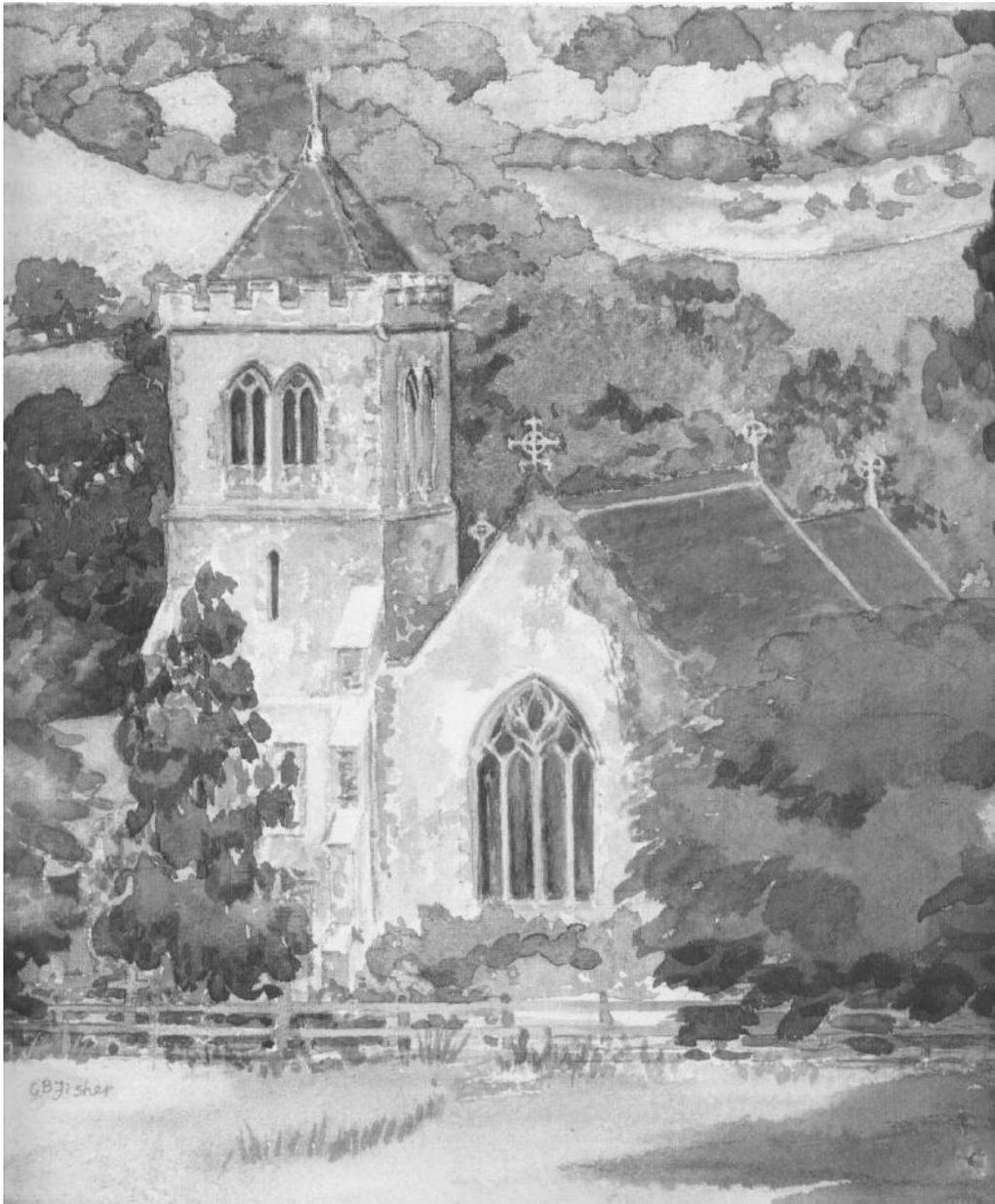


Outlook

Hughenden Parish Magazine
St Michael and All Angels



March 2010

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,

There are two special events we celebrate this month. On Sunday 14 March it is Mothering Sunday and on Sunday 28 March it is Palm Sunday. Both celebrations, but both very different!



In John 19, 26-27, we read that Jesus when he saw his mother Mary and his beloved disciple John as he hung on the cross, called out to his mother “Dear woman here is your son”, and to John “Here is your mother”. Even while dying Jesus was concerned about his mother, and instructed John to care for her.

Our mothers and indeed our families are precious gifts from God and Jesus’s example to us all is that we should value and care for them.

Again in John (12, 12-15), we read about Jesus’s entry into Jerusalem on a Donkey, hailed as a king by the crowds. On Palm Sunday we celebrate this triumphal occasion, as we prepare for Holy Week and reflect on the events that led to Jesus dying on the cross and rising again. Leading us into yet another celebration, Easter!



I hope you enjoy this edition of Outlook, and just to let you know following last month’s editorial, I have lovely snowdrops and a few spring flowers in my garden!

Helen Byrne, Editor

From the Vicarage March 2010

I hope that all who came to the Living Faith 'at home day' found it as good as I did. It was great to have Martin Cavender with us, and everyone I talked to found him inspirational, challenging and uplifting, more about what he said below.

I do confess that when I went to bed on the Saturday night I found it very difficult getting to sleep, as in my mind's eye I saw an endless scroll, a huge list of all the things that 'we ought to be doing'. However I have done enough of these days to know that the ideas in breakout 'brainstorming' sessions like a good sauce need a lengthy process of reduction! 54 new ideas (or however many it might be, I haven't yet counted) however great they are cannot all come to fruition.



In truth if we only adopt one or two new ideas that will take us forward in our mission and do them well then that is a job well done. I took to heart Martin's advice on the Sunday that we should now pause and pray for a way forward. The next step is

for the leadership team and the PCC to look at the information we have gathered and see if a pattern emerges. For myself, though this may be a little premature, two words stood out.

The first word was *prayer*. It seems that a good number of people would like some help to develop in their prayer life, and ways of praying, in other words 'sustaining the sacred center'. It seems to me that there are things we could do about that, for instance running a further event, or series of events to equip people in the disciplines of prayer. I have already run a 'saints at prayer' course, which helps people to pray in groups, but I think more might be needed. It is all very well to encourage people to pray, but if they don't have the necessary tools to help them to do so then it is wasted advice.

The second word was *community*. I want to be careful here. It is very easy for a church to habitually beat itself up for 'not doing enough in the community'. The questions I would ask are; 'what is the community?' and 'who are the Church?' Community is an

elusive concept, does it mean the local village? Does it mean the street where we live? Does it mean the place where we work?, the school or college we go to? Does it mean the clubs we belong to? It could mean our home life and families. I love the story of a woman who had twelve children saying to her pastor "God has called me to a ministry of preaching," to which his reply was "I'm so pleased, I'm also pleased that he has given you a ready made congregation to preach to!" I know what people mean when they say "the church must get out into the community more", but then I think of many people who are doing just that, they are involved with all sorts of thing 'out in the community'. If these people are followers of Jesus, then they *are* the church getting out into the community. I don't suggest that there is not more that we could be creatively doing and I certainly believe that the Church needs to examine itself and what it does in the light of it's mission to take the good news of Jesus out. However, lets not play down all the good things that



are already happening, often by individuals who in simple unobtrusive ways are putting their faith into action by serving those around them.

On the Saturday workshop

Martin gave us three basic principles, which he believed God wants us to hear. These are not so much about how we must be running around 'doing' as much as what we are

called to 'be'. Martin calls these the ABC of the Church.

First A, ***we are called to be***

Aware, be educated as followers of Jesus and about the world around us. He gave a brilliant description (although I cannot remember who he was quoting) 'The Church is a body of people who present living proof of the love of God to a watching world'. I love that, it is such a rich and glorious vision, so much more than the way we habitually identify ourselves as belonging to the 8.00am 9.00am or 10.30am services!

Secondly B, ***we need to know ourselves, whoever we are, and however we like to do things, as***

the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12) **and the Bride of Christ** (Rev 21:12). Martin gave us of the lovely picture of the church as the expectant bride running to Christ the bridegroom. Again this transcends the way we like to do things and leads us to our common identity as belonging to Christ.

Thirdly C, **we are called to be a Community of self sacrifice.**

We were reminded that church comes from the Greek 'ecclesia' which means 'called out', and parish comes from the Greek 'paroikos' which means 'resident aliens'. In other words there is something distinctive about the Christian community, which when it is seeking to be what God calls it to be will be unlike any other kind of

community. We were challenged to see this distinctiveness in John 6:68 (I actually mentioned this passage in my last letter) when Peter says to Jesus "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life". Martin asked whether we actually believe this? Is the church, is St Michaels a church, which believes that Jesus alone has the words of eternal life, and that we are called to be a community of self sacrifice as we seek to enable others to come to know this glorious truth for themselves?

So, much to think and pray about, which is exactly what the leadership team will be doing in the weeks and months ahead.

**Simon Cronk
Vicar**

Friendship Morning

This is a get together in Church House, on the 3rd Thursday each month at 10.30am. 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 18 March. Please contact me if you think this is for you.

Judith Camplisson HW 565108

The Lectionary – March 2010

		Readers		
	8am	9am	10.30am	
7th	Third Sunday of Lent Isaiah 55, 1-9 1 Corinthians 10, 1-13 Luke 13, 1-9	P Hynard A Johnson Celebrant	C Tyrer R Gee Celebrant	H Byrne
	Evensong: Psalms 12, 13 Genesis 28, 10-19a John 1, 35-51			
14th	Fourth Sunday of Lent Joshua 5, 9-12 2 Corinthians 5, 16-21 Luke 15, 1-3 & 11b – 32	A Stacey C Cruts Celebrant	L Stallwood S Brice	C Toller P Toller Celebrant
	Psalm at 9am: 32			
	No Evensong: Come Close at 6pm			
21st	Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday) Isaiah 43, 16-21 Philippians 3, 4b-14 John 12, 1-8	J Wilson J Kendell Celebrant	S Badrick J Cornwall Celebrant	Informal Service
	Evensong: Psalm 35 2 Chronicles 35, 1-6 & 10-16 Luke 22, 1-13			
28th	Palm Sunday (all morning services are of Holy Communion) Isaiah 50, 4-9a Philippians 2, 5-11 Luke 23, 1-49	A Jaycock V Stattersfield Celebrant	D Hamley K Moxham Celebrant	Celebrant
	The 9am service starts in the MU garden, weather permitting			
	Evensong: Psalm 69, 1-19 Isaiah 5, 1-7 Luke 20, 9-19			

Readers for the Holy Week and Easter Services are invited to offer themselves specifically, or tell me which of the 9+ services they will be at.

Arthur Johnson

The challenge of translating

Regular readers of *Outlook* may remember that in one of my editorials I mentioned that I had read about the problems faced by Wycliffe Bible translators when trying to translate parts of the bible into a language which has no specific words for 'love' and 'thank you.' I said I would ask Joan Wardell how this problem had been overcome. Her investigations led to the following reply. (Names have been changed to protect confidentiality.)

Geraldine Geers

We have not yet totally resolved the issue concerning these two phrases ("love" and "thank you"). It is not an easy issue. The Bunong generally do not see a need to express in words that one loves one's spouse or children. If pressed as to how they say they love their family, they will use a word for "want/desire/need" or will use the national language word (not a Bunong word).

Now the Bunong church here would use a word they have learnt to use only when they became Christians. We have challenged the church to see that there will be difficulties in evangelism if they use a word that nobody understands!
And that word is central to the gospel.

Concerning "thank you", they have put together two words that mean, "say good". So we started using that amongst our Bunong brethren and introduce that to our Bunong friends who are not yet Christians. It is VERY strange to our Bunong friends who are not Christians, but some who are close to us have started to grasp hold of that concept. But our Bunong brethren are fine because they NEED to use something to thank our great and mighty God!!

The word "faith" is now our greatest challenge. So please ask your friends to be praying for us.

In our Lord Jesus,

Anna and Bob



Lighthouse 2010

This year the Lighthouse week is scheduled for the 26 to 30 July.



Lighthouse is a Christian based summer holiday week for all children from age 4 to 11 of all faiths and is located at Hazlemere and the Royal Grammar School for our area.

Lighthouse began at Great Missenden 23 years ago, and numbers wishing to attend grew so fast that a Lighthouse Hazlemere was started in 2000 at the Sir William Ramsay School and since then further sites have opened up in Princes Risborough, Burnham and Marlow. Last year at the Hazlemere and RGS sites some 1500 children were present. During the evenings events are arranged for the older children and teenagers, many of which are organised and run by the youngsters themselves, with adult supervision.

We urgently need extra adult help in many disciplines, because the numbers are ever growing and there has to be a ratio of adults to youngsters. So with the Bishops initiative in mind and our new visions of community engagement, could you please consider sparing a few hours during that week to help and sustain this wonderful enterprise.

Next month I will provide a list of needs for this years Lighthouse, and if you should wish to find out more, there is a set of very good web sites under the general heading of www.lighthouseadmin.org Have a look at it!

Our vision for children is to meet with Jesus and come know him. This is our primary aim, but it is also mixed with a week of fun and games to provide a lasting friendships.

If there is any thing you would like to ask or know, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ann McCarthy
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A letter to Hughenden Church from Margaret Taylor (daughter of Denis Powell)

Hughenden has given us yearly support for many years, so I thought in saying thank you, I'd say a little bit about ourselves, as many of you will not know who we are.

I was part of the congregation from about 14 years old, until I married Frank (in Hughenden church) and left for Botswana in 1968. My parents attended the church until my mother, Leo Powell, died in December, 2004, and my father Denis Powell, left to live in Leicester in August 2007.

At home in Botswana, Frank has always been involved in rural industrial and horticultural development, and I've been involved in the daily tasks of bringing up our children, then teaching, and now interacting with the community in lots of ways, as well as painting.

Botswana has developed enormously in the 40+ years we've lived there, from being very rural and poor before Independence in 1966, to being a mixed developing and successful country now. But there are always people who fall through the net and your gifts have enabled me to pay school fees and other educational expenses for folk who would not otherwise have managed. Recently Frank started a new project, products of a dried indigenous fruit - morula. He's been able to employ 10 to 12 people for the last three years, and two Christmas's ago some of your gift went to necessary upgrading expenses to make it possible to keep everybody employed. Though legally Frank's business, in fact it is run for all the employees' benefit, and any profit made at present goes into improvements. It was very helpful to have your help that year.

The other project you have helped with has been our feeding scheme for Zimbabweans resident in Botswana. At some point two years ago there were over 100 Zimbabweans just in our village receiving food parcels each week. Thankfully that has now reduced to a small handful of people who really have no other source of income, which expense is met by local donations in Botswana.

So thank you all so much for all your support and prayer over the years. I feel that it now time that your support goes to someone whom you in the Hughenden congregation know. We know how caring you've been, and will rejoice in other people and projects receiving that care. Thank you all very much and with our prayer for your involvements and your congregation.

Margaret Taylor

Margaret sent me this recently in reply to an email. Geraldine Geers

Holiday Chalet (Sleeps four)

If you fancy a break in Wales our chalet near Aberdovey is available for renting. It provides an excellent base for walking, bird watching and exploring historic sites, and the views of the Dovey estuary, mountains and sea are stunning. Rent varies from £150 to £320 per week or £110 to £170 for a three-night break. For responses to this notice I shall give 20% of the rental to the church. Ring me for photos and further information:

Irene Cretchley (01494 562963; cretchley4sa@btinternet.com)

**TRASH AND TREASURE SALE
HUGHENDEN VILLAGE HALL
Saturday 13 March
10.30 to 2.30
In Aid of
The Ebenezer Children's Centre
in Uganda**

Passionate about Parenting?

Anyone can volunteer to train as a Facilitator of a Parenting Group. You are urgently needed and the M.U. Parenting Programme provides excellent training to gain accreditation to do this valuable work. Obtaining the accreditation is very satisfying and can be a useful addition to a C.V. but learners can also use credits gained from the course on their route to further study.

To gain accreditation a Facilitator has to attend a training course, write up in a journal what they have learned, set up and lead a parenting group, and produce a 'portfolio of evidence' illustrating how they have applied their training to facilitate the group. All Learners are offered ongoing support by their trainer and parenting co-ordinator.

One of the special aspects of the programme is the fun and enjoyable way people are taught skills through a participatory approach. Please contact me for further information.

Joan Steel Tel: 01494 562648, joan@steel33.plus.com

P.S. A Parenting Group is planned to commence in September. Please ring the above number early if you are interested.

"The best laid schemes....."

Our personal scheme for the week beginning 17 January was to make our annual New Year's visit to family and friends in North Wales. A combination of atrocious weather in Rhuddlan and our central heating collapsing led us to postpone our arrangements.

And weren't we fortunate, as it meant that we were able to join in the Burns Night Supper arranged by the social committee in Church House.

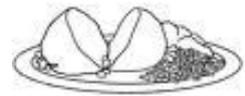
We arrived at the car park on a dry but frosty night to hear the sound of the pipes in the distance. To begin with we thought it was coming from a recording but no, a brave piper(ette) was standing



outside playing a musical welcome to the gathering. I have subsequently learnt that this lady, Mignon French, is a friend of Frank and Diana Hawkins and had come from Milton Keynes to entertain us with her playing. Thank you, Mignon.

Soon all the guests were assembled indoors, given a "wee dram" and time to admire the decorating of the dining room. Such thought and care had gone into the preparation of our surrounding in order to mark the Scottish theme.

Our soup of cock-a-leekie was followed by the piping in of the haggis. Our Master of Ceremonies, Frank, then addressed it before plunging in what looked like a dirk, and another wee dram toasted firstly the piper and then the haggis itself. Served with tatties and neeps everyone then tucked into their main courses. After a short pause for digestion cranochie was served as dessert, followed by yes, another wee dram for those who wished to continue the festivities.



The gentlemen toasted the ladies, the ladies responded, the Fairbairn trio entertained us with both Scottish musical airs and then encouraged us to sing some equally Scottish ballads. "To a mouse" was recited, verse by verse, in a variety of accents which I doubt Burns would have recognised, particularly Simon's Somerset rendition and a quiz rounded off the evening along with "Auld lang syne".

A lot of hard work had been put in by a few people to make the evening such a resounding success and we would like to thank the social committee for such an entertaining event. To quote Burns himself, "The mirth and fun grew fast and furious", (Tam o'Shanter) so please, can we have another one next year?



Judy Wilson

THE WILDER SIDE

I am writing on the eve of St. Valentine's Day with a temperature of + 2°C and overcast with sleet falling in a northerly wind. So it is still winter for another 14 days, but the snowdrops are out, and our resident Robins are getting together again; this morning they were on opposite sides of the seed feeder – very friendly. I will optimistically forecast that there will be no more substantial snowfalls, as we have belatedly bought a snow shovel, which we lacked when we needed it!

I carried out the annual RSPB Garden Birdwatch at the end of January and had our best count to date – 14 species. It was a depressing start with only 4 birds in 25 minutes! Then it all came to life with a swarm of titmice, Great, Blue, Coal and about 8 Long-tailed. Three species which I do not regard as 'regulars' boosted the total – Wren, Song Thrush and Jackdaw, and our resident female Great Spotted Woodpecker put in a late appearance. Can any other GBW beat that?



It is good to see the stream flowing strongly again, with Mallards and Moorhens enjoying its revival.

Here is a piece of information that I came across recently: 10 centimetres of snow is the equivalent to 1 centimetre of rain, so our recorded 20 centimetres of snow mentioned last month is less than an inch of rain as 24 millimetres equals one inch. That bit of knowledge might come in handy when playing 'Trivial Pursuits'!

Darrell Hamley

And it snowed on St Valentine's Day!



What has been happening recently in the JC Club?

Church House

During January JC Club learnt about Paul's journeys to spread the good news about Jesus, from Acts 13, 14 and 16.

We used a marching song, marching to different parts of the room (where we had the various place names printed out), an actions game using the compass points, and we used a map with grid references to illustrate Paul and Barnabas's journeys. We also made passports, completed mazes and told a story with people to cut out and then stick together when Paul and Silas meet and connect with people.

The aims of the sessions were to share with the children that: God sends and goes with his people, God helps his people speak bravely for him and God is with his people when they meet together.

Donkey Shed

Our first session in January was one of the 'snowy' days so many people had walked over the fields to church. This was a good introduction to the idea of journeys that we were to look at.

We thought ourselves out of snowy Hughenden into the warmth of the Middle East as we imagined what Paul would be thinking as he set out on his first journey with Barnabus. We drew pictures of the boat they might have used and Jordan even made us an excellent model boat complete with sails and oars.

We read the bible passage to follow their adventures preaching in the synagogues and being alternately welcomed with open arms and stoned out of the villages.

We wrote 'dear diary' entries to record Paul's private thoughts - sore feet, bruises and the excellence or otherwise of the fish suppers he was offered!

We then went on to look at Paul's second journey, this time with Silas. This time the children had to sit in a circle with their eyes closed and imagine a warm tropical beach, coconuts swaying gently in the breeze..... and then a huge rumbling as the buildings in the city behind them fell down due to an earthquake, for this was the week after the Haiti earthquake and we were looking at how an earthquake opened the door to the prison but Paul and Silas did not escape, but used this potentially dreadful experience to bring the gaoler to God.

We used the difficulties that Paul faced to show that people who follow Jesus will have difficult times in their lives, but that if we trust in Jesus he will help us. We created 'Trust Hands' where we drew round our hands then labelled them T - thanks, that God can use us, R - Rely, we can rely on God, U -understand, S - support us, T - Trust. We then added Isaiah 41:13 'i am the Lord your God, I am holding your hand, so don't be afraid, I am here to help you' as the message to take away with us.

Ed's Note: *Thank you to Poppy Laight and Jane Gazzard for these two very descriptive reports of some of the recent stories the children have been hearing about in their Sunday morning sessions.*

All children are welcome to join the JC Club on a Sunday morning during the 10.30am service. Further details can be obtained from any member of the Youth Task Group listed on the inside back page of this magazine.

Dates for your diary - March

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| Sunday 7 March 10.30 am | - Creche and all children in church for Family Service |
| Sunday 14 March 10.30 am, Mothering Sunday | - Creche and children to J C Clubs |
| Sunday 21 March 10.30am | - Creche and children to J C Clubs |
| Sunday 28 March 10.30 am | - Creche and children to J C Clubs |

News from 'Christians in the Community'

At a recent meeting we discussed the year ahead and decided that visiting the sick and needy was a priority together with, of course, the Easter printing of times of services in the local churches. Some of you may not know that the Pastor of the Naphill Free Church Bob Semple is receiving palliative care and that we are all praying for him and his family.

We are going to have a Fellowship Safari on the 20 April starting at Judith Camplisson's house, 9 South Maudlin, Hughenden Valley at 7.30pm. We start off with a coffee or tea and then pray for local or indeed international needs. At 8.15pm we are at Joan Blunden's house at 4 Loaches Lane, Naphill and at 9pm we are going to Howard Atkinson's house which is 1 Heath End Close, Great Kingshill. Please join us for this lovely, lively session at one, two or three venues. Other venues that are being considered are the Naphill Fete and the Hughenden Village Day and of course a united service on the 17 October at Hughenden Church. More details later.

Norma Clarke

The church changes but remains the same!

It's been Synod time again! This poem, printed in the Holy Trinity/Church of the Good Shepherd news-sheet of August 1977, shows that the issues for the Anglican church haven't changed much! For those of you too young to know, "Series Two and Three" were communion liturgies and "A and M" refers to the hymn book "Hymns Ancient and Modern", or, as Ron used irreverently to call it, "Hymns Ancient and even more Ancient"! "1662" is the Book of Common Prayer that we still use for some services. Martin, our recent visitor from Resource, said he thought God would like diversity but hate division: unfortunately, churches seem to find it difficult to hold to one without the other.

Irene Cretchley

1662 AND ALL THAT

*Some like Series Three or Two,
Some like 1662,
Should we utter "ye" or "you",
Or be precise and speak Hebrew?
Some like ritual and incense,
Some like candle-power intense;
Burn just two and save the pence,
None at all may make more sense.
Some in prayer the prayer-mats use
Some prefer to stoop in pews;
Hunch-back spine or house-maid's knees,
With which of these would God be pleased?
Some prefer the organ's roar,
Some find "A and M" a bore;
But should we croak a folksy tune
Perchance to shock our God Triune?
Some prefer an all-male cast:
Let not a female foot go past
The altar-rail, except perhaps
To do the flowers (forgive the lapse).
But come good Christians high and low
The world is watching, have a go!
"Love one another", Jesus said,
If we should fail, our church is dead.*

Ron Cretchley, 1977.

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March Recipe

Barvarian Chocolate Cherry Cake

Delicious especially for an Easter Celebration

Ingredients:

3 eggs

5oz castor sugar

1oz cocoa powder

½ pint double cream

¼ pint whipping cream

1 6oz tin of black cherries (this could be replaced by a tin of cherry pie filling, 340g)

½ oz arrow root

2oz melted butter

chocolate curls for decorating the top of the cake

dessert spoon of cherry brandy in the cream (optional)

You will need a 9 inch cake tin, greased, floured and lined with grease-proof paper.

Method:

Make the sponge by the whisking method. Beat the sugar and the eggs together until a trail is formed by the whisk beaters. Fold in the flour and cocoa powder and trail in the melted butter, folding it in with a figure of eight looping movement. Be careful no to over-do this as it may flatten the consistency of the cake mixture.

Pour this into the prepared tin and cook in a preheated oven at 375°F or 190°C or gas mark 5. If you have a fan oven, check what your oven manual cookery book's instructions are for whisked sponges.

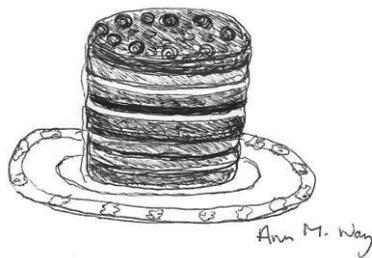
Cook for approximately 30 minutes until a light finger press leaves no indentation.

Turn the cake on to a wire rack and cool. Once cooled, cut the cake in to three layers.

Whip the cream together and add the cherry brandy if using. Stone the cherries if needed and thicken the juice made up to one gill with a little water, with the arrowroot. Stir in the cherries, saving a few for decoration.

If you are using black cherry pie filling, it is best to take some dark glacé cherries instead, as the pie filling doesn't have so much fruit in it.

Spread the whipped cream on the bottom layer, cherry filling on the second layer and cream on the top layer. Pipe any remaining cream



around the edge and decorate with cherries and chocolate curls. If you can't find these in the shops you can make your own by melting good quality dark chocolate in a bowl over a saucepan of simmering water. When melted, beat it well and spread in onto a laminated

surface. When cool scrape off in rolls with a palette knife.

After so many of us have given up chocolate for Lent, I felt it was appropriate to do a really nice chocolate cake to celebrate Easter. This is a beauty and I have often cooked it for really special occasions. I hope you enjoy it as much as my family do.

Ann Way

To make you smile.....

Palm Sunday

It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, eight-year-old James stayed home from church with a neighbour. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. James asked them what they were for.

"People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," his father told him.

"Wouldn't you know it," Johnny fumed, "the one Sunday I don't go, and he shows up."

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT FOREVER!

When Brenda Gooding left the Parish for the sunnier climes of Wales(!) I inherited her role as point of contact for Fairtrade. I confess, here and now, that apart from suffering pangs of conscience every time I walk past the Fairtrade section in a supermarket, I haven't really been anything like an ambassador in our church to further the cause of Fairtrade.

Don't ask me why I've suddenly decided to pick up the Fairtrade scales of justice because I couldn't tell you. Probably it was a combination of circumstances, but whatever – here I am to remind you that St Michael's is a Fairtrade Church, and, as members of it, we should all be trying to work towards fairer trading for all.

This year, Fairtrade Fortnight started on 22 February and our Mothers' Union did their bit to highlight Fairtrade Fortnight by having a Big Brew in Church House.

The Fairtrade Foundation's theme this year is Swaps. They are hoping to get at least one million of us to swap one thing we buy for a Fairtraded product. I sent away for the resource pack and I hope you will have seen at least some of the publicity around the church. Most of us will be aware of Fairtrade tea, coffee and bananas, but as more and more goods are appearing carrying the Fairtrade logo we none of us should be able to say we can't get Fairtrade goods. We can now buy clothing in local stores where the fibres have come from Fairtrade sources. We can buy flowers, chocolate (and with Easter coming up, read the short item on Page 3 of February's The Door), and if you use farmers' markets and local suppliers, that, too, is supporting Fairtrade.

Just speak to any farmer who has had the misfortune to be held to ransom by one of the big supermarket chains. These are people who have had the benefits of education and living in a Western society where they are normally able to stand up for themselves. They perhaps are the nearest to being able to understand what life is like for the Third World producers, many of whom are trapped by lack of education and being at the mercy of unscrupulous employers.

The nearest I've ever come to it is playing a trading game at a Guiders' weekend, where, as a coffee picker, you were the lowest of the low, and needing to pick better quality beans, faster, to enable you to pay the ever-increasing rent/health care/school costs etc. It was a sobering experience.

So where does all this leave Hughenden Parish? At the recent Teas meeting, we agreed that we would use as much Fairtrade produce as we could. We are already using Fairtrade tea, coffee, drinking chocolate and sugar for after-service coffees, and I would urge everyone who uses Church House to make the swap to Fairtrade at least for any refreshments which are served there. For teas, we are looking to obtain supplies of Fairtrade jam and squash and hope to use local suppliers for things like butter, cream and milk. Maybe if you are a cake-maker for Church House Teas you might consider using Fairtrade sugar in your cooking? Or buy eggs from a local farmer? If you think Fairtraded products are expensive, look on them as an extension of your charitable giving.

It's not realistic to expect anybody to completely change to Fairtrade overnight. It's a lifestyle change, and as anyone who has changed from say an omnivorous diet to vegetarian (or even dare I say vegan?) one, it has usually been undertaken over a period of time. Do the same with Fairtrade – one swap at a time.

Lin Smit

PS – Here's a little swap for you right NOW – we're looking for a new Fairtrade co-ordinator.....!)



Lent in Wycombe

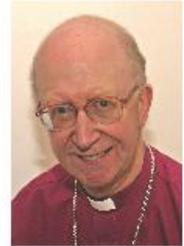


BE PART OF A BIGGER PICTURE

Four Lenten evenings with Bishop John

“We all want our faith to live more vividly in us, to touch and illuminate our daily lives at all points, not just in church on Sunday. How is this possible?

Using the five ‘colours’ of the Living Faith palette, we will be trying to dig deeper and to explore lots of avenues which can make living our faith more real and rewarding.”



March 3rd	All Saints, High Wycombe
March 10th	St Michael & All Angels, Hughenden
March 17th	St Francis, Terriers
March 24th	St Mark, Bourne End

7.30pm	Refreshments
8-9.30pm	Session

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LIVING FAITH 

Mothers' Union AGM

Our evening begun socially with an enjoyable glass of mulled wine, most welcome on a cold night! Simon joined us to take the chair and we started the evening with a hymn, prayers and a reading.

Jean Godfrey has completed her three years as leader, we all thanked her for the hard work and loving Christian care she has put into the branch to carry us forward into the next decade. We presented her with a Mothers' Union marcasite brooch and plant to show our gratitude.

Barbara Willson was elected as the new leader having been correspondent for the last four years. Jean Godfrey was elected as the new correspondent so a job swap has taken place! Joan Steele has decided to step down from the committee after many years, we presented her with a garden plant and thanked her for all her hard work. We will miss you Joan but know where to come for advice! Joan plans to run another parenting course in the Autumn.

The rest of the committee have agreed to stand again and were re-elected as follows:

Kay Kennedy, Secretary

Susan Devereux, Treasurer

Ann McCarthy, Social Concern

Andrea Samuel, Women's Refuge Link

Helen Collins, Tiny Tots Service Link

Heather Morley, Young Mums Bible Study Link

Diane Hawkins, General Member

Reports of our activities were read. A letter had been received from the Womens' Refuge thanking us for our continued support this year. We had raised money at our Parish Brew for the '*Away from it all*' Holiday scheme organised by the Mothers' Union Diocesan Committee for disadvantaged families and were delighted to hear that two local families had benefited from the scheme. Earlier in the year a coffee morning and The Ploughman's Lunch had raised money for the Overseas & Literacy Funds.

In her report Jean read extracts from a letter sent by Reg Bailey, Mothers' Union Chief Executive emphasising the need to push the Mothers' Union forward in this country. Since 1999 the global membership has grown from just over a million to over 3.6 million in 78 countries of the world. We need to continue to find ways to encourage and welcome new members into our caring family to support the worldwide work.

Jean then went on to reflect on her role as leader and how it had put her in touch with her past. Her Mother had joined the Mothers' Union for friendship when her family had left home, and Jean thanked everyone for their kindness and friendship at Hughenden. The message of Mothers' Union is the same, underpinned by prayer, the gospel message, in love and service, and to support marriage, parents, children & family life.

Four new members were welcomed at our Advent Service; Elaine, Kirsty, Marika & Norma.

Two babies were born to our members, Bethany Collins and Lucy Toller. We have congratulated members on 70th, 80th & 90th birthdays and many wedding anniversaries.

We all join Jean in thanking Simon, Fred and Arthur for their care and support. Thank you also to Alan Jaycock for the printing of our new programme.

The meeting closed with a hymn & prayers.

Our next meeting is on 2 March at 8pm. when we welcome Alison Preston to speak on '*The Work of the Wycombe Winter Night Shelter*'. The meeting is open to everyone, I am sure this will be a very interesting meeting.

Women's World Day of Prayer Friday 5 March 2010 at 1.30pm

We have been busy organising the service which is being held at St Michael & All Angels.

Please come and support everyone from our Church who is taking part in the service. We have had an excellent response.

Jean Godfrey & Barbara Willson

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

***Let everything that has breath praise
God***

**Service prepared by Christian
Women of Cameroon**

FRIDAY 5 MARCH 2010

10.30am Trinity United Reformed Church
Speaker – Barbara Sparks

1.30pm St Michael and All Angels
Hughenden
Speaker – Anita Turner
(Creche available)

**ALL WELCOME
MEN, WOMEN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**



Extracts from a Roman Catholic Elementary School Test!

Ed's note: I hope you enjoy these as much as I did!

Pay special attention to the wording and spelling, you'll find some of these quotes hilarious! Children were asked questions about the old and new testaments, here are some of their answers.

In the first book of the bible, Guinness. God got tired of creating the world so he took the sabbath off.

Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of ark. Noah built an ark and the animals came on in pairs.

Lot's wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.

The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with unsympathetic genitals.

Samson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.

Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the apostles.

Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.

The Egyptians were all drowned in the desert. Afterward, Moses went up to Mount Sinai to get the ten commandments.

The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.

The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.

Moses died before he ever reached Canada.. then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Jericho.

The greatest miracle in the bible is when Joshua told his son to

stand still and he obeyed him.

David was a hebrew king who was skilled at playing the liar. He fought the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in biblical times.

Solomon, one of Davids sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the magna carta.

When the three wise guys from the east side arrived they found Jesus in the manager.

Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.

St. John the blacksmith dumped water on his head.

Jesus enunciated the golden rule, which says to do unto others before they do one to you. He also explained a man doth not live by sweat alone.

It was a miricle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.

The people who followed the lord were called the 12 decibels.

The epistels were the wives of the apostles.

One of the oppossums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.

St. Paul cavorted to christianity, he preached holy acrimony which is another name for marraige.

Christians have only one spouse. this is called monotony.



Valley Wives

Kimberly Cox, our speaker on 5 February gave a talk entitled "Cancer and Bio Detection Dogs ". Since 2008 Kimberly has worked with a small but growing charity set up by Claire Guest at Westcot, that is dedicated to disease diagnosis using trained dogs who alert their trainers when they detect, by odours, the presence of diseases in humans, e.g. diabetes, cancers, epilepsy seizures, bladder and prostate problems etc.

Kimberly herself has lived with diabetes for 17 years. She brought Noah, her special four year old labrador dog who she described as her best friend and companion. He alerts her when her blood sugar is going dangerously high or very low. The dogs are life savers and enable people to live independent lives.

They are of many different breeds but are chosen for their alertness and sensitivity to odours, they must not be nervous or aggressive and must love people. They live with fosterers from pups to twelve months old and are never kept in kennels. When they become mature and quiet they are highly trained using odour samples which they have to pick out from a carousel, they become 100% accurate. The dogs love their work which they do naturally. The clinical studies are carried out in partnership with the hospitals. The cancer dogs are used in research, but for other diseases the dogs are carefully matched to the patient, but always still belong to the charity. It is possible to sponsor a puppy, and open days are held at Westcot, Aylesbury. Kimberly said it is truly amazing what the dogs tell us although doctors were very sceptical at first. This work could become as important as "hearing" and "blind " dogs.

Kimberly was warmly thanked for her enthusiastic and fascinating talk on this ground breaking work ,and congratulated as a most competent "first time" speaker. A collection was made for the charity.

Our next Meeting on 5 March is a talk on Chenies Manor by Valery Edwards, and it is hoped to have a visit to the Manor later in the year We always have a warm welcome for visitors to our meetings.

Joan Steel

Good Companions

Our February meeting began with members present observing a minute silence in remembrance of Arthur Phillips, Cecily Nicholls, Harry Herman and Ernest Scott whose recent deaths I recorded in the last issue.

Entertainment was provided by the Fernie Fields Four saxophone quartet. Taking their name from the road up in Booker where they rehearsed in a former member's house and playing for their own pleasure, but also in support of worthy local causes, they delighted us with a programme of well known and old favourites. They began with "Liberty Bell" one of Sousa's famous marches and ended with "Beer Barrel Polka" incorporating the tune of the well known "Roll out the barrel". In between were numbers from the shows with reminiscences of earlier household names such as Percy Granger, Louis Armstrong, and the Beatles. They were enthusiastically received by an audience who joined in singing some of the numbers. Our thanks for a tuneful and melodious afternoon reminding us of earlier days.

Our March meeting will feature a return visit by Margaret Deakin with a talk on "Highlights of China". We are hoping to have a lunch outing to a local pub later in the month.

Michael Harris

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 17 March

For details contact Nicky Fairbairn on 01494 520359

Coffee Rota (after the 10.30 am service)

March	7	Claire Godfrey / Fran Slater
	14	Fran Slater / Valerie Stattersfield
	21	Valerie Stattersfield / Joan Steel
	28	Clive and Nicky Fairbairn



Creche Rota

March	7	Sylvia Clark/Helen Collins/Pam Felix
	14	Jean Godfrey/Lucy Rippon/Lyndsey Robinson
	21	Jane Lomas/Clare Toller/Sylvia Clark
	28	Elaine Morley/Angela Aze/Nickie Marsh

Flower Rota

No flowers during Lent

Meetings and Organisations

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

April Issue of Outlook

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Church Calendar for March with Service Details

Mon	1	7.30 am Morning Prayer: Church 0.15 am Ladies' Daytime Fellowship and Bible Study
Tue	2	7.45 am Morning Prayer: Church 1.00 pm Art Fellowship: Church House. 7.30 pm Bellringing Practice: Belltower 8.00 pm Mothers' Union: Church House
Wed	3	7.30 am Morning Prayer: Church 7.45 pm Choir Practice: Church
Thu	4	7.45 am Morning Prayer: Church
Fri	5	7.30 am Morning Prayer: Church 1.30 pm Womens' World Day of Prayer: Church
Sat	6	7.30 am Morning Prayer: Church 8.30 am Mens Breakfast: Church House
Sun	7	Third Sunday of Lent 8.00 am Said Communion 9.00 am Mattins (Book of Common Prayer) 0.30 am Family Communion with JC club 6.00 pm Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon) 7.00 pm Prayer Hour: Church
Mon	8	7.30 am Morning Prayer: Church 0.15 am Ladies' Daytime Fellowship and Bible Study
Tue	9	7.45 am Morning Prayer: Church 1.00 pm Art Fellowship: Church House. 7.30 pm Bellringing Practice: Belltower
Wed	10	7.30 am Morning Prayer: Church 7.30 pm Lenten Talk with The Bishop of Oxford
Thu	11	7.45 am Morning Prayer: Church 7.30 pm Standing & Finance Committee: Vicarage
Fri	12	7.30 am Morning Prayer: Church
Sat	13	7.30 am Morning Prayer: Church
Sun	14	Fourth Sunday of Lent: Mothering Sunday: Refreshment Sunday 8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.00 am Sung Communion 0.30 am Informal Family Service with JC Club 6.00 pm Come Close: 7.00 pm Prayer Hour
Mon	15	7.30 am Morning Prayer: Church 0.15 am Ladies' Daytime Fellowship and Bible Study
Tue	16	7.45 am Morning Prayer: Church 1.00 pm Art Fellowship: Church House. 7.30 pm Bellringing Practice: Belltower
Wed	17	7.30 am Morning Prayer: Church 1.45 pm Tiny Tots' Service: Church 7.30 pm Choir Practice: Church
Thu	18	7.45 am Morning Prayer: Church 0.30 am Friendship morning: Church House.
Fri	19	Joseph of Nazareth 7.30 am Morning Prayer: Church 0.00 am Holy Communion: Church

Sat	20	7.30 am	Morning Prayer: Church
Sun	21		Fifth Sunday of Lent - Passion Sunday
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
		0.30 am	Family Communion with JC club
		12 noon	Extraordinary Meeting of PCC to approve accounts
		2.30 pm	Holy Baptism: Toby Williams
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
		7.00 pm	Prayer Hour
Mon	22	7.30 am	Morning Prayer: Church
		0.15 am	Ladies' Daytime Fellowship and Bible Study
Tue	23	7.45 am	Morning Prayer: Church
		1.00 pm	Art Fellowship: Church House.
		7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice: Belltower
Wed	24	7.30 am	Morning Prayer: Church
		7.45 pm	Choir Practice: Church
Thu	25		Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary
		7.45 am	Morning Prayer: Church
		0.00 am	Holy Communion: Church (30 mins)
Fri	26	7.30 am	Morning Prayer: Church
Sat	27	7.30 am	Morning Prayer: Church
Sun	28		Palm Sunday
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Sung Communion with Palm Procession
		0.30 am	Family Communion with JC club
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
		7.00 pm	Prayer Hour
Mon	29		Monday of Holy Week
		7.30 am	Morning Prayer: Church
		0.15 am	Ladies' Daytime Fellowship and Bible Study
		7.00 pm	Holy Communion: Church (30 mins)
Tue	30		Tuesday of Holy Week
		7.45 am	Morning Prayer: Church
		1.00 pm	Art Fellowship: Church House.
		7.00 pm	Holy Communion: Church (30 mins)
		7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice: Belltower
Wed	31		Wednesday of Holy Week
		7.30 am	Morning Prayer: Church
		7.00 pm	Holy Communion: Church (30 mins)
		7.45 pm	Choir Practice: Church

Who's Who at St Michael & All Angels

VICAR	Rev Simon Cronk	563439
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LICENSED LAY MINISTER	Bill Geers	562423
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PARISH ADMINISTRATOR/CHURCH NOTICES	Lin Smit	462094
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PCC SECRETARY	Penny Austin	529596
PCC ASSISTANT SECRETARY	Anne Dean	463376
PCC TREASURER	Mike Morgan	514252
PCC ASSISTANT TREASURER	David Cornwall	714718
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To enable all to follow Jesus Christ

Grant us, Lord,

faith to believe

and strength to do Thy will.

Amen.

