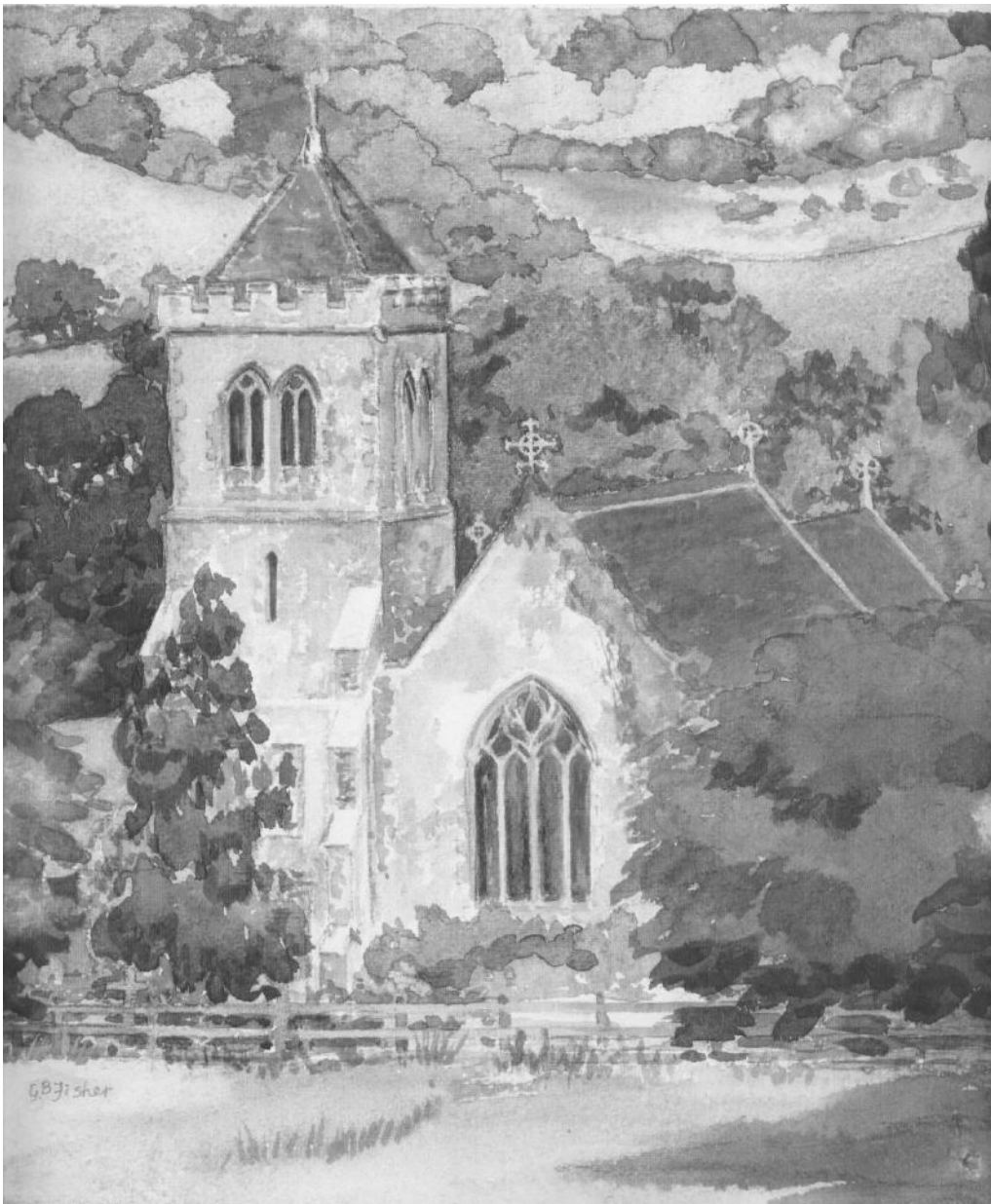


# Outlook

Hughenden Parish Magazine  
St Michael and All Angels



***February 2011***

# 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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## Outlook

### **Editorial team**

Sylvia Clark

### **Printing**

Bob & Jane Tucker  
Norman Pulley and  
team

### **Front cover picture**

Detail from a water -  
colour painting by  
Geraldine Fisher.

# February 2011



**Dear Readers,**

If it's not too late, a very Happy New Year to you all. I hope your Christmas and New Year festivities were enjoyable and that you managed to keep warm, healthy and safe during the snow.

Have you listened to any of the broadcasts on Radio 4 celebrating the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publishing of the King James Bible? Actors and actresses have been reading parts of this bible and personally, I have found their performances riveting. The richness of the readers' voices, together with the clarity of their diction has brought these well known stories to life. Although I am familiar with the story of Joseph and his coat of many colours for instance, I was almost holding my breath to see what happened next! I do hope that readings from this Bible become a regular feature on the radio.

Our TV news has shown us horrifying pictures of the floods in Australia, Brazil and Sri Lanka where people have been at the mercy of the incredible powers of Mother Nature. Simon's letter on the next pages points us to 1 Corinthians, chapter 13, and he urges us to remember that one of the three great spiritual values is hope. We need to pray for the people of these devastated areas that they may be helped and comforted and that in the midst of their suffering they will not lose hope.

I have been copying addresses, birthdays, etc into my new diary. Last year's diary gave little snippets of information, useful or otherwise, on each page. For instance, did you know that on 2 February 1852 the first men's public flushing loo was opened on Fleet Street and on 3 February 1925 the first rugby player was sent off for foul play! How would you have got through the year without those gems of knowledge?



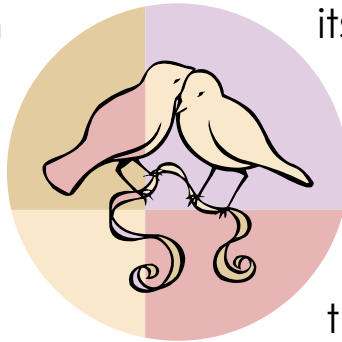
There is encouraging news about the editorship of *Outlook* so please read and think about the article on page 5 – and JC Club members, don't miss page 19!

**Sylvia Clark**  
**Editor**

## From the Vicarage – Feb - March 2011

I wouldn't care to count how many weddings I have taken in my years as a curate and vicar (19 years), but it is quite a few! One of the most popular readings at weddings is from 1 Corinthians chapter 13. Despite Arthur's annual encouragement to wedding couples at our wedding preparation morning to choose something else, most smile sweetly and still go for Corinthians. It is understandable as it is a great treatise on the nature of love and ends with that well known statement: 'These three remain; faith, hope and love, and the greatest of these is love.'

The reading is, however, taken entirely out of context; it is sandwiched between chapters 12 and 14 (no surprises there). It would seem that in the Corinthian church people had become obsessed with the use of certain spiritual gifts but had lost sight of what these gifts were for; to build up and edify the church. We might say that this was a church filled with zeal and great faith, but had somewhere lost sight of the love. In Chapter 12 Paul gives some clear teaching about the



nature and right use of spiritual gifts; in chapter 13 he very eloquently reminds his readers that however strong and impressive their faith might seem, whatever impressive spiritual gifts might be manifested, if love is lacking then their faith actually shows itself to be worthless.

Having made that correction Paul then goes on to say at the beginning of chapter 14 'Make love your goal, then be eager for spiritual gifts'. In chapter 13 Paul sees love as part of a trio of spiritual values, 'These three remain; faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is love'. The truth is all three of these values are essential for us to live life well in the way that God intends.

I would like to look at the second of these essentials – hope. As I write, we are only a few days into the New Year, and whilst England might have just won the Ashes, bringing a bit of cheer into the gloomy beginning of January, in truth the year ahead does look rather bleak. For all of us there will be higher prices, for many of us this will not be matched

by any incremental pay increases so we will all have to tighten our belts. We need to spare more than a thought for those who look at a year, which may well bring much uncertainty and possible loss of employment. Many of us face close personal issues which are difficult and complex. In our own family, among a variety of challenges, we are dealing with three close relatives who have varying degrees of dementia. I mention this to make clear that these comments are not entirely objective. They are first of all directed at myself as I know that it is easy to feel a bit wobbly and overwhelmed and to lose one's nerve. In all of this though, it is so important to hold onto hope, and allow that hope to inform our prayers. Hope lies at the heart of the Christian life. This is not simply a hope in the reality of a life after this one, though that is an important aspect of Christian hope; it is the hope of God in Christ who by his Spirit is here with us now in the situations we face, giving us strength and hope to face them. Trawling through a concordance, looking up references to hope, some beautiful passages emerge, such as these:

May the God of **hope** fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with **hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15: 13)

Be Joyful in **hope**, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. (Romans 12:12)

Yet this I call to mind and therefore have **hope**: because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. (Lamentations 3: 21-23)

But those who **hope** in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary they will walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40: 31)

I know that in a February edition of Outlook, it will be rather too late to wish everyone a happy new year. But it is never too late to wish everyone an ongoing and hopeful year, however bleak 2011 seems to be.

**Simon**



# The Lectionary – February

		Readers	
	8am	9am	10.30am
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Fifth before Lent</b>			
Isaiah 58, 1-12	C Carter	D Hamley	S Dean
1 Corinthians 2, 1-16	P Hynard	K Moxham	
Matthew 5, 13-20	Celebrant	Celebrant	
Evensong:			
Psalms 1, 3, 4			
Amos 2, 4-16			
Ephesians 4, 17-32			
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Fourth Sunday before Lent</b>			
Deuteronomy 30, 15-20	J Wilson	L Stallwood	P Toller
1 Corinthians 3, 1-9	J Godfrey (Downley)	-	C Toller
Matthew 5, 21-37	Celebrant	A McBarnett	Celebrant
Psalm at 9 am: 119 1-8			
Evensong:			
Psalms 7, 3			
Amos 3, 1-8			
Ephesians 5, 1-17			
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday before Lent</b>			
Leviticus 19, 1-2 & 9-18	J Dauncey	A Sykes	Informal
1 Corinthians 3, 10-11 & 16-23	A Stacey	D Godfrey	Service
Matthew 5, 38-48	Celebrant	Celebrant	
Evensong:			
Psalm 18, 1-30			
Amos 9, 5-15			
Ephesians 6, 1-20			
<b>27<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday before Lent</b>			
Genesis 1, 1-2, 3	A Johnson	D Griffiths	D Godfrey
Romans 8, 18-25	A Jaycock	-	J Godfrey
Matthew 6, 25-34	Celebrant	E Sadler	Celebrant
Psalm at 9 am: 136			
Evensong:			
Psalm 148			
Proverbs 8, 1 & 22-31			
Revelation 4			

## Editor of Outlook



Following Simon's article in the November edition of *Outlook*, I am pleased to say that another couple has come forward to help with the editing, acting as **one** person. (This is in addition to Bob and Jane Tucker.) However, they are unable to take this on until at least September of this year.

Therefore we still urgently need a fourth editor and would ask anyone reading this who either knows, or might be able to learn, some basic desk top publishing skills and who may be able to give a few days a year to the task, to think of becoming a part of the editorial team.

Bob and Jane Tucker and I are willing to keep the magazine going on a monthly basis and are living in **hope** (there it is again!) that someone will be willing to come to our aid very quickly so that our task does not become burdensome. If you feel this might be a possibility for you, but you would like to find out more before committing yourself, I am very happy to discuss it with you. With a team of four, the job would only take a few days out of two or three months of the year.

In hope!

**Sylvia Clark, HW 562801**

## Curate

I am very pleased to announce that we are to be joined in July by Helen Peters who will be coming to St Michael's to serve her title as curate. Helen lives locally and will be working for the church and parish in a part time capacity. Until recently Helen has been worshipping at St Andrew's, Hatters Lane and she is studying for ordination at Cuddesdon, just outside Oxford. Helen is married to Richard and is a mother of two children, Anna 13 and Megan 11. Helen is also a qualified speech and language therapist so we had all better mind our keys and our pews! We look forward to getting to know Helen and her family in due course.

**Simon**

# ANNUAL REPORT BOOKLET 2011

The **Annual Vestry Meeting** and **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** are to be held on Sunday **3 April 2011 at 7.00pm.**

May I thank all those who have kindly sent me their Activity Reports for the Annual Report Booklet 2011 and may I urge those who have not yet sent them, to be sure that I receive them by the end of February, so that I can compile the booklet in time for everybody to see it before the meeting. My email address is: penny.austin@tiscali.co.uk

**Penny Austin**  
**PCC Secretary**

## **24/7 Praying for High Wycombe – Church House**

*(8.00am Thursday – 8.00am Friday – second Thursday of every month)*

Last November St. Michael's, along with many other local churches, took part in a trial month of united 24/7 prayer for High Wycombe. On 18 November all 24 hours were fully covered in prayer by someone from St Michael's - which is wonderful! We prayed for the Night Shelter, Street Angels, Wycombe Youth for Christ, Lighthouse and many, many other Christian initiatives in High Wycombe, alongside prayers for our hospital, our police and our schools.

At the feedback meeting in December many churches shared how God had encouraged them through the 24 hours of prayer and although there were some concerns and challenges, there was a positive outcome and it was decided to press on with the vision of 24/7 prayer for High Wycombe through 2011, with each congregation picking up the baton in the strength that God gives and not striving to meet any 'goals'. *(We have more feedback from November if anyone would like to know more.)*

St Michael's have signed up to the second Thursday of each month and although this monthly commitment may sound daunting, and indeed many churches felt this to be the case, it is really only an hour a



month that each of us needs to commit to and we are sure that we will be able to cover our 24 hours in prayer.

Church House has been booked and will be set up for our day of prayer much the same as it was last November. If you do feel you can commit to one hour of prayer on our day, please fill in the sheet you will find on the table at the back of the church. As before, if you feel you would prefer to pray at home rather than come down to Church House, particularly during the night, please feel free to do so but still fill in the sheet at the back of the church. There will be hot drinks available in Church House – supplies are in the kitchen so please help yourself.

We will also have prayer points which have been given out to all the participating churches to use if they wish and these will be on the table together with the 1-Hour Prayer Guides that you may take away. There is a very useful and informative website on 24/7 prayer - <http://uk.247prayer.com/>

Our next Prayer Day will be **Thursday, February 10**, from 8.00 am for 24 hours. The dates for the rest of the year are:

- 10 March
- 14 April
- 12 May
- 9 June
- 14 July
- 11 August
- 8 September
- 13 October
- 10 November
- 8 December

If you would like any further information please talk with Simon (01494 563439) or Jacky Sackville (07921258822) or Yvonne Cook (01494-563960).



**Jacky and Yvonne**

# Lent 2011

Ash Wednesday is on 9 March. Following this there is an opportunity to take part in a five week Lent course. Once again we will be using one of the York Courses. This year's course has been written by Bishop Stephen Cotterell, until recently Bishop of Reading. It is entitled 'Rich Inheritance, Jesus' legacy of love'. Here is a brief description of the course, taken from the website.

*'Jesus didn't write a will. He left no written instructions. He didn't seem to have a plan. At the end, as he hung dying on the cross, almost all of his followers had abandoned him. By most worldly estimates his ministry was a failure. Nevertheless, Jesus' message of reconciliation with God lived on. It is the central message of the Bible. With this good news his disciples changed the world. How did they do it? What else did Jesus leave behind – what is his 'legacy of love'? This course addresses these questions.'*

**Session 1 – An empty tomb**

**Session 2 – A group of people**

**Session 3 – A story**

**Session 4 – A power**

**Session 5 – A meal**

If you would like to join a course please contact:

For evening courses:

Frank Hawkins in Naphill (565050)

Derek Godfrey in Hughenden Valley (565956)

Anne Dean in Downley (463376)

For daytime course:

Norman and Rita Pulley (563470)

For any general information about the courses please contact me on HW 563439.

**Simon Cronk**

## Tidings from Tetbury



Dear Friends,

Greetings from a rather wet and windy Tetbury. We want to thank you for the many cards of welcome which we received on our arrival here in November, and also for the numerous Christmas greetings from our dear friends at Hughenden – we were quite overwhelmed by all the love and kind words you wrote, and apologise if we haven't managed to write back to each of you individually. We think of you all frequently, and remember you in our prayers with much gratitude.

We are gradually settling into our new life here. It was lovely to see more of Steven's family over Christmas who live within walking distance, and Sarah's girls loved our new house when they came to stay. We have still not settled in one particular church, but are enjoying different aspects of each congregation: the annual Covenant service at the United Reformed/Methodist church, the anthems at the Parish church on Christmas Day, the involvement of everyone in praying for each other at the Community church.

We haven't yet done any serious walking in the area, mainly because of the bad weather and ongoing health problems, but we are looking forward to the Spring when we hope to get out more. People round here are very friendly, and are inviting us to various social functions so that we can get to know more of the Tetbury community.

Our love to you all, and do continue to keep in touch. May God bless you.

**Geraldine and Bill Geers**

## Prayer Workshop

On Saturday, 12 March we are organising a prayer workshop with Martin Cavender with a team from Resource, the organisation he represents. Martin was with us in January last year for a parish day, out of which emerged a strong desire for people to be helped a little more in the life of prayer, hence organising this day. There have been various

delays but better late than never! In emails to Anne Dean last year when I was away on Sabbatical, Martin wrote:

*'We shall also be looking at different personality types in relation to prayer, drawing in contemplation, meditation, intercession and lots of other multi-syllabled words (!), making sure we shape the day for those who come.*

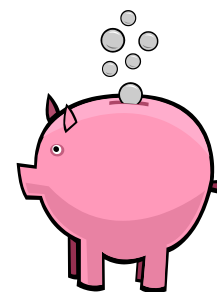
*We shall certainly include an interactive session on how the congregations would like to see prayer of all kinds developing within and outside the church, and lots of sharing of good practice from elsewhere, from across the traditions.'*

I hope this gives a flavour of what the day will hold – more details will follow.

**Simon Cronk**

## **Update on Finance and Fabric**

On behalf of the PCC and in particular the Standing & Finance team I thought it would again be worth updating everyone on the exciting subjects of the Church Finance & Fabric (please don't get too carried away!).



At our recent meeting I am pleased to report that we reviewed the Accounts for 2010, and the good news is that we came in better than our budget. Our day-to-day expenditure was exceeded by our day-to-day income. Our regular giving held up despite the tough economic environment, so a huge thank you to everyone. We also saw a surplus due to the very high numbers of weddings that were held in our Church last year. Thanks in particular to events such as Church House Teas, the Auction and our Gift Day, and also to a number of one-off donations, we were able to continue our great tithing tradition and make significant donations to a number of charitable causes that are close to our hearts, plus start our Church Cottage, long overdue, refurbishment fund.

Now for this year's budget. We have provisionally approved a budget for 2011 that sees our expected expenditure exceed our expected income by £43,000. But don't panic too much as this does include an anticipated expenditure of £25,000 for the Church Cottage refurbishment (some of which we managed to put aside last year), so the underlying deficit is £18,000. We have looked at every area of expenditure to ensure that we are being cost effective. However, the Standing & Finance team believe that we should continue to fund the majority of our current activities, plus make allowance for additional items such as the possible appointment of a part-time Youth Worker (in partnership with Wycombe Youth for Christ), whilst continuing our tithing at current levels. If our forecasts are accurate then the funding shortfall will need to come out of the Reserve Fund which we are fortunate to still have. In particular we already have sufficient funds in our Youth Reserve Fund to more than cover the costs of any new recruit.

We are very conscious that many people are themselves currently experiencing challenging personal and family financial times so, coupled with the fact that we can cover this year's deficit from our reserves, we did not feel that it is currently appropriate to make a financial appeal to help address our expected day-to-day shortfall. We would just ask everyone though, to prayerfully consider our shortfall, especially the next time you sit down to review your own finances. We asked this last year and, as you can see from the second paragraph above, we were truly blessed. Whilst we think it right to break into our reserve fund this year and so reduce it, we also believe that it is prudent not to let the reserve fund drop beneath a certain sum. At the present run rate projections we will have about two further years of dipping into the reserve fund before we have to call a halt in order to protect what is left.

From a Fabric perspective, the key challenge this year is the refurbishment of Church Cottage. This is long overdue as the last improvements were made in 1956! We have approved the use of an architect to provide us with some options and costings and have obtained the required planning approvals. Quotes are now being obtained and we hope that work will start in May.

May we end this update by saying a huge thank you to everyone who contributes in so many ways, big and small, to the ongoing health of our finances and fabric.

**Mike Dean**  
**Standing & Finance Committee**

## **Church Library**

Just a reminder about how this works. The library is the left-hand section of the bookcase. The books can be borrowed for as long as you want. There is no signing out. Either return the book when you have finished it or replace it with one of your own Christian books instead. The only exceptions to this are the books labelled 'must read' and these should be returned for others to read.



### **Books for Sale**

These are on the shelves at the right-hand side of the bookcase. They have an envelope inside into which you can put the money for the book. The envelope can then be posted in the wall safe. The books are changed monthly so if you don't find anything you want to buy this month, you may next month, so keep looking! There are also greeting cards with scriptural texts which have no payment envelopes. The money for those can be put directly in the wall safe.

### **Sets of Books for House Group use**

In the cupboards underneath the Books for Sale section are many sets of books suitable for use by house groups. Have a look through, choose a set of books, then swap for a different set when you have finished your study. Again, no signing in or out. The cupboards are shut but not locked.

Happy Reading!

**Elaine Morley**

## **SKILLS CLUB**

Jane Tucker, Jane Tyrer and Christopher Tyrer are retiring - September (JT) and July (J and CT) respectively. We are thinking of setting up a

Skills Club for service to our Church and one to another. Anyone with any skills who might be interested in coming alongside with their ideas would certainly add to the skills base as well as to the offering. It might even be fun!!

**J, J and C**

## **Mums' Bible Study Group**

We've been having a great time drinking coffee and working our way through our latest study; 'Gospel-centred Family: becoming the parents God wants you to be'. This book explores the major biblical principles for family life and shows us how we can receive God's grace in our families. We've been sharing our tips and experiences of raising children and encouraging one another to do this in a godly way.



Last summer, we learned about the transforming power of God's caring control and faithfulness in the story of Ruth. From this we drew personal and practical lessons about trusting God through difficult circumstances and serving others even when times are hard.

We continue to meet on alternate Monday mornings in term time in Heather Morley's house. We have been faithfully and ably supported throughout by members of the Mothers' Union who look after our growing number of children in Heather's playroom.

If you would like to find out a bit more about what we do or would like to join us, please contact:

**Claire Toller** - 01494 551415, [claire@starktoller.com](mailto:claire@starktoller.com)  
or **Heather Morley** - 01494 528633, [Morleyfamily1039@aol.com](mailto:Morleyfamily1039@aol.com)

## **A Plea**

A big thank you to all who help with preparing and serving refreshments each week after the 10.30 am service. This period of fellowship is being enjoyed by more and more people who enjoy chatting, catching up with their friends, etc as well as savouring the excellent drinks and biscuits on offer!

But please, please – more people are needed to come onto the rota. With sufficient helpers, your turn would only come around twice in 52 weeks. I am awaiting your call on 562801 – or see me in church – please!

**Sylvia Clark**

## Communicants

### November

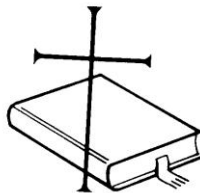
#### Sundays

$$7^{\text{th}} \quad 21 + 50 = 71$$

$$14^{\text{th}} \quad 29 + 76 = 105$$

$$21^{\text{st}} \quad 27 + 46 = 73$$

$$28^{\text{th}} \quad 24 + 68 = 92$$



#### Weekdays

$$1^{\text{st}} \quad \text{All Saints} \quad 18$$

$$30^{\text{th}} \quad \text{St Andrew} \quad 7$$

### December

#### Sundays

$$5^{\text{th}} \quad 19 + 40 = 59$$

$$12^{\text{th}} \quad 28 + 68 = 96$$

$$19^{\text{th}} \quad 13 \text{ (one celebration only due to snow)}$$

$$26^{\text{th}} \quad 39$$

#### Weekdays

$$7^{\text{th}} \quad \text{MU Corporate} \quad 36$$

$$24^{\text{th}} \quad \text{Christmas Eve} \quad 14$$

$$25^{\text{th}} \quad \text{Christmas Day} \quad 71 + 21 + 102 = 224$$

## Himalayan Challenge

I would like to thank everyone who sponsored me to deliver their Christmas cards in Hughenden Valley. I delivered 441 cards and was given over £500 which I think is fantastic and so kind of everyone to be so generous.

If anyone else would like to sponsor me I have a Virgin Money Giving page, please go to:

[http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Christine\\_Powell](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Christine_Powell)

With many thanks.

**Christine Powell**





# Winter is Over



Is it?

Maybe not:

Tendrils of cold despair  
threaten to re-muster troops  
and invade fields of faithful wheat.

New-grown stabs of green  
halt their joyful salutation to the sun,  
and pause.

An icy breath brushes frosty lacework  
over noisy shoots – now struck dumb.

Held

in suspended beauty,  
Folded earthy shoulders  
sigh and sleep once more.

Whiskered tenants scamper in the furrows,  
where dusted crystal fragments  
adhere to limbs and fur,  
but quickly melt on noses  
that twitch with trepidation;  
Exposed.

Ribs bulge

through thinly mantled slopes,  
as hillsides drowsily inhale.

But hidden deep,  
capillaries of life

weave networks of hope.

And as the sky illuminates a warmer hue,  
scattered birds  
begin to tune up  
for the coming Spring.

**Cath Cronk**

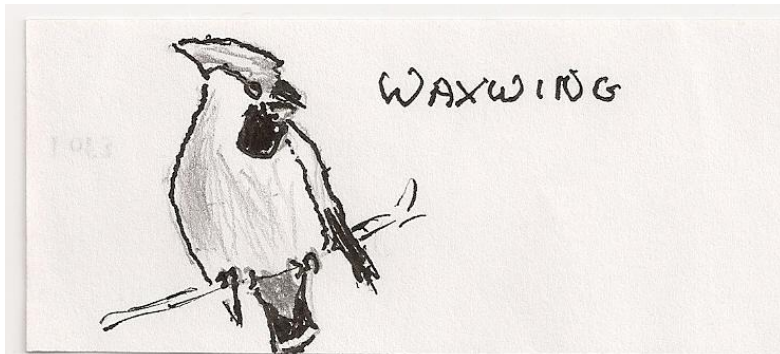
## THE WILDER SIDE

Since I last wrote we have endured the worst bout of winter weather that I remember in our 31 years here. Writing to-day all is green, brown and grey again, but it is only mid-January with 6 weeks of winter still to come. Like most weather patterns, what we get is due to the North Atlantic Oscillation, but that is affected (as is much of the world) by a phenomenon known as La Niña, which lurks in the Pacific and follows the equally influential El Niño phenomenon. If you want to know more there are some excellent websites via Google.

My lowest recorded temperature was  $-11^{\circ}\text{C}$  (Chesham had  $-19^{\circ}\text{C}$  !), and deepest undriven snow was 9 inches.

Green Woodpeckers have been acting oddly. Sylvia Hinton rang me to report one which had dug a hole 6" x 4" in their lawn while snow was lying. Later it dug about 8 others though not so deep. A hole in the snow appeared on our front lawn also, about 3" square. The digger was not seen, but 'droppings' nearby were those of a Green Woodpecker. I also saw 'her' digging on our back lawn and on a neighbour's.

The Star Turn among the birds was the invasion of Waxwings. These exotic birds breed in Northern Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia. Occasionally when populations are large and food scarce, they 'erupt' into Western Europe and UK in vast numbers. I got reports of 70 around All Saints, and one in the Devereux garden, then of a flock in Morrison's car park which I decided to visit. Nothing there until I saw a flock of birds in a tree across the dual carriageway. Yes, about 30 Waxwings!! I went into Morrisons for a purchase, came out and they were now in a well-berried tree just by the shop trolley park, only 15 feet away. Wow!!! What a way to end the year!



**Darrell Hamley**

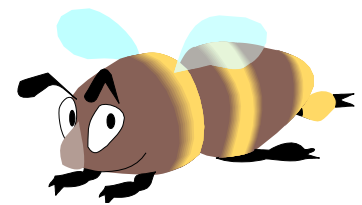
## Mothers' Union

The AGM is on Tuesday, 1 February at 8 pm and the committee look forward to seeing all our members at the meeting.

Thank you to everyone for the wonderful effort with the 'bags' for Wycombe Homeless Connection. We will continue to support this project for the rest of the winter and there will be some more bags in the back of the Church for collection.

We are having a Fairtrade Big Brew Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy stall at Church House on Tuesday, 22 February from 10 am until noon. This year there is a particular emphasis on bee keeping. In many communities, keeping bees or collecting wild honey is a vital way of supplementing a family's income. The money earned not only puts food on the table, it can pay for education for a child or provide a more secure home for a family. Currently the UK can only produce 12% of the honey we love to eat. Think of the positive difference we would make in the lives of thousands of producers in countries such as Chile, Guatemala, Tanzania and Kenya if all the honey we imported was Fairtrade.

Do come along and make a buzz around what has now become a very popular event - everyone is welcome. The money raised will be donated to Fairtrade, particularly for beekeeping projects and Mothers' Union charities.



We are very pleased that on 1 March our speaker is to be Rev. Simon Cronk with his talk entitled 'My Sabbatical - Rev'd up Britain'. All are welcome to join us.

**Barbara Willson**

## Multiple Sclerosis Society

The High Wycombe and District Branch of the MS Society is holding a Ploughman's Lunch on Wednesday 16th February at Hughenden Valley

Village Hall. The doors open at 12.00pm and lunches will be served at 12.30pm. Lunches will cost £5.00. There will be a Raffle and a Bring and Buy Stall.

All proceeds from the day will be used to help people with MS in the local area.

**Belinda Peddle, Secretary**

High Wycombe & District Branch - MS Society

01494 443917

[www.mssociety.org.uk/branches/thames\\_valley/high\\_wycombe/](http://www.mssociety.org.uk/branches/thames_valley/high_wycombe/)

## Church Flowers

Thank you to those of you who made a donation for the provision of flowers in church throughout 2010, and to those who added their names to the rota and provided flowers. This ensured that there were very few occasions when there were no flowers in church.

The rota for 2011 is now displayed in the porch. If you would like to provide flowers for the church, please add your name on your chosen date(s). Thank you.

**Jean Godfrey (522198)**

## Floodlighting Dedications

A dedication for January was for:

16 – 22 January Nicol Hutton and family are remembering with much love and affection, Margot particularly on 16<sup>th</sup> January, her 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

13 – 19 February Christine Powell is remembering with much love, Eric on his second anniversary on 16<sup>th</sup> February – miss you so much, my Darling.

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**

## It's that Easter Story again (but not yet!)

It hardly seems like three years since I wrote an article drawing attention to the early date of Easter in 2008. Now I write about Easter 2011; and it is so late that there should be no excuse for the high cost of daffodils; but no doubt there will!

2008 was a spectacular Easter, with a very heavy snow-fall from roughly 07.15 to 09.30; and I had sort of joked that its date could easily give the white-stuff. Two abiding memories from that Easter Day: the snow-heavy sky to the North of the A40 as Ben Brice and I drove back from our customary Dawn Mass at St Paul's Cathedral; and my view of the churchyard from the font at five to nine as the congregation braved the huge snowflakes falling. Were I a photographer...

Instead of giving you the details, here is a quiz. The answers are upside down on page 28, and there's a prize question for JC Club members to answer at the end.

1. On what date is Easter 2011?
2. In what year did Easter last fall on this date? (a) 1859 (b) 1879 (c) 1909.
3. In what year did Easter last fall even later? (a) 1893 (b) 1923 (c) 1943.
4. Who or what dictates the date of Easter? (a) The Pope (b) The sun (c) Judaism (d) The moon (e) A conjunction in the stars.
5. What is the earliest date Easter can fall?
6. What is the latest date Easter can fall?
7. Is it more likely to snow in London on Christmas Day? or Easter Day?
8. In front of which book can you find a 'simple' ready-reckoner to work out future dates of Easter?

For members of JC Club: the first person to come to me having worked out the date of Easter in 2061 wins an edible prize; but you must show your workings-out on a piece of paper.

**Arthur Johnson**

## **Wycombe Youth For Christ**

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## **HELPIING HANDS PROJECT**

***SSUPPPORTTI IING..HEELLPI IING..LLOVIING***

### **What is the aim of the project?**

The project will support Schools within the Wycombe area through the help of individuals and churches.

### **How can I help?**

#### **1. Plastic Bottles**

Please could you collect **2ltr clear plastic bottles**; Chiltern Gate will use these to make a Greenhouse for the children. They still need in the region of 1000 bottles in order to make it! Let us have your bottles and we shall forward them to the school.

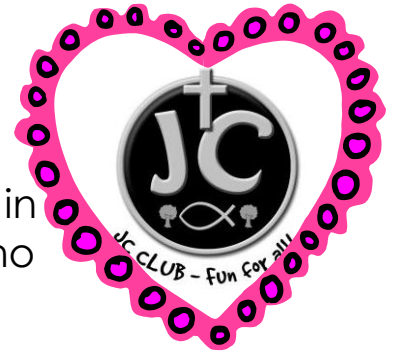
#### **2. Money For Schools Scheme**

Do you have any old inkjet printer cartridges (not Hewlett Packard / HP) or mobile phones that a school can redeem? Send them to us and we can forward onto a school.

#### **3. Mentoring Scheme (NEW for 2011!!)**

Could you spare **one day a term** in order to mentor a group of young people at school? The Buckinghamshire Education Business Partnership (BEBP) are looking for mentors to support, encourage and provide some expertise to students working on a challenge (i.e.developing a community project or creating a welcome pack for Year 7 Students). If you are interested or would like more information, please call Wycombe Youth For Christ.

# St Valentine



Every February we celebrate Valentine's Day by giving flowers, sweets and cards to those we love. We do this in honour of Saint Valentine. You may be wondering, 'Who is St. Valentine'? Time to brush up on your Valentine's history!

Legend has it that Valentine was a priest who served during third century Rome. There was an Emperor at that time by the name of Claudius II. Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those that were married. With this thought in mind he outlawed marriage for young men in hopes of building a stronger military base. Supposedly, Valentine decided this decree just wasn't fair and chose to marry young couples secretly. When Emperor Claudius II found out about Valentine's actions he had him put to death.

Another legend has it that Valentine was an imprisoned man who fell in love with his jailor's daughter. Before he was put to death he sent the first 'valentine' himself when he wrote her a letter and signed it 'Your Valentine', words still used on cards today.



Happy  
Valentines  
Day!

Perhaps we'll never know the true identity and story behind the man named St. Valentine, but this much is for sure...February has been the month to celebrate love for a long time, dating clear back to the Middle Ages. In fact, Valentines ranks second only to Christmas in number of greeting cards sent.

## February Dates for your Diary

- Sun. 6 Creche and all children in Church for Family Service
- 13 Creche and children to JC Clubs
- 20 Creche and children to JC Clubs
- 27 Creche and children to JC Club

## News from 'Christians in the Community'

Thanks must go to all the distributors of our service times on the Christmas cards which were delivered to nearly all our parishioners, and also to those who delivered boxes of mince pies (mostly in awful weather conditions). Thank you.

Our next committee meeting will be on Thursday 3 February at Naphill Methodist Church. You will be very welcome to join us.

**Norma Clarke**

## BUILD A CHURCH IN UGANDA

This appeal is from the News and Prayer Letter of The Romans One Eleven Trust who run Theological Training Courses at Ebenezer Children's Centre during school holidays and also support Pastor Samson's work.

*We have had an offer from a church member in one of our churches with expertise and experience in building churches in developing countries. He tells me that it would be more than possible for a dozen fairly fit people to finish the church in Bugoye in two weeks. That is an exciting prospect and something the people have long desired.*

*The person in question is willing to lead such a team and oversee the work. The way it has worked in the past is that each member of the team has raised about £1500 to pay for their fare, hotel bill etc and to make the necessary contribution for building materials.*

*Our problem is that we have no idea if there are twelve people out there who would be willing to make that kind of commitment. So the only thing to do is ask.*

*Is there anyone out there willing to take up such a challenge sometime next year? (This was written in November 2010)*

Please speak to **Rita Pulley, 01494 563470**, if you are interested in this challenge.



# February Recipe

## Courgette and Almond au Gratin

### Ingredients

- 1 lb small courgettes
- 1 medium onion
- 2 ozs margarine spread
- 1 oz cornflour
- ½ pint milk
- 2 tablespoons cream (double or whipping)
- 2 ozs grated mature cheese
- 1 packet of toasted flaked almonds
- 1 bay leaf
- A large pinch of ground mace
- Freshly ground pepper and salt
- ½ pint of water for boiling the courgettes

### Method

Cut the courgettes into ¼ inch thick rounds. Chop onions finely and sauté in 1 oz of the margarine. Place the courgettes in a pan of boiling, salted water and cook until tender but still firm. Drain them, place in an oven-proof dish and sprinkle the sautéed onions on top. Warm the milk with the bay leaf and mace.

In another pan melt the rest of the margarine, add the cornflour and stir until well mixed and sizzling slightly. Add the warmed milk and stir with a vigorous movement until there are no lumps. Add the cheese and the cream and stir well. Pour over the courgettes and onions. Sprinkle the toasted almond flakes over the dish and cook under a preheated grill until the top is brown and bubbly. You can use plain flaked almonds as they will brown quite well under the grill, but the toasted ones seem to have more flavour.

This is a very nice, light supper dish which I often make for Leslie and myself. In his present state of health he doesn't like too heavy a meal but it is very tempting and he usually enjoys a portion of this. I hope you all like it too, as it really is quite simple to make. You can even buy ready grated cheese nowadays!



## **Good Companions**

As is no doubt well known by now, we had to cancel our customary Christmas party at our December meeting owing to the terrible weather conditions. However, in accordance with the unanimous wishes of the membership we will be holding the lunch at our March meeting instead! We will sit down to the meal at 2 p.m. and entertainment as programmed will follow. There will be no raffle that day. If there is any member wishing to attend the lunch who is not already booked, Stan Cole should be contacted.

Our January meeting featured a visit from Mark Lovett, a Justice of the Peace who regularly chairs Magistrates Courts in Berkshire combined areas, and Elizabeth Medhurst a probation officer with the Thames Valley Probation Service. They explained their respective roles in the criminal justice system and using an imaginary case of aggravated vehicle taking by a 21 year old man, had a dialogue with the audience on how the offender should be dealt with. Mark explained the limits on the powers of the Magistrates, the strict sentencing guidelines they had to follow and the options open to them. Elizabeth explained the non-custodial sentences available and the involvement of the probation service in the various disposals available.

A serious discussion allowed an exchange of views and was very informative. Perhaps the most disturbing features that emerged were the high rates of re-offending and the problems of combating it and the disturbingly high proportion of those serving custody who cannot read and write which seriously impedes rehabilitation, making one wonder what has gone wrong with our education and penal systems. Why are so many youngsters going off the rails?

Our February meeting will feature a talk on a lighter but local note. The subject will be the history of High Wycombe by Mr. John Smithson, aided with slides.

**Michael Harris**

## **Valley Wives**

On 4 December we had our Christmas meeting. Jill welcomed members and guests and thanked us for coming out on such a cold

and icy evening. To introduce this season of giving Jill read several quotations one of which was by Martin Luther who said 'The heart of the giver makes the gift precious'. Our performers then presented a concert entitled 'With Christmas in Mind'. Jeanne Jones, soprano, gave a powerful rendering of songs ranging from Welsh lullabies to Edwardian parlour songs and carols, ably accompanied on the piano by Peter Jones who also entertained us with a piano solo by Bach. To conclude the concert percussion instruments were distributed for the audience to accompany the final song of Jingle Bells, causing much hilarity! Mince pies with tea/coffee ended this most enjoyable evening. Janet gave Jeanne and Peter a warm vote of thanks. Our Cake Stall at the Village Hall bazaar raised £110 and Jill thanked everyone for their contributions, also for the cakes we gave for the charity Craft and Gift Fayre Teas which raised £70 for the Cancer Research Fund.

Our first meeting of the New Year was a very well attended Games Evening. Jill had prepared a Beetle Drive and Beetle Quiz for us and we had great fun playing. Half-way through the game, we had a rest and attempted the quiz which asked us to name 12 types of beetles shown on a picture page with the help of a 'guess list'! The table which won the quiz shared a prize and the prize for the Beetle game was won by Pat Reeves. The evening ended with refreshments and some catching up with all the seasonal news of adventures over the snowy holiday.

On 4 February we are having an Open Meeting with 'A Slide Show of Old Wycombe' by Ann Biggs. All are welcome.

**Joan Steel**

## **Friendship Morning**

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

**Judith Camplisson – HW 565108**



## Tiny Tots Informal Service

3<sup>rd</sup> 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 16 February**

For details contact Nicky Fairbairn on 01494 520359

## Creche Rota

- Feb 6 Helen Collins / Mark Sherrington / Nickie Marsh
- 13 Elaine Morley / Vicki Michell / Angela Aze
- 20 Shirley brown / Ann Long / Anne Smalley
- 27 Sylvia Clark / Jane Lomas / Anna Pedrette

## Coffee Rota

- Feb 6 Jenny Phillips / Claire Godfrey
- 13 Claire Godfrey / Jean Godfrey
- 20 Jean Godfrey / Susan Devereaux
- 27 Susan Devereux / Sue Knott



## Flower Rota

Please see Jean's note under 'Church Flowers' on Page 18.

## From the Parish Registers

### Holy Matrimony

On Saturday 18 December:

James Peter Halley to Alice Susan Bell

### The Departed

Elizabeth Ann Williams

Steven John Sidley (aged 35)

## Calendar – February 2011

Tue	1	7.45 am Morning Prayer: Church 1.00 pm Art Fellowship: Church House. 7.30 pm Bellringing Practice: Belltower 8.00 pm Mothers' Union AGM: Church House
Wed	2	<b>Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)</b> 7.30 am Morning Prayer: Church 8.00 pm Sung Eucharist: Church
Thu	3	7.45 am Morning Prayer: Church
Fri	4	7.30 am Morning Prayer: Church
Sat	5	7.30 am Morning Prayer: Church
Sun	6	<b>Fifth Sunday before Lent</b> 8.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) 9.00 am Sung Communion 10.30 am All Age Family Service noon- Winter Warmers: Church House 3.30pm 6.00 pm Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon) 7.00 pm Prayer Hour: Church
Mon	7	7.30 am Morning Prayer: Church 10.15 am Ladies' Daytime Fellowship and Bible Study
Tue	8	7.45 am Morning Prayer: Church 1.00 pm Art Fellowship: Church House. 7.30 pm Bellringing Practice: Belltower
Wed	9	7.30 am Morning Prayer: Church 7.45 pm Choir Practice: Church
Thu	10	7.45 am Morning Prayer: Church 8.00 am 24 hours of prayer for High Wycombe: Church House
Fri	11	7.30 am Morning Prayer: Church
Sat	12	7.30 am Morning Prayer: Church
Sun	13	<b>Fourth Sunday before Lent</b> 8.00 am Said Communion 9.00 am Mattins (Book of Common Prayer) 10.30 am Family Communion with JC Club 6.00 pm Come Close 6.00 pm Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Mon	14	7.30 am Morning Prayer: Church 9.30 am Mums' Bible Study Group 10.15 am Ladies' Daytime Fellowship and Bible Study
Tue	15	7.45 am Morning Prayer: Church 1.00 pm Art Fellowship: Church House. 7.30 pm Bellringing Practice: Belltower
Wed	16	7.30 am Morning Prayer: Church 12 noon MS Society Ploughman's Lunch 1.45 pm Tiny Tots' Service: Church 7.45 pm Choir Practice: Church
Thu	17	7.45 am Morning Prayer: Church 10.30 am Friendship morning: Church House.
Fri	18	7.30 am Morning Prayer: Church
Sat	19	7.30 am Morning Prayer: Church

<b>Sun</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Third Sunday before Lent</b>
		8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am Sung Communion
		10.30 am Informal Family Service with JC Club
		6.00 pm Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
		7.00 pm Prayer Hour
Mon	21	7.30 am Morning Prayer: Church
		10.15 am Ladies' Daytime Fellowship and Bible Study
Tue	22	7.45 am Morning Prayer: Church
		10.00am - MU Fairtrade Big Brew Coffee Morning & Bring & Buy: noon Church House
		1.00 pm Art Fellowship: Church House.
		7.30 pm Bellringing Practice: Belltower
Wed	23	7.30 am Morning Prayer: Church
		7.45 pm Choir Practice: Church
Thu	24	7.45 am Morning Prayer: Church
Fri	25	7.30 am Morning Prayer: Church
Sat	26	7.30 am Morning Prayer: Church
<b>Sun</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Second Sunday before Lent</b>
		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)
		7.00 pm Prayer Hour
Mon	28	7.30 am Morning Prayer: Church
		9.30 am Mums' Bible Study Group
		10.15 am Ladies' Daytime Fellowship and Bible Study

## 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

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## Answers to Easter Quiz

1. 24<sup>th</sup> April 2. (a) 3. (c) on 25<sup>th</sup> April 4. (d) but remember it is also the Jewish Feast of the Passover in our Holy Week. 5. 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
6. 25<sup>th</sup> April 7. Easter Day 8. The Book of Common Prayer.

## **Who's Who at St Michael & All Angels**

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PARISH CLERK & VERGER	Arthur Johnson	521471
PARISH ADMINISTRATOR	Lin Smit	462094
CHURCH NOTICES/WEBSITE	Ben Brice	445899
PCC LAY VICE CHAIRMAN	Derek Godfrey	565956
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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YOUTH	Mike Dean Jane Tucker Norma Clarke (Administrator) Helen Byrne (Co-ordinator)	463376 534989 563116 564342
MISSION	Peter Toller	551415
OUTREACH & SOCIAL	Frank Hawkins	565050
ALPHA COURSE - ADMINISTRATOR	Diane Hawkins	565050
ELECTORAL ROLL OFFICER	David Cornwall	714718
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AV AND SOUND SYSTEM	Frank Hawkins	565050
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MOTHERS' UNION	Barbara Willson	713770
CAPTAIN OF BELLRINGERS	David Cornwall	714718
HOSPITAL VISITING CO-ORDINATOR	Sara Badrick	534275
VALLEY WIVES	Jill Graves	563813
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***Hughenden***

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***To enable all to follow Jesus Christ***

*Grant us, Lord,*

*faith to believe*

*and strength to do Thy will.*

*Amen.*