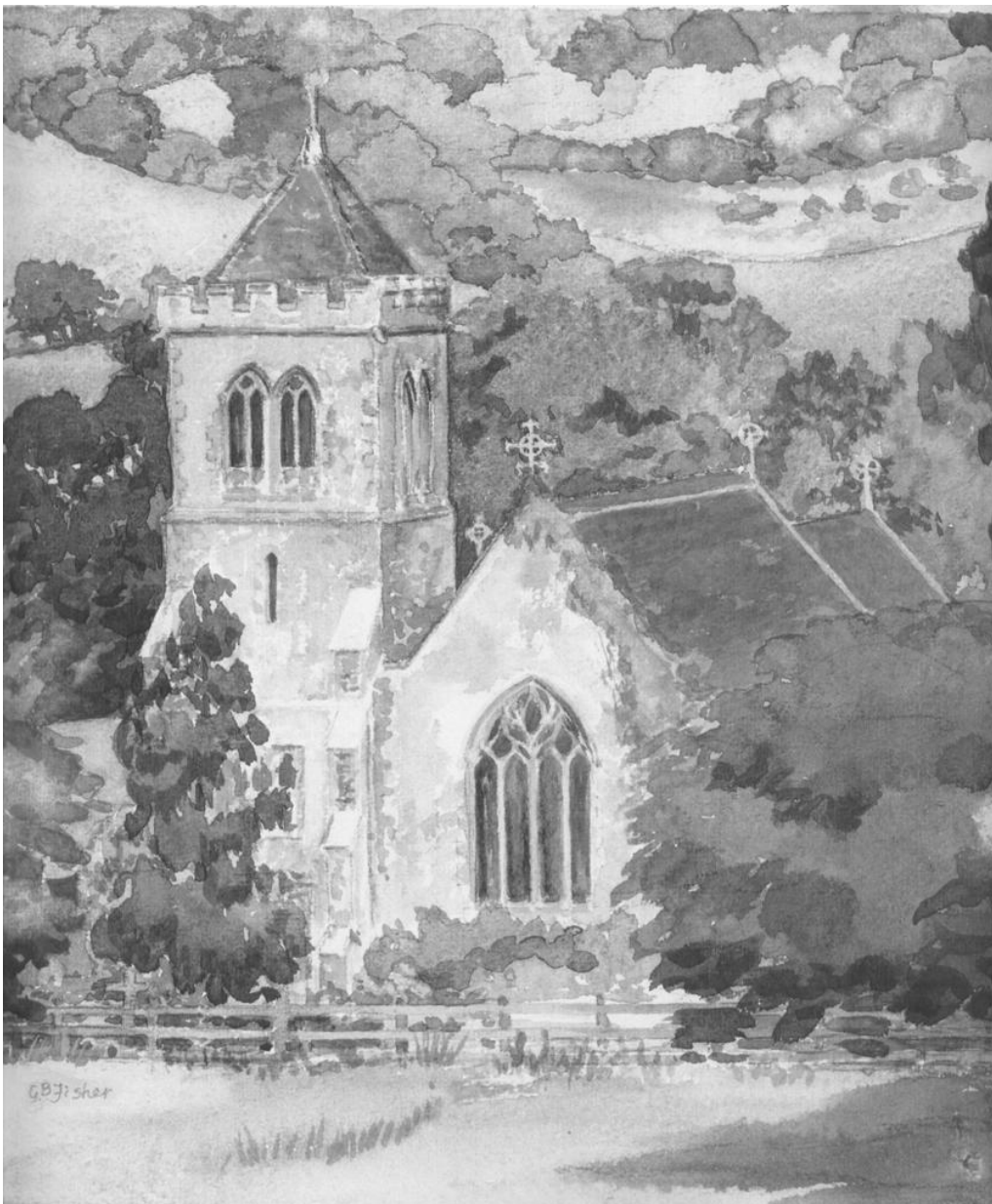


# Outlook

Hughenden Parish Magazine  
St Michael and All Angels



**May 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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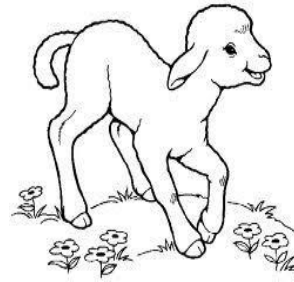
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# May 2011



## Dear Readers

Did you by any chance watch any of the Lambing Live programs on BBC 2 in mid-April? I found it fascinating watching in detail the activities of a 21<sup>st</sup> century Shepherd. The program was based on a sheep farm in Cumbria, and followed the activities of all the members of the farming family as they worked through one week of the lambing season. Three generations of the family were involved, grandparents, parents and their two young daughters. One evening the cameras showed film of the family at the weekend, as they all attended a service at the local Chapel, where the father was a member of the Chapel Choir. The shots of the service homed in on the Father singing in the choir with behind him a beautiful embroidered banner bearing the words 'The Lord is my Shepherd'. This made me think more about all the 'shepherding' activities we had seen being performed during the programs.

The fact that every sheep was known individually to the shepherd, just as our Lord knows each one of us. The tender care that was taken of each lamb as it was born, just as our Lord cares for us and tends to our needs. The efforts that were taken to ensure that orphaned lambs were successfully adopted into new families, which included covering orphans with the skin of a dead lamb so that the bereaved mother would react to the scent of her dead off-spring and take on the lamb which smelled to her as if it was her own; just as we are adopted as Sons of God by being covered in the 'blood of the Lamb'.

We are getting more into the swing of being Editors, and hope that you enjoy this month's magazine, as much as we enjoyed the challenge of putting it together.

**Jane and Bob Tucker**  
**Editors**

## From the Vicarage – May 2011

In March I spent three days out of the Parish on a course entitled Leading Your Church into Growth (LYCIG). It was organised by the Diocese and there were 160 participants, mainly clergy but with some lay leaders from local churches.

I confess that I went a little under duress (it was sort of a three line whip!) wondering what we were letting ourselves in for. Were we doing everything wrong? would everything have to change? was it going to be three days laden with self reproach and guilt that church growth wasn't stratospheric?

I needn't have worried, it really was an excellent three days during which we were reminded of the good things we were doing and yet challenged to look honestly at our churches. We were reminded that growing churches was not about numbers, it was not about filling pews, it was about people in our parishes who are searching for God. In looking for growth we were not encouraged to go out and convert the whole parish, but to be realistic in our aspirations, but not to remain

happy and content with trotting along happily leaving things as they are if doing this had not in fact born fruit for growth. This was all about helping churches move out of a maintenance minded mentality, keeping the people who come happy and begin to engage with the mission of Jesus, somehow impacting upon those who don't come.



I found it very helpful to be reminded that we shouldn't be surprised that many in our parishes would in fact be indifferent, or apathetic or simply dismissive of the message of Jesus. Jesus himself said this in the parable of the sower. However we were also challenged about those who are very open to the message of Jesus who are genuinely searching for God. However, sadly they will not often find what they are looking for in the

local church if it seen to focus on it's internal issues, or is simply a religious comfort zone for those who already come.

We were given good practical ideas - from Church notice boards to encouraging a culture of welcome that ran right through the Church, as well as some good useable outreach events which are simple to do but very effective (I was particularly taken with the idea of a chocolate evening which I would really like us to do!) We were encouraged to look again at our worship and the religious language that we in the church take so much for granted but which can actually be a source of confusion to many people. We were encouraged to go back and look again and ask the questions, What would it feel like to a visitor for the first time at your church? what would someone new actually experience?



None of this is of course rocket science, but that was the joy of

it, these were ideas that were within every church's reach. However there was one issue that was a big challenge, quite simply were we hungry to see growth? or were we content to allow things to remain as they are? Without that hunger, we were reminded all the good ideas in the world will come to nought.

So What now? There are two events being planned, one in May and one in October, which I have invited the PCC and leadership team to (this is as close as I can come to initiating a three line whip!) but which I would like to throw open to anyone who would like to be involved. The first is a local event, on Monday 16 May at 7.30pm at Christ Church, Flackwell Heath. This will be an opportunity to hear about the LYCIG initiative, and to take part in a simple exercise to help us start thinking about the way forward. The second event will be at Grey Friars Church in Reading on Saturday 1st October. This will be a Diocesan event at which there will be representatives of the LYCIG team. Incidentally this all ties in very neatly to the second of the Diocesan 'living faith' initiatives which is 'making disciples'. Again, I would like the PCC and leadership team

to come and anyone else who is interested. I then hope to take the PCC through some of the other principles of church growth using a summary of the LYCIG course enticingly titled 'four studies and a party' !

I was personally very challenged on this course, I was challenged about my own hunger, and whether I have in fact become complacent, and rather institutionalised. I was very challenged when during one of the sessions we were presented with a part of the ordination charge, the prayer that was said when I was ordained, I print it here:

*'In the name of our Lord we bid you remember the greatness of the trust now to be committed to your charge, about which you have been taught in your preparation for this ministry. You are to be messengers, watchmen, and stewards of the Lord; you are to teach and to admonish, to feed and to provide for the Lord's family, to search for his children in the wilderness of this world's temptations and to guide them through its confusions, so that they may be saved through Christ for ever.'*

Those are awesome words. Actually this would an

impossible task if it were to be all on the shoulders of one man or woman. The ordained might be representative of the church in many situations, and yes wearing a dog collar still does open doors of opportunity but this is in fact the calling for the whole church, this is our number one priority, so here is again; in case you missed it! - *'to search for his children in the wilderness of this world's temptations and to guide them through its confusions, so that they may be saved through Christ for ever'.*

I hope that some of you might be hungry for this?

**Simon**



# The Lectionary – May

		8 am	Readers 9 am	10.30 am
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>			
	Acts 2, 14a, & 22-32	P Hynard	K Moxham	
	1 Peter 1, 3-9	S Cole	J Palmer	
	John 20, 19-31	Celebrant	Celebrant	
	<b>Evensong:</b>			
	Psalm 30			
	Daniel 6, 1-23			
	Mark 15, 46-16, 8			
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>			
	Acts 2, 14a, & 36-41	J Wilson	L Stallwood OT*	
	1 Peter 1, 17-23	A Stacey	A McBarnett	
	Luke 24, 13-35	Celebrant		Celebrant
	Psalm at 9am: 116			
	<b>Evensong:</b>			
	Psalm 48			
	Haggai 1, 13- 2, 9			
	1 Corinthians 3, 10-17			
<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>			
	Acts 2, 42-47	J Dauncey	J Tyrer	Informal Service
	1 Peter 2, 19-25	C Carter	R Gee	
	John 10, 1-10	Celebrant	Celebrant	
	<b>Evensong:</b>			
	Psalm 29			
	Ezra 3, 1-13			
	Ephesians 2, 11-22			
<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>			
	Acts 7, 55-60	A Jaycock	L Smit OT**	
	1 Peter 2, 2-10	N Chalk	H Farrar-	
	John 14, 1-14	Celebrant	Hockley	Celebrant
	Psalm at 9am: 31			

**Evensong:**

Psalm 147

Zechariah 4, 1-10

Revelation 21, 1-14

**29<sup>th</sup> Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rogation Sunday)**

Acts 17, 22-31

J Godfrey

J Smit OT\*\*\*

1 Peter 3, 13-22

J Kendell

A Sykes

John 14, 15-21

Celebrant

Celebrant

Psalm at 9am: 66

**Evensong:**

Psalms 87 and 36

Zechariah 8, 1-13

Revelation 21, 22 – 22, 5

**Old Testament lessons:**     \* Zephaniah 3, 14 -20  
                                      \*\* Genesis 8, 1- 19  
                                      \*\*\* Genesis 8, 20 – 9, 17

## **An Hour Out**

Honest Talking  
Honest Listening  
Your Time

Would You like an opportunity to share an hour of your time talking about what you do or don't believe, how you feel about coming (or not coming) to church, how you pray, what you'd like to understand about the Bible but never dared ask?

An Hour Out is a simple initiative from the Diocese of Oxford to help you talk about things perhaps in a way you might never talked about before. If this interests you I would very much like to hear from You. There will be some cards giving simple guidance about An Hour Out at the back of the Church. Please take one if you are interested and give me a call.

**Simon Cronk**



# **The Annual Vestry and Annual Parochial Meetings**

The Annual Vestry and Annual Parochial Meetings were held on Sunday 3rd April 2011 in St Michaels' Church at 7.00pm. Sadly only 37 members of the Electoral Roll were present.

An Annual Report Booklet has been printed, reporting on all the activities that have taken place over the last year. It is wonderful to see how much is going on. The booklet is available at the back of the Church.

Following the meeting our Church Officers and representatives for the year 2011/2012 are as follows: -

**Clergy** Rev. Simon Cronk, Rev. Fred Friend.

The following Churchwardens were elected at the Vestry Meeting and may remain in office for a period of 6 years.

**Churchwardens** Brian Clark, Christopher Tyrer.

Deanery Synod were Elected at the PCC meeting. All Deanery Synod Representatives were to be elected this year for 3 years and will remain in office until 31st May 2014. They automatically become members of the PCC. The previous members will remain in office until 31st May 2011.

**Deanery Synod** Brian Clark, Arthur Johnson, Lin Smit and Christopher Tyrer.

Members of the PCC may remain in Office for a period of 3 years and can be re-elected for a further period of 3 years.

## **Elected Representatives**

Arthur Johnson, Ann McCarthy, Frank Hawkins and John Smit were re-elected onto the PCC. Cath Cronk was elected onto the PCC for the first time.

Derek Godfrey  
Mike Morgan  
Tony Sackville  
Arthur Johnson  
Ann McCarthy  
Frank Hawkins  
Penny Austin

Vice Lay Chairman  
Treasurer  
  
Parish Clerk, Verger  
  
PCC Secretary

Anne Dean  
Peter Toller  
John Smit  
Mike Dean  
Clare Godfrey  
Cath Cronk

**Penny Austin**  
Secretary. Hughenden PCC

## **Churchwardens' Matters**

You may, or may not, be aware that Andrew Sykes is standing down as Churchwarden as he will be leaving the area later this year. Andrew has done an excellent job in supporting Simon and the parishioners throughout his term of office for which we offer him our sincere thanks and we wish him well in his new home and surroundings.

Following the annual PCC meeting early in April, Chris Tyrer was elected Churchwarden to replace Andrew and I very much look forward to working with him in carrying out our Churchwardens' duties. As many of you will know, Christopher is a Judge (soon to retire) and on being given his large bunch of Churchwarden's keys was heard to ask 'For the cells?'. Welcome aboard, Chris!

**Brian Clark, Churchwarden**

Don't bother to give God Instructions; just report for duty

**Corrie Ten Boom**



## **A FLOWER FESTIVAL**

### **"CARNIVAL OF ANIMALS"**

AT ST.MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

SATURDAY 4th JUNE 12 noon to 6 pm

SUNDAY 5th June 2pm to 5.30pm

There will be an opportunity for children to add their own drawings or cut-outs of animals, birds, or flowers to a mural .

Donations will be gratefully received towards the daily care, medical costs, and education of the orphaned children at The Ebenezer Children's Centre in Uganda.

## **Outlook Magazine**

To enable the distribution of your Parish Magazine to continue, a volunteer is needed to deliver it to those who then distribute it within the community. (10 times a year). This is a valuable service to the community and a vital role to fill if the magazine is to continue to be so widely distributed and read.

Please call John Babb on 563342.

**John Babb**

## **Pastoral Care Team:**

### **"Every member of the congregation"**

We have recently returned from three weeks in South Africa, initially attending the wedding of some young friends whose parents we got to know when we lived there many years ago, and then spending a couple of weeks in Northern Kwa Zulu Natal about 300k north of Durban.

The place we stayed at is called Hluhluwe, pronounced "sh-sh-louie", a small town in what was previously Zululand but now part of the province of KwaZulu Natal. Within 15k of the town is the famous game reserve of Umfolozi-Hluhluwe, the hunting ground of Zulu chiefs such as Dingiswayo and Shaka.

On the last Sunday of our stay we enquired as to the whereabouts of the nearest Christian church and were advised that it was "in the building in the field at the bottom of the road". We set off and found the building and as we walked towards the building we heard Afrikaans being spoken. After waiting a short time until the service ended we enquired as to when the English service would start? "Straight after this service" we were informed.

So we waited for the 11 o'clock service, and by 5 minutes past 11 the first people started arriving. By 20 past 11 the Minister turned up! Timing is not that important in this part of South Africa! The Minister had driven, with his young family from Mtubatuba, a distance of about 100k to lead the service.

How warmly we were greeted and made to feel completely at home, a similar experience to that when we first came to Hughenden some 10 years ago and have experienced ever since. What did make an impression on us in addition to the warmth of being welcomed by fellow Christians in this remote part of Africa was the caption on the Hluhluwe United Church Newsletter which read "Pastoral Care Team: EVERY MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION"

So much has changed in South Africa since Nelson Mandela was released from prison over 20 years ago, and it is truly wonderful to see people of all races with a new confidence and mixing together, a far cry from the oppressive regime under Apartheid. The whole of Africa needs our on-going prayers as the nations move forward.

**Derek and Jean Godfrey**



## LIGHTHOUSE 2011 CRAFT COLLECTING LIST

- Cereal boxes
- Paper plates (18 or 24cms)
- Small white paper drinking cups
- Wooden clothes pegs
- Kitchen roll inners
- Primark brown paper carrier bags (as new)
- Jigsaw puzzle pieces (small size)
- Green garden plant canes (thin, 60cms long)
- Animal stickers (jungle, zoo & penguins)
- Large-holed beads (called pony beads)
- Coffee stirrers or lolly sticks (wooden)
- Orange and yellow highlighters
- A4 paper – yellow, orange or white (for printing)
- A4 thin card – coloured or white (for printing)

### Collection Arrangements

Please take to the craft collecting point in your church, organised by your Church Rep (or contact Carol Chapman, High Wycombe or Ali Hazleton, Hazlemere below)

**Thank you!**

Carol Chapman (01494 520658) [carol@clchapman.plus.com](mailto:carol@clchapman.plus.com)  
Ali Hazleton (01494 813826) [alihazleton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alihazleton@hotmail.co.uk)

## “NE'ER CAST A CLOUT” \*

May is almost out;  
and springs stentorian shout  
that started all this fuss  
now subsides.

The sun rides late;  
and all this bright green spate  
that floods the eyes  
now thrives.

And I with aching back,  
torn on toil's harsh rack,  
rest awhile,  
and smile

At this claim I've staked,  
planted, hoed, and raked.  
That takes its annual toll.  
Still I survive.

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Ron Cretchley

23.5.94

[www.thinkingpoet.co.uk](http://www.thinkingpoet.co.uk)

\* “*Ne'er cast a clout till may be out*” is an ancient country saying, of uncertain meaning. It could mean: don't give up your winter clothing until the hawthorn (may blossom) is in flower. Alternatively “Till May be out” could mean until the end of the month of May.

## Communicants

### March

#### Sundays

6 <sup>th</sup>	24	+	54	=	78
13 <sup>th</sup>	33	+	68	=	101
20 <sup>th</sup>	26	+	38	=	64
27 <sup>th</sup>	25	+	83	=	108

#### Weekdays

9 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday	40
19 <sup>th</sup>	St. Joseph	9
24 <sup>th</sup>	Piper's Corner Confirmation	25

## THE WILDER SIDE

I do not suppose that I was the only one to have my concentration on a service distracted by the antics of a pair of birds a few weeks ago. They were a pair of Wrens, who luckily seemed to know how to get in and out. They probably fed on spiders of which there are no doubt many up in the roof.


Have I found the world's smallest Ladybird? Their variety intrigues me, so when I saw a minute creature which, under a magnifying glass, had all the characteristics of a Ladybird – yellow with many spots – but barely 2mm long, I was a bit puzzled. Ladybirds evolve from eggs (minute) → larvae (13mm long and live for 3 weeks guzzling aphids) → pupae (2mm) immobile → adults (3 – 6mm long). What I saw looked like the pupae but it was mobile!

The butterfly count increases: Orange Tip, Peacock, Small Tortoiseshell, Small White and Holly Blue; all brought out by that spell of sunshine in early April.

A Song Thrush appears in the garden. This is not a common event. Then I saw two together who are now active garden regulars, though not appreciated by the resident Blackbirds.

Recently I was washing up breakfast before the '9 o'clock' happily listening to a glorious bass aria from Bach's St Matthew Passion. Then on the apple tree I saw two Bullfinches; he was resplendent in his vivid dark pink breast plumage and glossy black cap. A rare and beautiful sight. Yes, another Heavenly Moment!

First Swallow of the year seen on 14 April. Whoopee!



LOOK OUT FOR KITE & BUZZARD  
PAIRS AEROBATIC COURTSHIP  
DISPLAY — DRAMATIC!

**Darrell Hamley**



## **Floodlighting Dedications**

A dedication received too late for the April magazine is for:

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|-------------|--|
| 17-23 April | Beryl and Ken Peatey have been giving thanks for their 65 years of happy marriage, celebrated on 20 April. |
| 22 – 28 May | Janet Palmer is remembering with love her mother, Leonora Thomas, whose anniversary falls on 27 May.       |

If you have a special occasion to mark, why don't you dedicate the flood-lighting?

Your dedication can be for anything within reason, remembering loved ones, birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, new babies or just for the joy of being alive!

**Lin Smit**

## **Friendship Morning**

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

**Judith Campplisson – 01494 565108**



# Mothers' Union Meeting April 5th

## **“A life in the day of a Hospital Chaplain”**

*Luke 24 v. 13. Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about 7 miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other. Jesus himself came up and walked with them; but they were kept from recognising Him.*

It was a pleasure to welcome Catherine Smith and to hear about her work as a Chaplain at Wexham Park Hospital, where she has ministered for 7 years. The Chaplaincy is on call 24/7 and Catherine works 3 days a week as well as being an Associate Minister at Penn Street Church. Catherine told us that she has always had a strong sense of a calling into the hospital ministry. “I feel that this is where Jesus wants me”. A hospital is a microcosm of society. Chaplains respond to the spiritual needs of patients which often they have difficulty in expressing. Catherine said her main task is to get **ALONGSIDE** patients/family and allow them space and time. She also feels that it is important to give time to people of other faiths. She is occasionally asked to pray with them.

Catherine has a gracious, warm and dignified presence. She humbly admits to being out of her comfort zone at times in the constant challenges. In medicine, death is sometimes seen as a failure. A call might be from intensive care, the baby unit, palliative care dept. or others, A sad relative may ask Catherine “can you pray with Mum?” A safe place is created to share grief which is often expressed with anger as people can often talk more easily to a stranger. It is obvious that Catherine fits her caring role so well. Patients/family are on a kind of Lenten journey at any time of the year and as Catherine said it is easy to forget the Church’s calendar. In the Chapel all major faiths are provided with places for prayer and screens are moved around appropriately. It is not uncommon for Christian prayers to be offered at the altar at the same time as prayers are being said by Hindus in another corner of the room. She is sometimes asked for prayer by people of other faiths.

Catherine has a close relationship with the staff that also has needs because of the nature of their work. She supports West Ham Football Club as do many members of staff and probably many patients. Catherine also stressed the personal need to be self-aware as one can sometimes be affected by circumstances. As she said "you will never know what you will be doing next"

"I have always known where my vocation lies in this work AND I LOVE IT"

### **Dates to note:**

May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Marion Gunning's	"Away from it all holidays"
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Alison Bennett	"The MU and the United Nations"
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	TINY TOTS PICNIC in MOTHER'S UNION GARDEN 12:30	
July 5 <sup>th</sup>	PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH	Church House 12 noon onwards

**Jean A. Godfrey**



## **PLANT SALE - Saturday 7th MAY**

10 am to 5 pm at "Chadwell", Coombe Lane, Hughenden Valley  
(second house above the Village Hall).

Boxes of bedding plants, perennials, house plants,  
tomato plants and other vegetables

AND gardening books to help you with caring for them !

**All profits to The Ebenezer Children's Centre in Uganda.**

## **Market Garden Open Day**

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May, from 11am – 4pm, Watford New Hope Trust's Market Garden is open to the general public - for one day only! This is an opportunity not to be missed.

You can buy vegetable and bedding plants, as well as furniture, at great prices.

The plants have been grown by keen gardeners, who have also produced plants for silver medal winning gardens at the Chelsea Flower Show.

You can see one of Watford New Hope Trust's services in action.

You can enjoy a delicious cream tea.

You will be supporting the homeless in your local community by attending this event

All in all, it will be a truly worthwhile visit, to a setting that is somewhat unique. You can find the Market Garden at 64 Rickmansworth Road, WD18 7JA. Entry is free, but donations towards our services are welcome. For further information, telephone 01923 227 132, visit [www.wnht.org](http://www.wnht.org) or email [events@wnht.org](mailto:events@wnht.org).

## **From A Bucket of Surprises – J. John and Mark Stibbe – Monarch Books**

A boy was watching his father, a pastor, write a sermon.

“How do you know what to say?” - he asked.

“Why, God tells me” replied his father.

“ Then why do you keep crossing things out?!”



# *Made by God*

afternoon of activities for all children  
St Michael's and All Angels

**Saturday 7 May**  
**2.00 – 4.00pm**

All children are very welcome to come along to this fun afternoon  
*(children must be accompanied by an adult)*

**Biscuit decorating**

**Treasure hunt**

**Refreshments**

**Bouncy Castle**

**Brass rubbing**

**Prayer balloons**

**Craft activities**

For further information speak to any member of the  
Youth Task Group, telephone numbers can be found at

**the back of this magazine**  
or email **Helen Byrne** - helenbyrne67@googlemail.com

## **News from 'Christians in the Community'**

If anyone would like to join us for our next Fellowship Safari it is on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May – 7.30 at Judith Camplisson's house, 9 South Maudlin, Hughenden Valley. The second stop will be at Joan Blunden's house, 4 Loaches Lane, Naphill. You will be very welcome. Any queries to me on 563116. On the next night, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May we shall be having our committee meeting at Church House, Hughenden.

Our gazebo will be at the Naphill Fete and we are starting to collect plants which will be on sale there. If you are out in garden perhaps you could check to see if there are any plants that need dividing and pot them up for us.

**Norma Clarke**



## **24/7 Praying for High Wycombe**

St. Michael's have signed up to participate on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month starting at 8.00 a.m. until 8.00 a.m. on the Friday. We will be signing up in 1 hour slots, and praying – following guidance in a prayer points document – either in Church House or a location of our choice. This month our slot starts at 8.00 a.m. on **12<sup>th</sup> May** until 8.00 a.m. on 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

**For more details please talk to Simon (563439) or Jacky (07921 258822) or Yvonne (563960).**

## **Mothers' Union visit to the Mosque**



On Wednesday 30 March eight of us visited the Jubilee Road Mosque in High Wycombe. This mosque was built around 1985 and funded by worshippers who readily gave money for it, some even donating their entire pay packet. Muslims give 2.5% of their income to the mosque and charities and a large extension is currently being built for which the money will be forthcoming. There are two other smaller mosques in High Wycombe, one in Castlefield and one in Micklefield, but Jubilee Road is the main centre.

We were warmly greeted by Anita Khan, Director of Youth Provisions, the Karima Foundation and taken into the lobby where we took our shoes off and put scarves over our heads. We were joined by another lady called Maida. There is a washing room next to the lobby where we saw rows of small, stone stools with small sinks in front where those coming to pray carry out ritual washing of their hands, arms, feet and head before proceeding into the prayer room. In this large room the floor was covered in a beautiful carpet with repeat patterns of rectangles, each rectangle representing a prayer mat and pointing to the South East which is the direction of Mecca from High Wycombe.

Mecca is the birthplace of the prophet Muhammad who is the most important prophet in the Muslim religion. It is believed that God (Allah) revealed the scriptures to Muhammad over a period of 23 years, starting in 610 AD. The prophet died in Medina in Western Saudi Arabia in 632 AD and is buried there. Jesus is revered as being

one of the important prophets and a number of familiar names in the Christian bible also appear in the Koran.

We learned that the large, main hall in the mosque was the men's hall. Men and women do not worship side by side as it is thought this would be a distraction and all thoughts should be towards God. There was a very decorated elevated chair on the South East wall which is where the Immam sits when teaching. To become a teacher, an Immam has to be trained for nine years. Prayers can be led by anyone (they do not have to be an Immam or to be specially trained to do this) and can be said anywhere, ie in the home, in a community hall, at a place of work, in the open air, etc as long as the floor or ground is clean. There are five set prayer sessions every day, in the early morning, at lunch time, afternoon, tea time and evening. Verses from the Koran are recited repeatedly in a set pattern. Many people memorize the Koran in its entirety and in the language in which it is written, namely Arabic.

The Jubilee Road Mosque is a Pakistani Muslim mosque. Apparently countries differ in the way in which they set out their mosques, for instance some have plain carpets, with a symbol on the appropriate wall to show which way supplicants should stand when praying. Prayers usually start with the person standing; later they bow and finally kneel and lean forward until the forehead touches the ground. Some prostrate themselves completely.

The women pray in a room upstairs, but they are not always able to go to the mosque because of caring for their children. So they pray at home, or wherever they happen to be at the appointed time. Children attend the mosque every day after school for two hours to be taught the scriptures. As the verses are in Arabic, they do not necessarily understand what they are saying, but learn this as they get older.

The rich carpet covered all the areas of the mosque where prayers are said. Another large room upstairs is under the dome which has verses from the Koran around its base but the inside of the dome itself is plain at present. There are plans for this to be decorated in the near future.

In the Muslim tradition, when a person dies the body should be returned to the ground as quickly as possible so that the deceased person can return to God. The body is brought to the mosque and ritually washed, but always under a cover, before being wrapped in a shroud which consists of three pieces of cloth for men and five for women. Many people come to the mosque when a person has died and prayers are said over the body before it is taken for burial in the graveyard on Hamilton Hill. They are never cremated.

When a couple decide to marry, there is no religious ceremony. The couple in question agree that they will dedicate themselves to each other and declare this three times in front of two witnesses. This can be done anywhere and does not have to take place in a mosque. However, in this country they are also required to have a civil ceremony in a Registry Office and nowadays there is usually a big reception to follow.

When a baby is born it has to be named within the first seven days, with great care going into selection of the name. Immediately after birth some verses of the Koran are recited to the baby so that the first words it hears are the words of God. Tradition has it that some hair of the baby's head must be shaved and then weighed and an equivalent amount of silver given to the mosque. This is just a token as obviously hair weighs very little.

Anita and Maida looked after us extremely well and there were still questions to be asked, but time defeated us. It was a most interesting and enlightening time and a further visit is planned. Both Anita and Maida have expressed a desire to visit our church and we look forward to welcoming them there at a future date.

**Sylvia Clark**

## **Himalayan Challenge**

Don't forget that Christine Powell is still looking for sponsorship for her challenge in memory of Eric. To donate please log on to:



## **Valley Wives April Notes.**

Our April meeting was opened by Jill with a few handy hints from Mum Knows Best on clothes care, instead of her usual chosen verse.

We were surprised to find the trestle tables full of small pots of brightly coloured cake decorations and a large tray of hundreds and thousands when we arrived at the hall for our talk by Kate Parker and her partner on " The Chocolate Source", this was an evening of participation and fun. We began by each table being given bottles of white milk chocolate, having been shown by Kate, how to form the shape of a lolly on to the tray and then fill in the centre and add the stick for it. We then did a further shape of our choice on to the tray. We were then given a pretty pot containing 5 ready made milk chocolate flower lollies and a small icing bag to ice the lollies and apply the decorations to them. When we had completed them we were given a clear cellophane bag with pretty tag and holder to complete our very attractive pot of lollies to take home. The evening was much enjoyed by everyone.

We have a Dinner Theatre evening on 13th May at the Village Hall when Ubiquitous Theatre Group will be performing "Talking Heads" by Alan Bennett, for information please contact Doreen on HW 564877. On the 16th June we are going to Windsor for the day, plus a matinee performance of Dreamcoats and Petticoats, also phone Doreen if you are interested in either.

On May 6th Amanda Rayner will be with us for her talk on "Fans" .

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**From A Bucket of Surprises – J. John and Mark Stibbe –  
Monarch Books**

“God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers”

**Jewish proverb**

## May Recipe

The ginger cake in this month's recipe is a particular favorite of my son's Godmother. She makes it frequently and it keeps very well, so she always has some for unexpected visitors. One of the world's oldest known spices, ginger root has been used in cooking for centuries. Originally a native of Asia, it is now grown widely in the West America after the Spaniard Francisco de Mendoza transplanted it from the East Indies into Spain and the Spanish Americans cultivated it – actually exporting 22,053 cwts. of it from America to Europe in 1547.

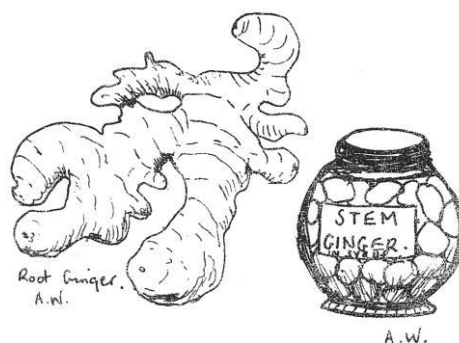
Used frequently in oriental cooking it is also known for its many medicinal properties. In Japan ginger is used to treat joint and spinal ailments. It is also thought to promote the healing of fractures. The Chinese use ginger tea as an aid to colds. Antiseptic and analgesic, it is sometimes used as a gargle for sore throats. It is often used as a medicine for stomach complaints, being thought to be an excellent aid to the digestion, ridding the sufferer of flatulence, nausea and vomiting. Ginger applied in compresses, liniments or by massage is believed to relieve backache, headache, muscular and rheumatic pains. A real cure-all!

Preserved ginger, the sort you get in jars at Christmas is the undried, immature 'green' ginger rhizome, which is scalded, washed and peeled, then steeped in syrups for many days. I think it is delicious!

## Auntie Bet's Ginger Cake

### Ingredients

6oz self raising flour  
4oz margarine  
2 tablespoons of Golden Syrup  
2oz Demerara sugar



1 large egg (+ a little milk if needed)  
2 teaspoons of ground ginger  
1 good sized piece of stem ginger(from in syrup)  
2oz sultanas or raisins

## **Method**

Chop the stem ginger up fairly finely. Cream the margarine, sugar and golden syrup. Add the egg, beaten and a little of the flour and blend well. Then add the rest of the flour, ground ginger, ginger pieces and the sultanas and a little milk if needed, to make the mixture to a dropping consistency. Spoon into a loaf tin and bake for about 45 minutes at Gas 3, or 325f or 160c.

**Ann Way**

## **Good Companions**

Guest speaker at our April meeting was Jim Gumming, who on a return visit recounted his days as a serving police officer. He joined the Bucks Constabulary in 1955 which in 1964 with other forces amalgamated to form the present day Thames Valley force which serves this county with Oxfordshire and Berkshire. He retired in 1985 and told us of his experiences. He brought along a collection of exhibits, including some items of his uniform which would really look old fashioned now compared with the modern day attire we are now used to seeing. Two nostalgic items were the whistle the piercing tone of which he demonstrated and the white gloves (both summer and winter issue) which were worn when on point duty, a regular feature of days gone by.

We are unable to hold the May meeting because of the forthcoming elections. Instead some members are gathering at the Harrow pub for a pre-arranged lunch, meeting up at 12.30 for service of meals at one o'clock.

**Michael Harris**



## **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 18 May**

For details contact Nicky Fairbairn on 01494 520359

## **From the Parish Registers**

### **Service of Prayer and Dedication of Marriage**

On Saturday 2nd April:  
William and Elizabeth Hurrell

### **The Departed**

Jeremy John Carless

## **Crèche Rota**

May 1 Jean Godfrey / Claire Toller / Helen Charalambous  
8 Shirley Brown / Jane Lomas / Helen Collins  
15 Ann Long / Vicki Michell / Anne Smalley  
22 Elaine Morley / Pam Felix / Eleanor Telling  
29 Anna Pedrette / Kirstie Brewer / Lyndsey Robinson

## **Coffee Rota**

May 1 Lyn Watterston / Lizzi Hurrell  
8 Lizzi Hurrell / Penny Austin  
15 Penny Austin / Diana Gibbons  
22 Diana Gibbons / Marieke Forster  
29 Marieke Forster / Rita Pulley



## **Flower Rota**

May 1 (Easter Flowers)  
8 Jean Godfrey [for Sylvia Hinton]  
15 **TBA**  
22 Sylvia Clark  
29 **TBA**

**TBA** – This indicates that there are still some blank spaces on the rota in the Church Porch please fill in your name for any Sundays that are special to you.

## CALENDAR - MAY 2011

Morning Prayer is said daily from Monday to Saturday.  
See the weekly notices sheet for the time each day

Sun	1		<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>
		8.00 am	Said Communion
		9.00 am	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.30 am	Family Communion
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
		7.00 pm	Prayer Hour
Mon	2	10.15 am	Ladies' Daytime Fellowship and Bible Study
Tue	3		<b>Mark the Evangelist</b>
		10.00 am	Holy Communion: Church (30 mins)
		1.00 pm	Art Fellowship: Church House.
		7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice: Belltower
Wed	4		<b>Philip and James, Apostles</b>
		10.00 am	Holy Communion: Church (30 mins)
			Wycombe Arts Festival: Church House
		7.45 pm	Choir Practice: Church
Thu	5	10.30 am	Friendship morning: Church House.
Fri	6		
Sat	7	7.30 am	Youth Group Activity
Sun	8		
		8.00 am	Said Communion
		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)
		6.00 pm	Come Close: Church House
Mon	9	9.30 am	Mums' Bible Study Group
		10.15 am	Ladies' Daytime Fellowship and Bible Study
Tue	10	1.00 pm	Art Fellowship: Church House.
		7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice: Belltower
Wed	11	7.30 pm	Wycombe Arts Festival: Church House
		7.45 pm	Choir Practice: Church
Thu	12	7.00 am	24 hours of prayer for High Wycombe: Church House
Fri	13		
Sat	14		<b>Matthias the Apostle</b>
		9.00 am	Holy Communion: Church (30 mins)
Sun	15		<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>
		8.00 am	Said Communion
		9.00 am	Sung Communion
		10.30 am	Informal Family Service
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Mon	16	10.15 am	Ladies' Daytime Fellowship and Bible Study
Tue	17	1.00 pm	Art Fellowship: Church House.
		7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice: Belltower
Wed	18	1.45 pm	Tiny Tots' Service: Church
		7.30 pm	Wycombe Arts Festival: Church House
		7.45 pm	Choir Practice: Church
Thu	19	10.30 am	Friendship morning: Church House.
Fri	20		

Sat 21 1.30 pm Wedding: Matthew Green and Rachel Bradley

Sun	22		<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>
		8.00 am	Said Communion
		9.00 am	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.30 am	Family Communion with JC club
			Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
		6.00 pm	Prayer Hour
Mon	23	9.30 am	Mums' Bible Study Group
		10.15 am	Ladies' Daytime Fellowship and Bible Study
Tue	24	1.00 pm	Art Fellowship: Church House.
		7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice: Belltower
Wed	25	7.30 pm	Wycombe Arts Festival: Church House
		7.45 pm	Choir Practice: Church
Thu	26		
Fri	27		
Sat	28		
Sun	29		<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>
		8.00 am	Said Communion
		9.00 am	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.30 am	Family Communion with JC club
			Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
		6.00 pm	Prayer Hour
Mon	30	10.15 am	Ladies' Daytime Fellowship and Bible Study
Tue	31		<b>Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth</b>
		10.00 am	Holy Communion: Church (30 mins)
		1.00 pm	Art Fellowship: Church House.
		7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice: Belltower

## Meetings and Organisations

House groups	Weekdays	See weekly notice sheet for details
CYFA (School Years 10 +)	8.00 p.m. alternate Sundays	Contact Mike Dean (463376) for details
D-CYFA (School Years 7 – 9)	Once per Half Term	Contact Anne Dean (463376) for details

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*Grant us, Lord,*

*faith to believe*

*and strength to do Thy will.*

*Amen.*