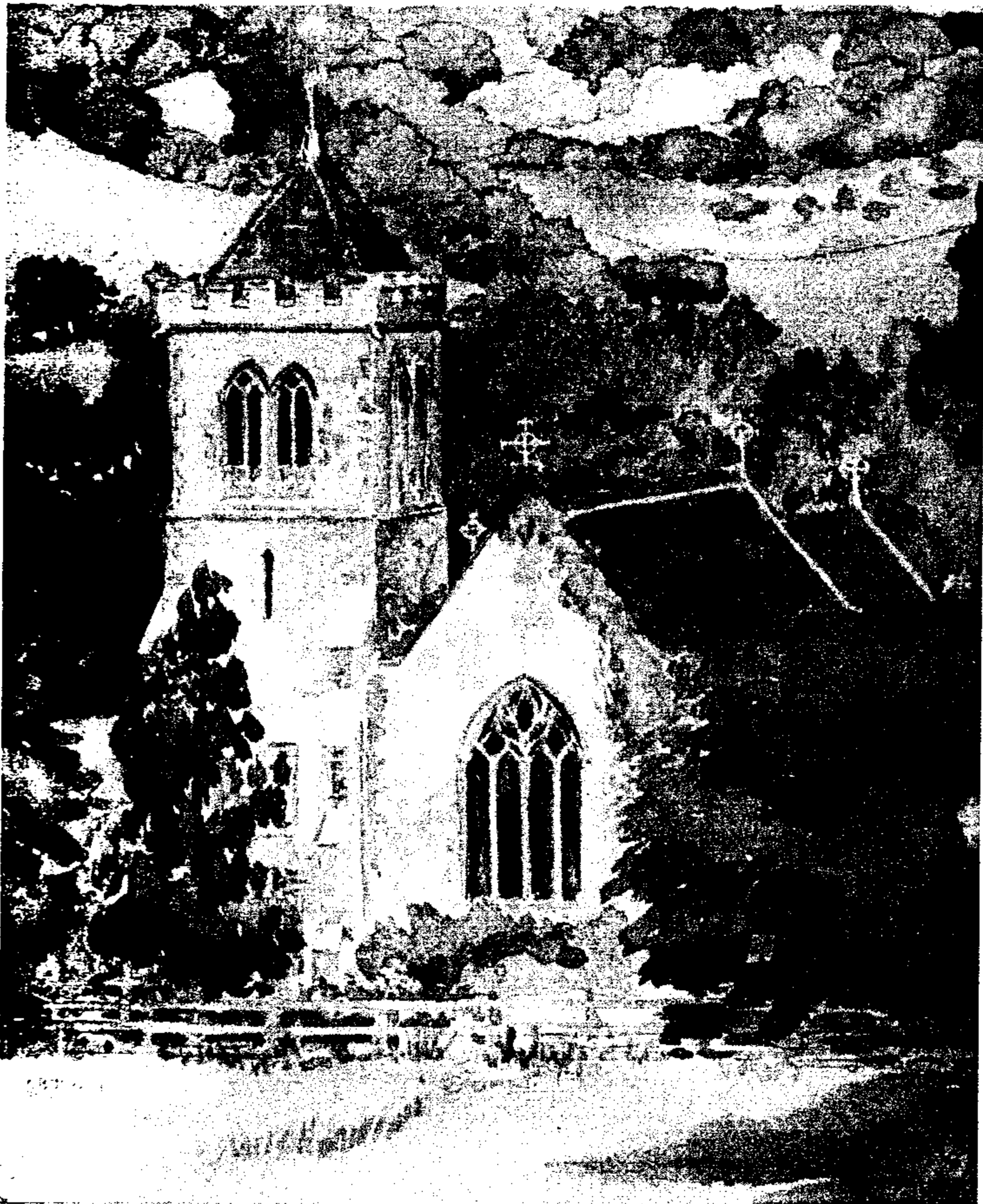


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Hughenden Parish Magazine
St Michael and All Angels



May 2009

Welcome

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.

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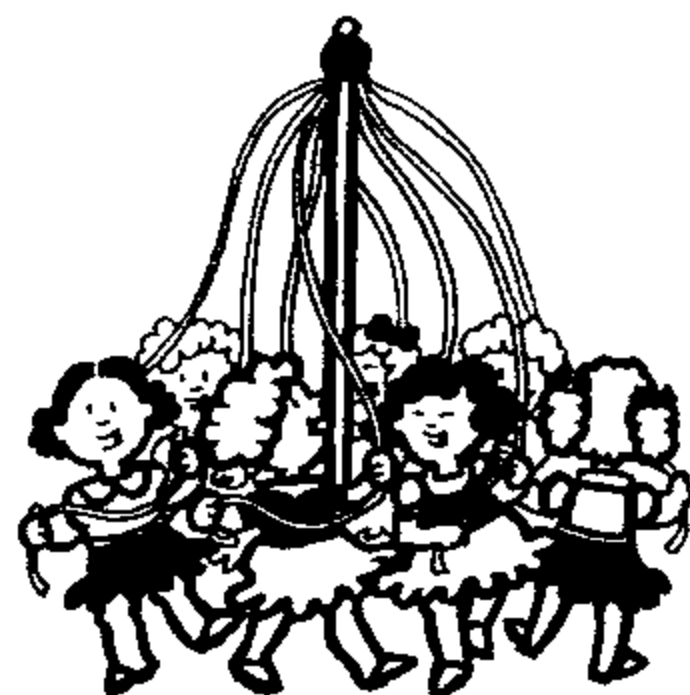
Dear Readers,

St Michael and All Angels once again supported the Wycombe Winter Night Shelter with part of their Christmas 2008 giving, and more recently have collected and donated bags of clothes and other useful items for the Shelter. Some of you may remember the Revd Paul Willis who came to speak to us last year about the project and how it came into being.

I work in close proximity to those involved in the running of the Shelter and a couple of weeks ago I took the opportunity to speak to them about how the 2009 winter season went and you can read on page 7 what they had to say.

I think there has to be a thank you to the Smit family for the tremendous hard work and commitment they made to raise money for the sinking of not just one but three wells in India. John has written an amusing account of their Winter Warmers Soup project which you can read about on page 18. Well done to all those who were involved.

There is an interesting programme of events throughout High Wycombe for the Wycombe Arts Festival 2009. Some of these events will be held at Church House during May and you can find out details on page 16. There is also some forthcoming events organised by the Social & Outreach Group during May, so please do take a look on page 9 and sign up to some really good afternoons and evenings out.



Helen Byrne, Editor

From the Vicarage May 2009

As I write it is the Tuesday of Holy Week, and Good Friday and Easter are only a few days ahead. Holy week holds particular challenges, many services, planning and preparation to be done, however all this will be in the past once this letter has been read, all of it will have been done and dusted for another year.

It can feel this way sometimes especially as a member of the clergy, 'done and dusted'. Lack of freshness, an inevitable sense of 'here we go again' along with the annual scratching of the head to find fresh ideas to illustrate familiar themes. All these are real risks for those whose lives revolve around what can sometimes seem to be the 'institution' of the church.

I am not immune from such thoughts and emotions and recently found myself feeling, well, a bit hopeless about things. God though has a habit of stepping in and tapping one on the shoulder. The last of our Lent course sessions was all about hope, I came home feeling very chastened by that one (and I was leading the

group!) And then something happened the following Sunday, Palm Sunday which helped me to see things from another perspective. I enjoyed the all age service more than I usually do as this time I did not have to give the talk (I suspect a sentiment shared by most others in the Church). Instead, members of the Mothers Union did an excellent job presenting the story of Jesus'



entrance into Jerusalem. The worship held together beautifully, there were some lovely family prayers and afterwards there was a real buzz in the church, I could recognise all of this but somehow couldn't really celebrate it. Afterwards I was standing at the church porch doing the vicar-ish thing of saying goodbye to people and someone wandered over who I vaguely recognised to say hello to me. Suddenly I remembered, it was a man I used to know when I was a curate in Cheltenham, he had been a Church Army Captain at another church, a tall man from the North of England with a

wonderful encouraging manner and a beaming smile.

He had been at a local wedding the day before and was visiting the park with his wife. They had wandered over to the church just as the service was ending and so had come inside.



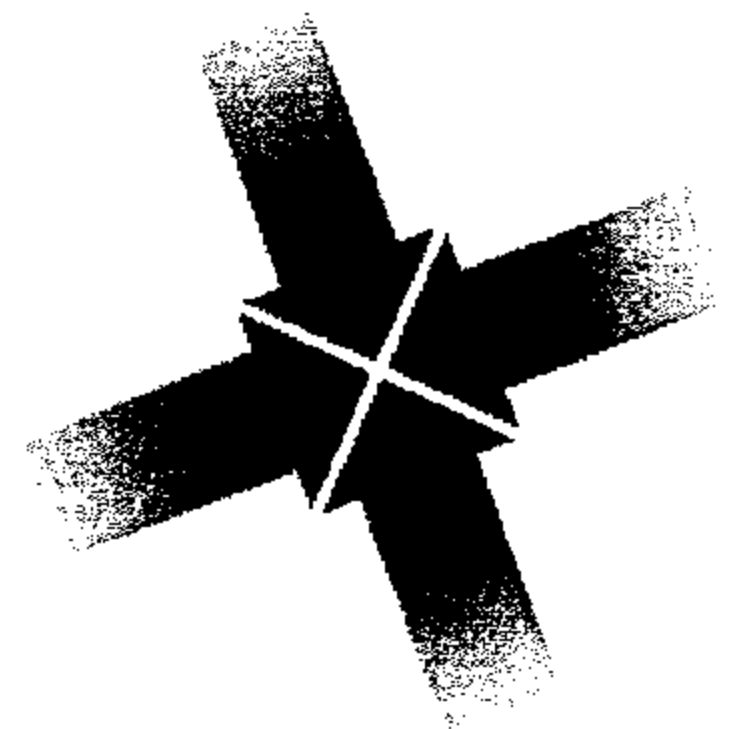
He came out filled with enthusiasm about what he had experienced. Members of CYFA (our youth group) were rehearsing some music they hoped to play in one of the Easter Day services, someone else was being quietly prayed for, others were chatting (rather loudly) over coffee. In short it was what I sometimes call a moment of 'Holy Mayhem'.

However, I had many things on my mind and so was perhaps not as receptive to the mood as I could have been. Later I heard that this man and his wife had enjoyed one of the Smit family 'winter warmer' lunches in church house (although on this day it should have been called a spring cooler). They found themselves in the company of a husband and wife who are regular church

members and who had been at the service. This man was very encouraging to them about what he had seen and experienced in the church, and he has seen a lot of churches! I subsequently had a phone call from one of the people this couple had shared lunch with who felt that God had been saying to her to look at the church the way he sees it - and she thought that she had better pass this on to me! My problem is that I had somehow got myself into seeing the institution in which there is always more to be done, and in which we could always do things better. I was only seeing the problems and difficulties to be sorted out - it took an acquaintance from many years ago on a 'chance' visit to the church to see what

somehow I had been missing for a time, people making

connections, people being a part of a community, the church not as an institution, but as it should be, as the people whom God has called together. And this is happening not only in one place, earlier that morning I had wandered up to Church House and had noted



those who were lingering after the nine O clock service, enjoying the sunshine and obviously enjoying each others company. Oh, and this man and his wife very much appreciated their lunch and were most impressed by the motivation that lay behind what Lin and her family have been doing.

I freely confess to certain life pressures at the moment, the sort of things common to us all. I also confess to feeling somewhat overwhelmed by all the things I haven't got around to doing in my responsibilities as vicar of this parish. These pressures are real and these things will not go away. And rather pathetically, I know I had allowed a creeping sense of hopelessness to invade my thoughts and emotions.

Perhaps Angels, messengers from God, come in many guises. Perhaps on this occasion it was in the guise of a big beaming northerner who passed on his rather wonderful message of hope and a different perspective on things just at a time when it needed to be heard.



And of course nothing is 'done and dusted', when this letter is read Easter 2009 itself might be in the past, but the Easter hope remains ever alive - 'Alleluia, Christ is risen, he is risen indeed Alleluia'.

Simon

Reduce your carbon footprint!

A cottage, sleeps 4 - 6, in Burnham Market, Norfolk for holiday rental. Percentage will be given to church funds.

Derek Godfrey 565956



The Lectionary – May 2009

		Readers		
		8 am	9 am	10.30 am
3rd	4th Sunday of Easter Acts 4, 5-12 1 John 3, 16-end John 10, 11-18 Evensong: Psalm 81 Exodus 16, 4-15 Revelation 2 12-17	C Carter P Hynard Celebrant	J Palmer J Smit Celebrant	R Comley
10th	5th Sunday of Easter Acts 8, 26-end 1 John 4, 7-end John 15, 1-8 Psalm at 9am: 22, 22-end Evensong: Psalm 96 Isaiah 60, 1-14 Revelation 3, 1-13	J Wilson A Stacey Celebrant	L Smit - A Hawes	B Geers G Geers Celebrant
17th	6th Sunday of Easter (Rogation Sunday) Acts 10, 44-end 1 John 5, 1-6 John 15, 9-17 Evensong: Psalm 45 Song of Solomon 4, 16 – 5, 2 and 8, 6-7 Revelation 3, 14-end	J Kendall J Godfrey (Downley) Celebrant	C Tyrer H Farrar Hockley Celebrant	Informal Service
24th	7th 3rd Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension) Acts 1, 15-17 and 21-end 1 John 5, 9-13 John 17, 6-19 Psalm at 9am: 1 Evensong: Psalm 147 Isaiah 61 Luke 4, 14-21	N Chalk A Jaycock Celebrant	A McBarnett - A Deas	S Cole S Devereux Celebrant

21 Ascension – Hamley's Wedding Anniversary

31st Pentecost (Whit Sunday) NB TWO morning Services Only

	8am	10am
Ezekiel 37, 1-14	-	F Hawkins
Acts 2, 1-21	-	D Hawkins
John 15, 26-27 and 16, 4b-15	-	Celebrant
Evensong:		
Psalm 139		
Ezekiel 36, 22-28		
Acts 2, 22-38		

Communicants – March

Sundays

1 st	25 + 54 =	79
8 th	31 + 94 =	125
15 th	32 + 50 =	82
22 nd	33 + 83 =	126
29 th	30+40+71 =	141

Weekdays

19 th	St Joseph	7
19 th	Pipers School Confirmation	50
25 th	Annunciation	20

Remember Church House Teas!



The new season has begun and continues every Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday until 18 October.

Our organisers and helpers will be ready to serve you from 2.15 pm until 5.15 pm. They will be offering our renowned home-made cakes (including dairy-free and gluten-free), scones with cream and jam, toasted tea-cakes, ice-cream, tea, coffee and soft drinks.

Do come and relax while you have tea in the beauty and peace of Hughenden Park. All our profits benefit the Church, Church House and various charities.

If you are interested in a mid-week private tea party contact:-

Lin Smit (01494) 462094 or
Dorothy Griffiths (01494) 525645)

The Wycombe Winter Night Shelter

As the night shelter has now closed its doors for the second winter, have there been any major differences this year to last year?

This year we have had more people who have been referred to us staying at the shelter, last year 36 people stayed, this year we had 48. Some of this was due to the extremely cold, snowy weather we had in January, at one point we were full with a waiting list of 12. Guests have also stayed for longer periods of time meaning we have had many more bed spaces occupied than last year. This has led to more washing, more meals, and generally more work for the volunteers.

The number of women staying has doubled since last year. We have also had guests from Poland, Italy and Pakistan which has made the shelter nights very interesting. One of the Polish guys even cooked a Polish meal one night for the guests and volunteers which went down very well.

Were you successful in helping some of your clients to find permanent homes and/or paid work?

Yes, out of the 48 that stayed 38 moved onto some kind of accommodation. Two of them have paid work, three are volunteering and some are on courses to help them move onto work.

How else are you able to help them?

Due to the fantastic amount of donations we received we were able to give guests starter packs when they moved into their new place, this included food, cutlery, crockery, pans and bedding.

Were you successful in finding enough volunteers and venues?

Yes we have been overwhelmed by the support from people. We have 274 volunteers which is incredible, the shelter would not be able to run without them. This year we have welcomed three new venues on board, Kings Church, Oakridge Baptist and The Quakers, which means that we now have enough venues to run the shelter at a different one each night.

Do you hope that the shelter will continue in 2010?

Yes definitely!

Are there any specific future aims or goals the shelter would like to achieve?

We are hoping to start more drop in sessions during the day time and in the evenings so there will be something year round in between the shelters for people to access. This will help keep some continuity with the guests and will continue to support them when they have moved into accommodation, a time that can be quite difficult and isolating.

We are also hoping to start a mentoring scheme, training up volunteers to be able to mentor the guests, meeting regularly to see how they are doing and setting goals for them to achieve. Again this is linked in with maintaining contact with guests and not just housing them and leaving them.

How can local churches such as Hughenden continue to offer support?

Volunteering, either at the night shelter or at drop-ins during the year. Praying for the shelter and the guests who access it. Also by supporting any fundraising events we hold.

New Church Website

The new church website is now up and running and can be found at www.hughendenparishchurch.org.uk. It is still new and has only limited content which will gradually be added to



over the coming weeks. If anyone has any comments or suggestions for items to be included on the website please email Ben Brice at web@hughendenparishchurch.org.uk or see him in church

Brain Teasers at the Harrow

A very successful Quiz Night was held at the Harrow in Hughenden Valley on Friday 27 March. Around 45 people took part and pitted their wits to find the answers to the different rounds. Whole families including sons, daughters and their spouses or girl/boyfriends came to take part as well as groups of friends, church members and non-members alike. There were sports questions, general knowledge, famous quotes, etc and a 'Name the Proverb' round where only the initial letter of each of the words in the proverb was given. This kept brains ticking over for most of the evening! The final round was one of recognizing car badges in which the men seemed to do rather well! The winners were presented with their prizes and all appeared to enjoy the evening.

The Harrow is now under new management and the landlady, Fee, made us very welcome. Unknown to us she had laid on a buffet of delicious home cooked ham and tasty cheese with salad and French bread. As the Harrow now has a chef, there was also cooked food available and those that ordered this said it was very good. Fee and her staff were extremely friendly and helpful and we look forward to other social occasions at our village pub.

Although the weather was disappointing on Saturday 10 April, a fair number of Hot Cross Buns together with a church leaflet, were given to dog walkers in the park with of course, dog biscuits for their four-footed friends. These were very much appreciated and a lot of tail-wagging went on (by the dogs!) A big thank you to all who helped on the day.

Forthcoming events organized by the Social & Outreach Group are:
Tues 5 May - Brewery evening at Rebellion, Marlow - Tim Aze, 523862
Sat 9 May - Afternoon Treasure Hunt + High Tea - Frank Hawkins,
565050
Sat 23 May - Afternoon Boat Trip + Tea at Henley – Penny Austin,
529596

Please put your names in the Function Book on the table at the back of the church, or telephone the organizers.

Brian Clark

Mothers' Union

Talking Shop

On 7 April Louise Jones came to speak to us on how she had the concept of opening up a community shop after the village shop closed.

It started with a stamp, Louise and her husband moved to Hughenden Valley for the very reason there was a village shop along with the other amenities, to be able to walk instead of getting the car out, the day she wanted a stamp and realised she would have to get the car out after all, she went home and thought (I can run a shop), so she googled village shop and found (VIRSA) Village Retail Service Association.

The shop is set up and run by residents of the community for the community and is non-profit making, The money comes from grants and fund raising, but it will only succeed by commitment from the residents.

What happened next? A steering committee was formed, and following an initial meeting in July 2007, a household questionnaire was sent out. She had a 24% response, which she was told is quite good in business terms.

Quite a few locations were considered, the best place seemed to be the village hall of which the council approved and preferred by residents as it was close to other amenities. Louise then started more research visiting other villages that had started this scheme, The Lee and also Hyde Heath had a portakabin and now has a permanent shop alongside their village hall. Some concerns were raised by the the Village Hall committee and the next public meeting was in January 2008 , it was a lively meeting with large majority support.

Planning permission was applied for (May 2008). It was going well until the Highways Dept. became concerned about the visibility on leaving the car park. After weeks of negotiation they hoped to start in November but had to go to planning appeal again. Permission was granted, and they then set about recruiting a Manager in March 2009.

The Portakabin has now been delivered and is now in place. The shop is due to open at the end of May, it will trade seven days a week and carry a variety of stock .

The Mission is to establish a village amenity that will create a sense of community and hopefully support a network for the elderly and housebound. No other community shop has failed so far and It has been a roller coaster ride.



We wish Louise and her team every success as they have worked long and hard to get this far. Volunteers will be needed, so please help if you can and in Louise's own words '*watch this space*'.

Sara Badrick

The next Mothers Union Meeting is on 5 May with Primrose Gallimore. Primrose is President M U Oxford Diocese and will be speaking on her trip to Australia. Please NOTE change of time to 7.15pm for 8pm

ALL WELCOME

Tiny Tots Informal Service

3rd Wednesday every month at 1.45 pm
All are welcome at this service in church where we have a story, some songs, toys, tea and squash.
Do come.

The next service is on 20 May

For details contact Nicky Fairbairn on 01494 520359



J C CLUB

SMILES

Football

Football coach: "Men, I want you to remember this if you forget everything else I tell you: football develops individuality, initiative, and leadership. It teaches you about teamwork, but it also teaches you to think and act on your own. Now get out there and do exactly what I tell you!"

Ring

Young man just engaged: "How much is this diamond ring?"

Jeweller: "That is £1,000."

Young man: (whistles) "Well, how about this one over here?"

Jeweller: "That one is two whistles."

Baby –

First friend: "My sister had a new baby this morning."

Second friend: " That's great! A boy or a girl?"

First friend: "Well , of course. What else could it be?"

Dates for your diary – May

3	10.30 am	Creche and all children in church for All-Age service
10	10.30 am	Creche and children to J C Clubs
17	10.30 am	Creche and children to J C Clubs
24	10.30 am	Creche and children to J C Clubs
31	10.30 am	Creche and children to J C Clubs

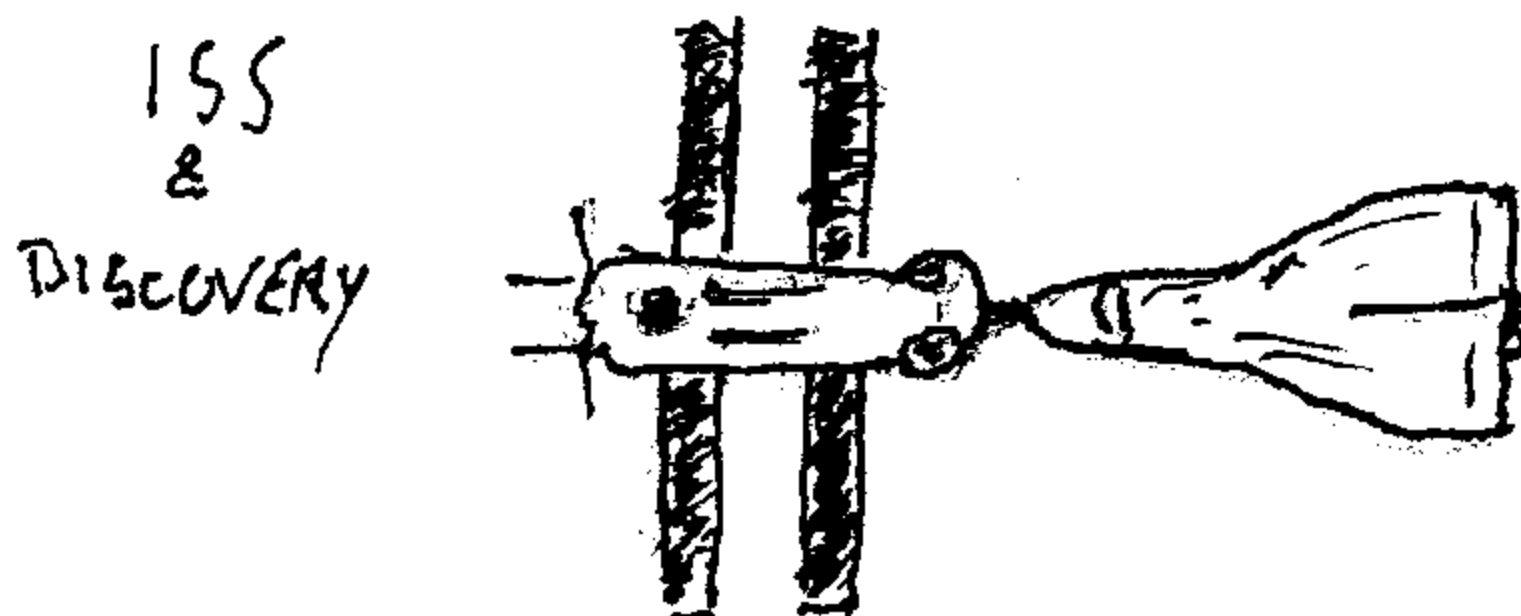
The Wilder Side

April got off to a good start. On 1 April we were up at Hildreds in Prestwood; while in the Garden Centre I noticed a bird perched on the weather vane. Moving closer, I saw it was a Swallow – my first of the year, and the earliest that I have ever seen in these parts. I was glad that the next few days were to be fine for it to recover from its flight from Africa.

March went out on a high also. I have mentioned before my sightings of the International Space Station. I get the predicted appearance times from the www.heavens-above web site for our precise position – magic! On the evening of 27 March the skies were clear and the ISS was due to appear at 18.55 – and it did. It was also due to re-appear at 20.30 (having been round the world in 1 hour and 35 minutes!) – and it did, this time directly overhead, and very bright because this time it had the Space Shuttle docked with it, so it was a dazzling bright target. I got an equally good sighting the next evening as well. If you want to experience it as well, log on to the web site and register (easy) but you will need a position – lat. and long. of 51° 40'N 000° 45'W should be good enough for Hughenden.

Butterflies are appearing: I mentioned Brimstone last month and have since added Small White, Comma, Orange Tip and a Peacock which spends a lot of time on our warm gravel when it is sunny.

The RSPB Annual Garden Bird Survey again shows the House Sparrow in 1st place. We have not had one in the garden for 5 years. I would not want to disparage the identification skills of 500,000 + reporters but the Dunnock is very similar to the House Sparrow. Many gardens seem to have them – we have four, and I just wonder if a lot of House Sparrow reports are, in fact, Dunnocks.



Darrell Hamley

May Recipe

Raspberry or Strawberry American Cheesecake

This is a lovely recipe I learnt many years ago when I was doing a City & Guilds cookery course. Because of this course I began to write more and more cookery articles and even did a whole set of recipe cards for sale through the Chiltern Society. My family particularly enjoyed this special sweet. So as raspberries and strawberries are coming in to season during May you might like to try it too.

Ingredients

8oz cottage cheese
4oz plain flavoured cream cheese
3oz unsalted butter or Lurpack is ok.
6oz crushed digestive biscuits
1 lemon jelly
4 fluid oz hot water
The grated rind of 1 lemon and the juice
2 large egg whites
4 fluid oz double cream
4 oz castor sugar and 2oz extra to sweeten fruit
Punnet of strawberries or raspberries

Method

Take a loose bottomed cake tin about 8 inches wide and 3 inches deep. Grease well and line the bottom with greaseproof paper or parchment paper. Take the digestive biscuits, place in a bag, and roll over with a rolling pin until evenly crumbled. Melt the butter in a saucepan and stir in the biscuit crumbs. Press this into the cake tin and leave to cool to set as a firm base.

Place 4 fluid oz of water into a saucepan or a glass bowl and break up the lemon jelly and melt it either in a microwave or in a pan on top of the stove. Stir well to make sure it dissolves. Grate the lemon peel and squeeze the juice and add to the jelly. Leave to cool but not set.

If you have a Mouli mix or other thing for mixing and blending, place the cottage cheese and cream cheese in it. Whip the double cream

lightly and add to the cheeses then blend them thoroughly with one tablespoon from the castor sugar amount. In a separate large bowl whisk the egg whites until stiff and then whip 3oz of castor sugar in to them. When it is peaking pour the cheese mixture in to this with the cooled jelly and lemon. Fold this thoroughly and pour on to the biscuit base in the tin. This should come up neatly to the top.

I saved just a little of the lemon jelly to put the slice sweetened strawberries or raspberries in, and shook them until they were covered. Then when the mousse topping was set sufficiently I decorated it with the coated fruit. It really is delicious. I made it on the day of writing this and my family will be sampling it for lunch today.



Ann Way

EBENEZER MARKET

in aid of

Ebenezer Children's Centre and Orphanage, Uganda

Saturday 16 May

in

Church House, Hughenden

from 10 am until 4 pm



Garden Plants AND House Plants

Gardening Books

Jams and Chutneys

Cookery Books

Teas, coffees, biscuits and lunch time rolls available all day

Wycombe Arts Festival May 2009

This year we are again presenting an interesting programme of events throughout May in the Wycombe area. The programmes are being printed as I write, and will be widely available – some will be put at the back of the Church. As usual we are looking forward to seeing you at Church House for some interesting evenings.

Those of you who saw Peggy Chamberlen's moving performance last year should enjoy 'A Haunting Obsession', an evening of ghost stories on 6 May (8 pm) performed by Peggy and Gwilym Scourfield. Sarah Percival tells 'A Love Song to St Francis' on 27 May at 8 pm, and promises her storytelling tribute to this popular saint will be accompanied by violin and birdsong!

On 12 May at 7.30 pm John Laker will be talking about 'The Archaeology within the Wycombe District'.

Last, but not least, Annie Hill, Phil Madelin, Ursula Morris and Ronald Swains will present 'A Wordy Gurdy' on 28 May at 8 pm. What is a 'Wordy Gurdy'? Well, they promise 'a whirl of words, wise, winsome, wicked and witty.... And some from Wycombe'! So, why not come along and find out.

Details of all the above and much more (music, dancing, talks, walks, children's events, film, exhibitions and town centre fun) can be found in the brochure and on the website: <http://www.wycombeartsfestival.org> Our committee work hard all year round to make sure that there is plenty to do locally during our festival month of May. We try to ensure that we cater for as many interests as possible and are always keen to involve all sections of the community – if you would be interested in helping, we would love to welcome you aboard!

News from 'Christians in the Community'

Next regular meeting of 'Christians in the Community' will be Tuesday 5 May at 8 pm at The Father's House, Naphill.

More from him in Zim(babwe)

On 3 March, state schools re-opened. Few teachers re-opened. In fear of non-conformity, we have deemed it wise to join with other, more accepted Church Schools. To this end, we take our kids and their breakfast to Sakubua, where lessons commence around 9.30am.

Some of my kids don't always attend school every day. In the UK it would probably be truancy, but here it's because they are orphans who are having to be mother, father and oldest sibling, so they miss school when they are having to search for food.

I teach two groups – 12/13 and 14/15/16 who are being prepared for 'O' levels. A meal of mealie mash and vegetables arrives at 1 or 1.30 pm.

The afternoon offers other activities, such as Music and Dance. If I'm not involved in the afternoon activities, I mark, prepare and plan.

My lads are finding Rugby football a bit difficult to grasp! I cannot simply explain that the laws defy most adult Welshmen too!!

However, I did attend a recent Zim Eisteddfod (yes, really!) for our school kids. (I'm now convinced that Rhodes had 'proper' connections.) To this end, I have asked Dad to send me a copy of "and death shall have no dominion" – the blessed Dylan – to be recited in concert at Easter.

Yesterday (Good Friday) I joined an Anglican procession which, although conducted in the local African language, had the most wonderful singing. I was following the third fall when I was approached by an African priest. He said he had heard that my name was Simon and therefore, by I should follow the tradition of my namesake, and I must carry the cross. So, tradition was upheld. We were followed by many women in scarves and wearing badges – yes, the MU of course!

My visa expires in two months, and I must then return to the UK.

Love, Simon

A 'Soup'çon of Thanks.....

"Come and have a look at this – see what you think." Fairly mundane words, yes? You'd have thought so. But as Jane and I strolled over to see what Mum had discovered this time, we were blissfully unaware of the months of work ahead.

£500 to give a community in India something that runs out of a tap, on command, for us round here. I guess it's a small amount really. What is it? About the price of a new sofa? A couple of games consoles for children to play with for a few months before moving on to their next obsession? Yet for others, it could mean life. As we sat in the dining room at home discussing potential fund-raising ideas and mulling over whether it was a good idea at all, we worried whether we could raise that much. All things considered though, if we could only raise half the funds needed it could help in some way. That decided, we began talking ideas and logistics. I think it was Mum who finally hit on the idea of selling soups to the "masses". "It's winter, dog-walkers and hikers will be cold. They might welcome some hot soup and a roll with a mug of tea after!"

And so Church 'Winter Warmers' were resurrected.....

Weekend 1 – 11.30 am. "Come on, let's get a move on!" Out of the house the intrepid three ventured, laden down with our home-made soup, ladles, pans, pots, home-made rolls courtesy of Dave Smit, Master baker, butter, kitchen sink, conveyor belt (cuddly toy? – no not really) – the works! Off we trotted to Church House and slap bang into our first problem. An electric hob! Now, those of you used to such 'delightful' contraptions will be well aware of the need to set them on a high heat and then turn them down. We, however, live in a house with a gas cooker. Cue Arthur for a crash course on hob-driving.

11.45 am.

Tables?

Check.

Napkins with spoons and knives?

Check.

Rolls in hot cupboard? Check.

Soup bowls and soup....? Still cold!!! This being the middle of winter the bowls were like ice, and sadly (due to our inexperience in heating up



large quantities) so was the soup! Disaster! Mum did what only mums can do in these situations and started to panic (sorry mum, but you did) and it was left to Jane and me to conjure up solution No.1 – hot water. Once enough bowls had been baptised (and as the clock inched ever closer to midday) we decided we were ready...ish.

11.55 am. Most of the soups are still not close to being hot enough. You never know though, people might not turn up.

12.00 noon. Doors open to.... well not exactly a torrent of people but we did have to turn away our first customers (luckily church folk – you're very understanding) for ten minutes to solve the cold soup problem. Then for the rest of the afternoon we fought ongoing battles with temperatures, presentation, and sheer numbers of orders. And there was lunchtime, and there was evening. The first winter warmer.

Generally, we concluded that it hadn't gone badly. Our guess as to how much soup we



needed had been surprisingly accurate! So we decided to publicise a little more and continue as we had started, bar a few minor alterations. At least one of us would stay after coffee and begin to heat the soups early. This would then hopefully beat the problems encountered with the noon rush. This time, we were prepared for every eventuality.

The trouble with publicity, we soon discovered, is that every now and then it actually works, so by 1.30 on the second session we were looking at the ten or so portions of soup left, and wondering what to do. Cue, once more, our knight in shining (no, really!) armour. A H Johnson to the rescue!!! Within twenty minutes of our cry for assistance, twelve portions of mushroom soup had found their way into the kitchen. Nothing, short of natural disaster, could stop us now. We were sorted. And there was lunchtime, and there was evening. The second winter warmer.

Supported by the fruits of friends' kitchens we were souped-up and ready to go. Our next winter warmer passed fairly uneventfully, as did the next – and suddenly, we were

done. Or were we? "One more!" the masses cried. "Oh, go on then" we replied, and set about asking all and sundry to help make soup. So many, in fact, that we promptly forgot who we had asked. There was much debate about how to approach the problem. Should we issue a notice asking soup-makers to let us know what flavour soup they would be making? That would give us an idea of *who* was making soup. In the end we felt that was far too clever for us, so we came clean!

The last ever(?) winter-come-spring warmer proved popular. Very, very popular. We lost count of how many soups we served that Sunday, but certainly got through all our homemade bread (and we thought we'd over-catered). I couldn't stay to the end of the session, but arrived home later

that day to be told we'd raised over £300 in one afternoon. The response of Hughenden church members, families, friends, hikers, dog-walkers and passers-by has been truly fantastic. The offers of soup, corn bread, help, cakes for our cake sales and just pure support by turning up and buying and eating the goods have all helped our pipedream become reality. Now, despite none of us wanting to see soup or cake again for some time to come we can look back on everyone's hard work with pride. Pride, and enough money for **three** wells to be sunk.

So, to everyone who helped us make Winter Warmers such a success, a huge 'thank you' from me and the rest of my family.

John Smit

Valley Wives

At our April meeting Valley Wives were treated to a hugely interesting and educational 'walk' along the entire 87 mile length of The Ridgeway. Mr John Tyler guided us from Ivinghoe Beacon, passing close to home, and onto Avebury and the White Horse of Uffington. The route being 5000 – even perhaps 10,000 - years old in parts, reveals many historical facts about local farming and the way people lived. Using only antlers as picks and oxen shoulder blades as

shovels, our ancestors built longbarrows to bury their dead and hill forts to protect themselves. We were also reminded of some of the lovely rare plants, like the Monkey Orchid, which blossomed in the chalky soil then and still does today. Over coffee and biscuits we were invited to handle some of the flint tools found along The Ridgeway. As this was an open meeting we were pleased to welcome several husbands and friends.

Also recently wives have enjoyed trying out bowling at The Eden Centre and a theatre trip (with shopping!!) to Windsor.

Our next meeting is on Friday 1 May when the subject is "My Great Aunt's Birthday Book" (8 pm, Village Hall). Our evening local ramble is on Wednesday 20 May (meeting 7 pm in Village Car Park).

Susan Mahony

Good Companions

Our April meeting began on a joyous note with a presentation to member Lily Hughes to mark her forthcoming diamond wedding anniversary. Our congratulations and best wishes to Lily and husband Ken on this noteworthy event.



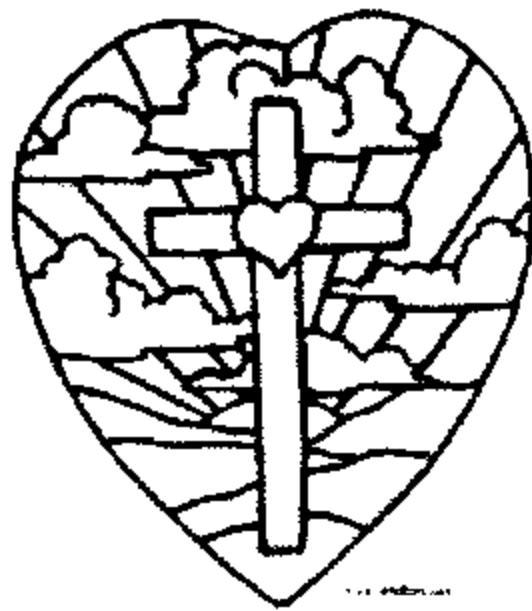
Entertainment was provided by Jean Turner, Rita Ashby and Christine Fenton, members of Cookham handbell ringers. In a tuneful and melodious programme they demonstrated their skill and dexterity, reminding us of several old favourites. The group by their performances support the Oxford based Helen and Douglas Hosue hospices for children and young adults for which they have raised substantial sums and members present gave their return visit to us an enthusiastic reception.

As I write we look forward to our lunch outing taking place on 21 April at The Pink and Lily.

Michael Harris

A Strange Little Easter Happening

On Maundy Thursday in the morning I went to the church to take a few Easter Cards and leave them on the table. As I approached the path leading up to the church I heard a lovely sound of the choir singing. 'Oh' I thought to myself, they must be having a morning service, or perhaps a choir practice. I went up and opened the door quietly, expecting to see some people. Not a soul was in the main body of the church. 'How odd' I mused, there must be someone with a CD or music centre playing somewhere. I looked in the corner by the bell loft – nothing and no one there. Still silence every where, I then looked around in the area where the three crosses were placed, on our Garden of Gethsename – nobody there either and no sound coming form the North Room, with the door firmly shut. What was this strange happening? I believe it was a small Easter miracle letting me sense the singing of all Gods' choristers over the years past.



I sat for a while and prayed for us all in this church we all love so much, thanking God for all the loving and caring we feel in this - His House.

Ann Way

Friendship Morning

This is a get together in Church House, on the 3rd 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. The next meeting is on Thursday 21 May. Please contact me if you think this is for you.

Judith Camplisson
HW 565108

Give us a sign Lord!

Signs outside churches that have tickled believers and non-believers nationwide:

'There are some questions that can't be answered by Google'

'As you pass this little church, be sure to plan a visit, so when at last you're carried in, God won't ask "who is it?"'

'Let us help you study for your final exams'

'Now open Sundays!'

'Almost 2000 years old and still under the maker's guarantee'

Floodlighting Dedications

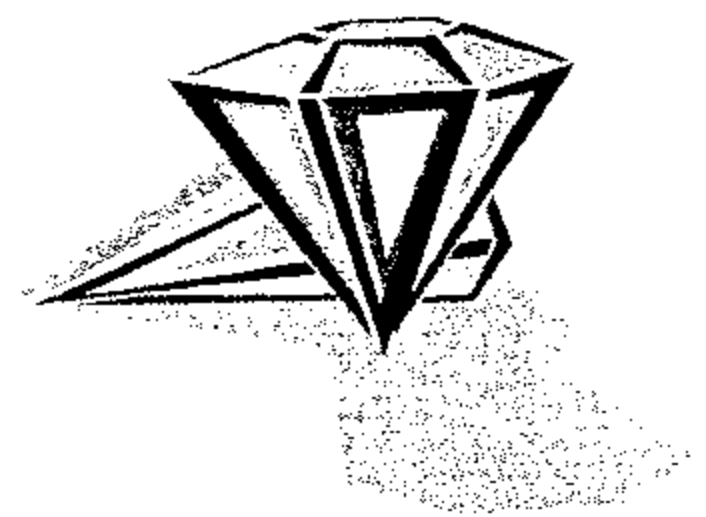
Floodlighting dedications received too late to go into the April magazine were for:

19-25 April Stan Cole and family were remembering with much love June, particularly on 22 April, her fourth anniversary.

Dedications for May are for:

17 – 23 May Jo and Darrell Hamley are giving thanks for 60 years of marriage which they celebrate on 21 May.

17 – 23 May Christopher and Jane Tyrer are celebrating Christopher's 65th birthday on 22 May.



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

Lin Smit

From the Parish Registers

The Departed:

Alfred Percy Stone	(aged 81)
Robert Dancer	(aged 75)
Jack Bailey	(aged 90)

Coffee Rota (after the 10.30 am service)

May 3	Lyn Watterston / Penny Austin
10	Penny Austin / Diana Gibbons
17	Diana Gibbons / Marieke Forster
24	Marieke Forster / Rita Pulley
31	Rita Pulley / Norma Clarke



Creche Rota

May 3	Heather Morley / Shirley Brown / Claire Toller
10	Elaine Morley / Pam Felix / Angela Aze
17	Vicki Mitchell / Ann Long / Lucy Rippon
24	Sylvia Clark / Eleanor Telling / Zoe Stamp
31	Peter Toller / Amanda Janes / Debbie O'Brien

Flower Rota

May	3	-
	10	-
	17	Rose Seymour
	24	Jean Godfrey
	31	Pentecost – All helpers please.



Church Calendar for May with Service Details

Fri 1		Philip and James, Apostles
	7.30 am	Morning Prayer: Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion: Church
Sat 2	7.30 am	Morning Prayer: Church
Sun 3		Fourth Sunday of Easter
	8.00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.00 am	Sung Communion
	10.30 am	All Age Family Service
	6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Mon 4	7.30 am	Morning Prayer: Church
	10.15 am	Ladies' Daytime Fellowship and Bible Study
Tue 5	7.45 am	Morning Prayer: Church
	1.00 pm	Art Fellowship: Church House.
	7.15 pm	Mothers' Union: Primrose Gallimore "Australia Visit" – please note earlier start time.
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice: Belltower
	7.30 pm	Social evening at Rebellion Brewery, Marlow Bottom
Wed 6	7.30 am	Morning Prayer: Church
	7.45 pm	Choir Practice: Church
		Wycombe Arts Festival: Church House
Thu 7	7.45 am	Morning Prayer: Church
Fri 8	7.30 am	Morning Prayer: Church
Sat 9	7.30 am	Morning Prayer: Church
		Family Treasure Hunt and High Tea
Sun 10		Fifth Sunday of Easter
	8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
	9.00 am	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.30 am	Family Communion with JC club
	6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Mon 11	7.30 am	Morning Prayer: Church
	10.15 am	Ladies' Daytime Fellowship and Bible Study
Tue 12	7.45 am	Morning Prayer: Church
	1.00 pm	Art Fellowship: Church House.
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice: Belltower
		Wycombe Arts Festival: Church House - Archeological talk
Wed 13	7.30 am	Morning Prayer: Church
	7.45 pm	Choir Practice: Church
Thu 14		Matthias the Apostle
	7.45 am	Morning Prayer: Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion: Church
Fri 15	7.30 am	Morning Prayer: Church
Sat 16	7.30 am	Morning Prayer: Church
	10.00-4.00pm	Sale of plants and preserves in aid of Ebenezer Childrens' Centre
Sun 17		Sixth Sunday of Easter
	8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
	9.00 am	Sung Communion

	10.30 am	Informal Family Service
	6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Mon 18	7.30 am	Morning Prayer: Church
	10.15 am	Ladies' Daytime Fellowship and Bible Study
Tue 19	7.45 am	Morning Prayer: Church
	1.00 pm	Art Fellowship: Church House.
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice: Belltower
Wed 20	7.30 am	Morning Prayer: Church
	1.45 pm	Tiny Tots' Service: Church
	7.45 pm	Choir Practice: Church
Thu 21		ASCENSION DAY
	7.45 am	Morning Prayer: Church
	10.30 am	Friendship Morning: Church House
	8.00 pm	Sung Eucharist - followed by wine and nibbles
Fri 22	7.30 am	Morning Prayer: Church
Sat 23	7.30 am	Morning Prayer: Church
	2.00 pm	Wedding: Sarah Favill and Tom Godfrey
		Afternoon Boat trip and tea at Henley
Sun 24		Seventh Sunday of Easter
	8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
	9.00 am	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.30 am	Family Communion with JC club
	6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Mon 25	7.30 am	Morning Prayer: Church
	10.15 am	Ladies' Daytime Fellowship and Bible Study
Tue 26	7.45 am	Morning Prayer: Church
	1.00 pm	Art Fellowship: Church House.
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice: Belltower
Wed 27	7.30 am	Morning Prayer: Church
	7.30 pm	Wycombe Arts Festival: Church House
	7.45 pm	Choir Practice: Church
Thu 28	7.45 am	Morning Prayer: Church
	7.30 pm	Wycombe Arts Festival: Church House
Fri 29	7.30 am	Morning Prayer: Church
Sat 30	7.30 am	Morning Prayer: Church
Sun 31		Pentecost (Whit Sunday)
	8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
	10.00 am	Combined Communion Service followed by shared lunch
	6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)

Meetings and Organisations

Housegroups	Weekdays – see weekly notices sheet for details
CYFA (School Years 10+)	8.00 pm Alternate Fridays – please phone Mike Dean (463376) for details.

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To enable all to follow Jesus Christ

*Grant us, Lord,
faith to believe
and strength to do Thy will.*

Amen.