeremy Sams' translation (Wycombe Abbey)

10th February 2018: Ben Goldscheider, Fenella Humphreys and Michael Dussek (Beaconsfield); Ryedale Festival Opera: Mozart, Garden of Disguises (Pipers Corner School)

11th February 2018: Sinclair McKay (Wallingford); City of London Sinfonia and Ben Goldscheider (Dorchester-on-Thames)

Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment 'Experience' Ensemble

Friday 9th February at 1:00 pm

**at St Michael and All Angels,
Hughenden**

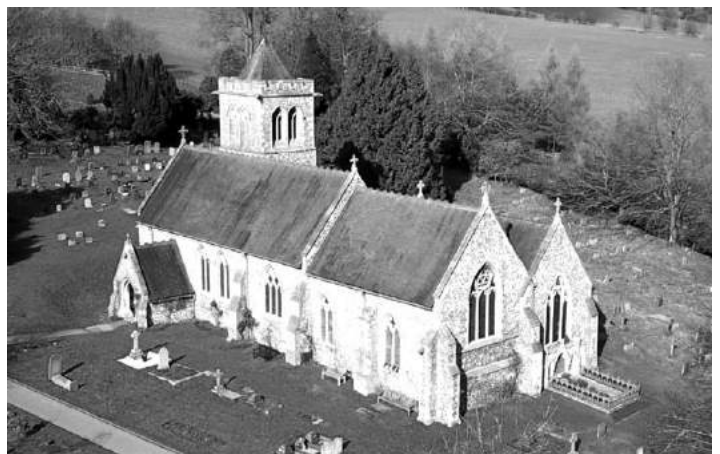
Mozart Eine kleine Nachtmusik

Mozart Oboe Quartet in F major

Mozart Horn Quintet in Eb major

Tickets: £15 / £10

The 'little serenade' that Mozart dashed off as an occasional piece in 1787 (and left for his wife to publish after his death) eventually became one of the most famous of all his works. Just as diverting are two other chamber works featuring wind instruments, where Mozart showcases the expressive and agile qualities of the oboe and the stirring virtuosity of the horn. The superb 'Experience' players of the OAE play all three works on period instruments in the serene setting of Hughenden Parish Church.



The Presentation of Christ in the Temple – Candlemas

In bygone centuries, Christians said their last farewells to the Christmas season on Candlemas, 2 February. This is exactly 40 days after Christmas Day itself.

In New Testament times 40 days old was an important age for a baby boy; it was when he made his first 'public appearance'. Mary, like all good Jewish mothers, went to the Temple with Jesus, her first male child - to 'present Him to the Lord'. At the same time, she, as a new mother, was 'purified'. Thus, we have the Festival of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.



So where does the Candlemas bit come in? Jesus is described in the New Testament as the Light of the World, and early Christians developed the tradition of lighting many candles in celebration of this day. The Church also fell into the custom of blessing the year's supply of candles for the church on this day - hence the name, Candlemas.

The story of how Candlemas began can be found in Luke 2:22-40. Simeon's great declaration of faith and recognition of who Jesus was is of course found in the Nunc Dimittis, which is embedded in the Office of Evening Prayer in the West. But in medieval times, the Nunc Dimittis was mostly used just on this day, during the distribution of candles before the Eucharist. Only gradually did it win a place in the daily prayer life of the Church.

At 7.30pm on Friday 2nd February there will be a service of Holy Communion in church to celebrate Candlemas.

From The Parish Pump

“You can blame it on the moon...”

The trouble with 2018 (and the trouble with 2029, for that matter) is that Ash Wednesday is on 14th February. In the population at large, in so-called secular society, everyone knows when St Valentine's Day is; and business interests will do the hype; but few will know or recognize or recall the import of The First Day of Lent, save for regularly worshipping Christians.

Learned liturgists know where they are on Wednesday 14th February; that a minor saint of dubious historicity, like all saints, both major and minor, fall away; such saints are simply not celebrated on what is one of the two Greater Holy Days of the Christian Year in most of Western Christendom.

It is to be hoped that practising Christians will know how to choose between a table for two in a restaurant and God's Board for a universal love feast in church.

The last time Ash Wednesday collided with Valentine was in 1956, as many will recall (or not!). Oh, for Ash Wednesday to be on 15th February! Then we could all stuff ourselves with at least pancakes, if not a slap-up meal and confess our gluttony, if necessary, the next day; but then we would have to go back to 1961 and 1972; and there is no sign of Easter falling on 2nd April, this side of 2038.

One of my personal highlights in 2017 was a Jools Holland TV programme in which he accompanied Phil Collins, the latter singing "Where has my love gone?", a song by Stevie Wonder. The song is called "Blame it on the Sun", and tries to put the blame for lost love all over the place, including the Moon.

With the Moon setting the date for Easter (and Passover, obviously) we know what to blame!

And with Easter Day falling on 1st April (this year and in 2029, remember) we are all fools for Christ.

Praise be!

Arthur Johnson

Communication?

While attending a Marriage Seminar dealing with communication, Tom and his wife Grace were told by the instructor that it was essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other. He addressed Tom. 'For instance, can you name your wife's favourite flower?'

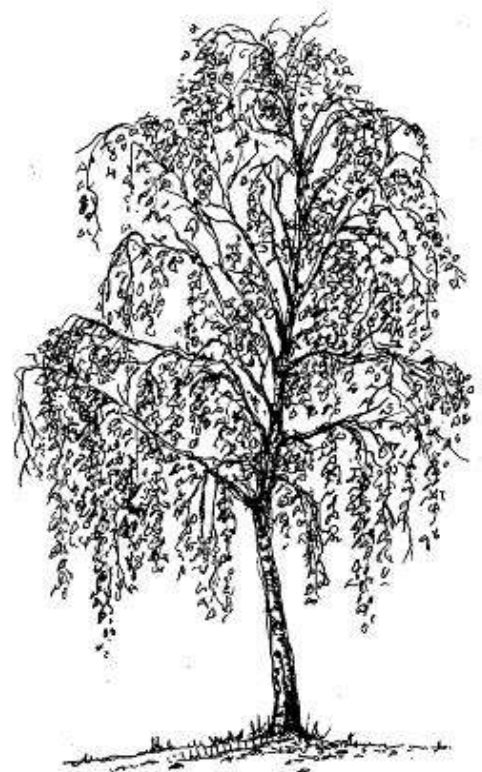
Tom leaned over, touched his wife's arm gently and whispered, 'It's self-raising, isn't it?'

Beneath A Silver Birch Tree

*I stand each morning
Here under the branches,
Not for shelter but for joy.
The winter black of the twigs
Hangs like torn lace against the early sky.
Last summer's evening dress,
Frayed and dirty at the hem.*

*But the year turns
Even when it seems it will not.
And a fragile, young green
Delicately stitches the twigs.
Tiny buds of summer,
Sewn by nature.
And pale dappled sunlight
Dances on the path.*

Susan Brice



Valley Friends

In December, our final meeting of last year, we had a talk by Colin Oakes entitled 'Dickins and Christmas'.

Charles Dickins was born in 1812 and became the greatest novelist of the Victorian era. He was a prolific and highly influential writer and although he wrote about Christmas in several of his stories, probably the most famous is 'A Christmas Carol'. At the time Prince Albert was establishing new traditions about Christmas, many of which remain today.

Dickins married young and in haste which he afterwards regretted as his marriage was not a happy one. It is said he sometimes treated his wife unkindly, but they eventually had nine children. As divorce was not allowed in those days, Dickens took a mistress and consequently had to support three households. To support these he needed to write one novel per year. He also did charity readings of his novels and sketches and being a very good actor he could make his audience shriek and cry to the point of collapse. He would use the name 'Boez' to advertise these sketches and worked very hard to raise funds for charity.

Dickins created many of the world's best known fictional characters, some of whom Colin enacted during his talk. He had brought with him a book of Charles Dickins' written works which included Oliver Twist, David Copperfield, Great Expectations, A Tale of Two Cities and many more. Dickins died in 1870.

Colin was thanked for his very enthusiastic and interesting talk and joined us for mince pies and coffee to end the evening.

Our first meeting of 2018 was a Games Evening and Beetle Drive organised by Heather. Our Meeting on 2nd February is an Open Evening when the speaker will be Tony Eaton whose talk is called 'The Rudolf Hess Cover Up'. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Joan Steel

The BBC to increase coverage of religion

The BBC has recently pledged to 'raise our game' on religion by increasing the portrayal of all faiths in mainstream shows. The corporation said it would 'enhance' the representation of religion on TV and radio dramas and documentaries. It said it would also create a new global religious affairs team, headed by a religion editor, in BBC News. The BBC will also keep 'Thought For The Day' on Radio 4's Today Programme.

The corporation recently published the conclusions of a review into its coverage of religion and ethics, and Director General Tony Hall said audiences of all faiths and none have said they want to learn more about those topics. 'They recognise that, if we truly want to make sense of the world, we need to understand the systems of belief that underpin it,' he said. He added that he wants the corporation 'to do more about Christianity and other beliefs as well.'

The plans will include:

- More about non-Christian festivals like Diwali, Passover, Rosh Hashanah, Ramadan and Eid on mainstream programmes like The One Show, The Chris Evans Breakfast Show and Newsround.
- Landmark programmes to 'explore religion in all its forms', including a major TV series about the world's sacred sites, a Radio 4 series on morality in the 21st Century, and a Radio 2 initiative to encourage young people to discuss issues about peace.
- 2019 will be 'A Year of Beliefs', with programmes looking at how people make big decisions and where they get their moral values from.
- More 'people-led stories that have warmth and depth', such as observing vicars working in local communities.
- Tie-ins with music and comedy, and more digital-first video and social media content.

The role of the religious affairs correspondent - currently Martin Bashir - will be upgraded to Religion Editor, leading BBC News's new global religious affairs team. BBC News will also broaden the range of interviewees and contributors to represent a wider range of opinions and practices

From The Parish Pump

Aarghhhh!

They are the sweetest looking animals: big brown eyes, fluffy tail, appealing face, soft greyish fur, with creamy underparts, lightning quick movements. However, the tell-tale scabble in the loft or - in our case - the clunk as one falls into our meter cupboard is enough to strike fear - or at least exasperation - and extreme bitterness towards the Rothschild family, into the hearts of anyone struck by the plague of the horrible glis glis.

No one who lives outside of a 20 mile radius from Tring Park has ever heard of these pesky rodents. If, dear reader, you are also unaware, it's because you haven't (yet) been selected by one to raise its family... and their children's families... and grandchildren's....

I suppose we should be thrilled that our loft has been considered for many years as a glis glis '*des res*'. But we are not! These mighty rodents can gnaw through ancient beams, copper pipes, and electric cables; anything that they think might chop up into bedding material or serves as teeth sharpeners.

I only dare to write about them, because I think, I hope (can I even bring myself to type the words? Just speak it softly) that we might have got rid of them.

So, for those who have not (yet) had the pleasure, here is a bit of background on these pesky critters.

They are the only living species from the Glis genus that derives its ancestry in the pleistocene era. Its common name is the edible or fat dormouse. It is the largest of the dormice (hence presumably the 'fat' bit of its name, though this may derive from its ability to double its weight immediately before hibernation. (The normal weight is 4-5 ounces). Wikipedia informs me that they are capable of some self-regeneration; so that if another animal grabs its tail the skin can break and slide off allowing the animal to escape; the vertebrae break off, the wound heals over and hair regrows. I am very glad indeed I haven't had occasion to see this happen.

The edible dormouse name comes from the fact that it was beloved of the Romans and Etruscans as a snack, and still is in some areas of Slovenia and Croatia. (We visited both last year, but were not knowingly served such a delicacy. Despite my deep seated rage against the animals, I don't think I could have brought myself to partake.)



Recipe

1. Feed captive dormice with acorns or other choice nuts prior to killing ready for cooking
2. Stuff dormice with pork, pinenuts, herbs and spices to taste
3. Roast
4. Dip in honey
5. Serve

So, why you might ask, my irritation with those local landowners and, it must be said, philanthropists and art lovers in Waddesdon?

It was Lord Rothschild who introduced the glis glis to Tring Park as part of his wildlife collection in 1902. As many of you will know, this remains as part of the Natural History Museum outpost in Tring, in the form of what our family has always called the Stuffed Animal Museum - well worth a visit if you are not averse to taxidermy in principle. As so often happens, the introduced species settled in well, escaped and multiplied.

They are arboreal and nocturnal in nature, but have adapted well (too well) to living in barns and lofts, cheek by furry jowl with humans. Chris and I often remember visiting Piggott's for a concert and being entranced by sight of scores of the animals running about the beams whilst music played below. One fell off into the lap of a teenage violist who played on unfalteringly till then end of the piece. At the end, with the animal long gone back to the

rafters, she unaccountably jumped up and screamed, like the cartoon cook in Tom and Jerry!

We have had various pest controllers in to trap the beasts; this year the firm we chose MIGHT HAVE disturbed them enough so they have decided to go elsewhere...or they may be sleeping in some far off corner of our loft where we have not caught sight of their sweet furry little bodies curled up snug. We also have in previous years caught (in humane traps) and released in the woods about eight of different ages. We subsequently found out that this is probably illegal but also probably self-defeating. I should also say that our introduction to the species was when I did trap one in a waste paper bin (I was at that stage unaware of the viciousness of its incisors) and carefully put it outside in the garden, just to see it run back and up the wall into the loft before I was able to get back inside.

We then got in professionals, with proper traps that I had to ply with apples: irresistible apparently. The firm would come to collect any animals trapped and take them away. This happened twice successfully, but on the third occasion I was told that we had not to catch any on a Friday as they could not be collected until Monday. We felt this was a bizarre misunderstanding of the nature of the problem, but duly fed the animals, and sheltered them from heat and cold until they could be collected. Ungratefully, they spat at me whenever I took them apples to feed and hydrate them. Needless to say we changed our pest controllers thereafter.

As you can tell I could go on at even greater length: what I have learned about their life cycle, and even try to explain their curious status, protected or not? On the last point, I will summarise by saying it is complicated owing to a clash between EU and UK law. They are definitely not endangered, but should, I believe, only be dealt with by licensed operatives.

So now, having vented my spleen, I feel calmer. Perhaps another time I will share our battles with ants in the kitchen, flies in the bathroom and wasps' nests everywhere else.

Jane Tyrer

Good Companions

The speaker at our meeting on Thursday 1st February is Alan Jaycock and his talk is entitled 'From the Nile to Naphill'. Our numbers are going up steadily and new members are always welcome. We are a friendly group and during the afternoon we have tea, cakes and a raffle with prizes supplied by the members.

Please note: Meetings now start at **2.00pm**, not 2.30pm.

Sheila Vevsey

The Pulpit in St Michael's

The Pulpit, a memorial to James Searight, dominates the nave and is decorated with angels and archangels. The Archangel Michael, casting the dragon out of heaven, is easily identified. (Until a few years ago, he held a spear made of silver but this was stolen and has never been recovered.) The other main figures represent the Angel of the Annunciation, Gabriel, the Angel of the Revelation of St John and the one which puzzles many people, the Archangel Raphael who guided Tobit on his journey. He is identified by the fish whose liver provided such an effective means of expelling a devil.

Derbyshire Blue John stones give additional colour relief around the frieze at the top.

Extract from The Church History Booklet

Thank You

Andrew and Sylvia Flint would like to thank family and friends for all their love and support during recent months. Particular thanks to the Reverend Keith Johnson, Dianne Walker and the Mothers' Union for making Stephen's funeral on 15th November such a special occasion. It truly was a celebration of his life and brought much comfort to his family and friends.

Sylvia Flint

Our Alongside-Helpers

There are many words in modern English that begin with the prefix 'para', but nowadays undoubtedly the best-known is 'paramedic'. We all know what they do. We've seen them in their green jackets on television, at road traffic accidents and terrorist incidents, kneeling beside the wounded and dying. We've also seen their work in many TV documentaries and dramas, so that their appearance on our doorstep when we've dialled 999 is both unsurprising and welcome.



Over sixty years ago during my national service I was, I suppose, for a while a kind of proto-paramedic - I and my colleague Taffy (still a friend) were the emergency medical team on a large RAF station in Berkshire. We had had some training, but nothing like the level of today's paramedics.

The title intrigues me, because the 'para' bit always means something like 'with' or 'alongside'. Think of parallel lines, or parachute. There's an odd example in some of our more traditional hymns, where the Holy Spirit is called the 'Paraclete'. That's taken from John's Gospel, when Jesus says He would send His followers a Helper – paracletos, in Greek. Split into its two parts, it simply means 'alongside helper', which is how for years I have thought of the Holy Spirit.

A paramedic is literally someone who's also an 'alongside helper' at moments of great need. So green jackets with PARACLETE on their backs? There's a 'thought for the day'!

From The Parish Pump

Multiple Sclerosis Society

The South West Bucks Group MS Society are holding their annual Ploughman's Lunch on Wednesday 14th February in Hughenden Valley Village Hall. The doors open at 12.00pm and lunches will be served at 12.30pm. Lunch will cost £6.50 and it is pay on the door. There will also be a raffle and a bring-and-buy stall.

All the proceeds will go towards helping people with MS in the local area.

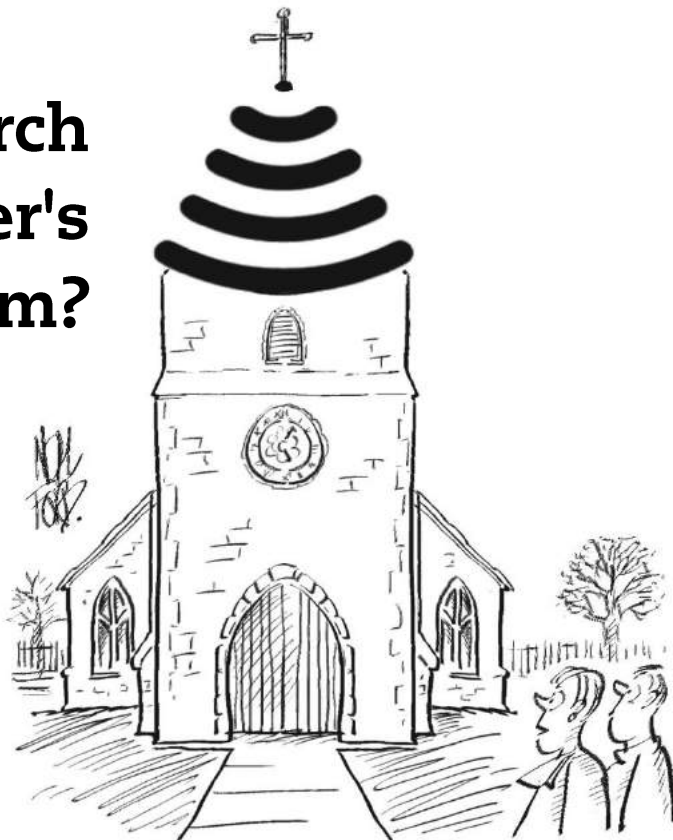
Many thanks

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A Church Treasurer's Dream?



"Looks like they've introduced contactless payments for their collections."

From The Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

Sunday 19th November: Harper-Rae Leanne, daughter of David and Jade Ball from High Wycombe

Sunday 3rd December: Luke Alexander James, son of Ben and Tania Taylor from Widmer End

The Departed

Anthony Edward Haynes, aged 77

Sylvia Hinton, aged 89

Joan Vivian Gibson, aged 94

George Harold Smart, aged 69

John Wilkinson, aged 85

Thomas Paul Martins, aged 26

Communicants

Sundays

November:

19th: 21 + 34 = 55

26th: 17 + 68 = 85

December:

3rd: 21 + 38 = 59

10th: 2 + 26 = 28

17th: 19 + 33 = 52

24th: 20 + 67 = 87

31st: 64

January:

7th: 15 + 32 = 47

14th: 25 + 90 = 115

Weekdays

30th: St Andrew 10

5th: MU Corporate 30

8th: The Baptism of Christ 7

As a matter of historical record, continuous moderate snow fell from 4:00 am until mid-morning on 10th December, hence the reduced numbers; to wit, the Vicar and Clerk were alone at 8:00 am. A section of the ancient churchyard yew tree collapsed under the weight of snow at 9:00 am.

Regular Meetings and Organisations

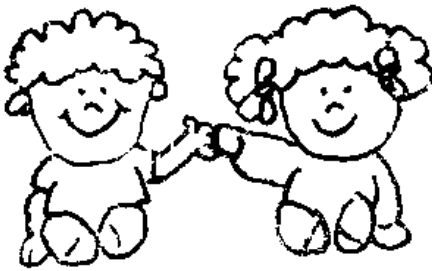
Friendship Morning

This is a get together in Church House on the third Thursday each month at 10.30 am. 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 Penny Austin on 01494 529596 if you think this is for you.

Babies & Toddlers @ St. Michael's



Babies and Toddlers @ St. Michael's meets every Thursday in term time from 9.30 - 11.30 am 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 Revd. Keith Johnson, HW 257569.

Young People's Groups @ St Michael & All Angels

School years 4-6 (Triple A's – Awesome and Active), monthly Sunday teatime during term time.

School Years 7-11 (joint with Speen Baptist Church), 2nd & 4th Sunday evenings during term time.

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

February Calendar

Thu	1	9.30 am Toddler Group: Church
Fri	2	Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) 10.30 am Visiting bellringers (3 hours) 7.30 pm Choral Eucharist
Sat	3	9.30 am Visiting bellringers (3 hours) 12.30 pm Candlemas Festival Lunch: Church House
Sun	4	Second Sunday before Lent 8.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) 9.00 am Choral Communion 10.45 am All Age Family Service with Holy Baptism 4.30 pm Youth Group: Church House 6.00 pm Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Tue	6	7.30 pm Mothers' Union AGM: Church House
Wed	7	1.00 pm Knit and Natter: Church House
Thu	8	9.30 am Toddler Group: Church 10.30 am Tiny Tots' Service: Church
Fri	9	1.00 pm Chiltern Arts Festival Lunchtime Music Recital: Church
Sat	10	9.30 am Visiting bellringers (3 hours)
Sun	11	Sunday next before Lent 8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.00 am Mattins (Book of Common Prayer) 10.45 am Family Communion with JC Club 6.00 pm Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Tue	13	10.00 am Mothers' Union Coffee Morning: Church House
Wed	14	Ash Wednesday 7.30 pm Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion with hymns

Thu	15	10.30 am	Friendship Group: Church House
Sat	17	9.00 am	Baptism Preparation Day: Church and Church House
Sun	18		First Sunday of Lent
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Choral Communion
		10.45 am	Service of the Word
		2.00 pm	Visiting bellringers (3 hours)
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Wed	21	12 noon	Memorial Service for Kathleen Moxham
Thu	22	9.30 am	Toddler Group: Church
Fri	23	10.30 am	Visiting bellringers (3 hours)
Sat	24	10.00 am	Wedding preparation morning: Church and Church House
Sun	25		Second Sunday of Lent
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Choral Mattins with Sung Litany
		10.45 am	Family Communion with JC Club
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)

February Lectionary

Date	Lesson	Readers		
		8:00 am / 6:00 pm	9:00 am	10:45 am
2nd Candlemas		Malachi 3: 1-5	Hebrews 2: 14-end	Luke 2: 22-40
7:30 pm	Holy Communion	Sara Badrick	Lin Smit	Priest

4th Second Sunday before Lent

Proverbs 8: 1 & 22-31	John White	Chris Tyrer	Matt Dean
Colossians 1: 15-20	Philip Hynard	Hazel Lowe	
John 1: 1-14	Priest	Priest	
Evensong: Psalm 65			
Genesis 2: 4b-end	Arthur Johnson		
Luke 8: 22-35	Louise Stallwood		

11th Sunday next before Lent

2 Kings 2: 1-12	Judy Wilson	Ben Brice	Helen Byrne
2 Corinthians 4: 3-6	Lin Smit	Louise Stallwood	Lois Comley
Mark 9: 2-9	Priest	(check which)	
Psalm at 9.00 am: 50			
Evensong: Psalm 2			
1 Kings 19: 1-16	Mike Morgan		
2 Peter 1: 16-end	Emily Bailey		

14th Ash Wednesday

Isaiah 58: 1-12	2 Corin. 5:20b-6:10	John 8: 1-11	
7:30 pm Holy Communion	Anne Dean	Susan Devereux	Priest

18th First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9: 8-17	Alison Stacey	Ann Moore	Roger Grant
1 Peter 3: 18-end	Cathryn Carter	Sara Badrick	
Mark 1: 9-15	Priest	Priest	

Evensong: Psalm 119: 17-32

Genesis 2: 15-17 & 3: 1-7 Ben Brice

Romans 5: 12-19 Beryl Doran

25th Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 17: 1-7 & 15-16 Judy Dauncey H Farrar-Hockley Sylvia Clark

Romans 4: 13-end Alan Jaycock Susan Brice Penny Austin
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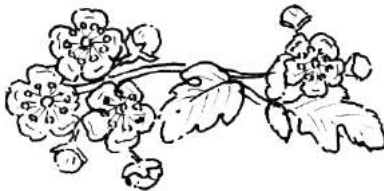
Mark 8: 31-end Priest

Psalm at 9.00 am: 22: 23-end

Evensong: Psalm 135

Genesis 12: 1-9 Lin Smit

Hebrews 11: 1-3 & 8-16 Susan Brice



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Our Mission is

To enable all to follow Jesus Christ

We shall live out this mission through
Prayer, Presence, Persuasion and Proclamation by:

Leading lives centred on Jesus Christ

That are steadfastly based on the Bible and prayer.

- That are based on Jesus' example.
- By being ambassadors of Christ to our friends, families, neighbours and work and school colleagues.

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.

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.

Heavenly Father, as we remember how you were tempted in the wilderness, help us to resist temptations by trusting in you. Help us to be good examples to others who may be struggling and lead them to you. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.