

Outlook

Hughenden Parish Magazine
St Michael and All Angels



March 2012

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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St Michaels Flower Festival
2004. Photo by Bob Tucker.

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Dear Readers,

Have you ever heard those jokes that start 'How many xxxxx does it take to change a light bulb??' That type of joke came to mind after Bob and I had discussed a slight difference to one aspect of the magazine, when we met with Chris Tyrer last month. In recent weeks there have been a number of instances where one person found themselves with conflicting duties during a 10.30 service. It was suggested that there should be one central point where all the duty rosters, rotas etc. should be gathered together in one place, so that potential 'double bookings' could be more readily identified. As a result Bob and Chris drafted a format for a table which lists all the people with duties for each 10.30 service during the month.



You will find that new table on page 26 of this magazine – alongside the Lectionary which lists the rest of the people involved in services as lesson readers - and it will be updated and maintained by each magazine editorial team from now on.

Where does the light bulb joke come in I hear you asking? Once Bob and I had started to populate this table for the first time, Bob commented that he wondered if many people had any idea how many people it takes to get a 10.30 service up and running! If you have the same thought, when looking at all the duties that are performed by members of the 10.30 congregation, (or any of the other services congregations for that matter!!) and currently your name would never appear, how about talking to one of the people whose name is already there, and asking them what the role involves? New names on the lists will mean that double bookings will be less likely to occur, but even more importantly that, more members of the St. Michael's family will be serving their God in a practical way and serving their brothers and sisters in Christ too – see Simon's letter about taking something on as service to others.

Jane and Bob Tucker, Editors

From the Vicarage March 2012

When we take on a new role our lives get filled up with new things. It can be a little problematic therefore if the existing things still remain. After 10 years of being the vicar of Hughenden taking on the role of area dean has brought into my life a whole new set of responsibilities and duties which are requiring me to rethink things a little. Many of these new opportunities I am enjoying, the emerging financial crisis in the Deanery and exactly what to do about it I am most definitely not enjoying! I did have another role as well as being the vicar here and that was as Deanery vocations adviser. People who sense a calling that might lead to ordination or becoming a licensed lay minister in the church will first be asked to see a vocations adviser. In fact that is how I first met Helen, now our curate. I have now given that role up. However it does feel as if I have taken on a whole new parish and at the moment I am having to juggle between my existing responsibilities and my new ones.

This of course will sound like familiar territory to many people, life brings new

challenges, new opportunities for growth and fitting it all in can be a little daunting. I remain ever thankful for the dog. He needs exercise and so do I and the daily walk remains a precious time when I can't be doing anything else. Whilst there are some days when my head is simply full of mush there are some days when the walk is in itself a prayer, I need those days.



When we get to March of course we will be well and truly into Lent. I am not sure if I do Lent very well. Last year the Bishop and Archdeacon gave the clergy a bit of a gift, permission to take two whole days off a week. It didn't actually happen for me and I don't suppose that it will this year. However, I have absolutely no guilt in settling down on a Saturday afternoon to watch a six nations match if I have no other commitments.

One of the things that I do in March, and this has now become a Lenten priority for me, is to take myself off for my retreat with two other trusted friends. We go away together for three days walking, talking, enjoying a good beer or two and praying together. They are both clergy, one a vicar, the other a cathedral canon. We use to meet at a retreat house in Derbyshire. That has sadly shut down and we now go and spend time at the Archdeaconry Director of Ordinands cottage in Shropshire. This will be our third year there. (It has also emerged that the director of ordinands Caroline Windley and are long lost third cousins, a nice discovery.) There was one year I missed this three day get together, I deeply regretted it and resolved never to do so again. This year Area Dean commitments have loomed, I have not given in to the pressure, I am still going on the retreat. Our wives have also tried to meet together at another time of year, although last year sadly this didn't work out.

I think Lent is an opportunity to break the cycle of things in our lives which have a hold on us. The traditional Lent fast, even if

it is a matter of only giving up chocolate or cake or alcohol (what does he mean...only?)



It has a deeper purpose, that of helping us gain control over our appetites. For some there will be the need to slow down and find some space in the busyness of our lives. There is a very challenging verse in Matthew's gospel (14:23) which simply says of Jesus "He went up on a mountainside to pray." I once attended a workshop which looked at the different ways we connect with God. It might be through worship, it might be through the intellect (hence our recommendation to read a good Lenten book) it might be through service to others, but it also might be through getting out in nature. I think that we need all of these. I am encouraged though that the verse says that Jesus took himself up a mountain. I suppose that many of us can relate to that.

Of course by the time this is read Lent has started but it is

not too late to start something (or stop it!) and see where it leads once Lent is over.

For me, after my epic tome of last month, I think that for now I

shall stop writing such long parish letters!

May your Lenten journey, whatever it is, be a fruitful and enriching one.

Simon

Thank You

'On behalf of Cath and me, I would like to thank you all for the wonderful surprise that we had in Church in January marking our tenth anniversary in Hughenden. The cake was wonderful, as was the bubbly! Thank you also for the little light bed-time reading (a huge tome on the history of Christianity). We were both very touched by the warmth and affirmation we received. I think that I also need to thank two very secretive and proficient church wardens for arranging it all.

Simon

Pub Quiz Wednesday 11th April @ 7.30 pm.

The Bootlegger Pub (was Flint Cottage) just opposite Wycombe Station on Amersham Hill. Over 300 different wonderful beers to sample! Nibbles and finger food will be served.

Mark Sherrington 07789 641219

Mark Sherrington

Church Organ and Bongo Drums

How amazing! Thanks go to our 10-30am service musicians, who have the skill to combine all these in reverence, praise and joy.

Joan Steel

I wonder when you last looked at the church website? – www.hughendenparishchurch.org.uk It is of course there to be informative to you and also to be of interest to visitors. I have spent some time



recently reshaping the site and it occurred to me that some of the information may be rather out of date. People sometimes think about sending me items to put up on the website, but I rarely get asked to delete or update anything. So this is a plea for you to go online and have a look through our church website. If you find anything that is now wrong, out of date etc., then please email me and I will have the opportunity to make the website a little more accurate. Also, if there is anything else that you feel you would like to see on the site, just tell me. I have thought that it would be good to have some photos of the activities that take place within the church community: the music group, mothers' union etc. I look forward to receiving you emails.

Ben Brice (web@hughendenparishchurch.org.uk)

Ben Brice

ANNUAL REPORT BOOKLET

It is that time of year again when I need to ask all those involved in **Church Activities** to write a brief report for the **Annual Report Booklet** in readiness for the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** which is to be held on **Sunday 29th April 2012 at 12.00pm following the 10.30am Service**.

I should be grateful if you would submit them to me, preferably by email, no later than **18th March** 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. I shall look forward to receiving your reports.

With many thanks

Penny Austin
PCC Secretary

4 P's Update



2012 has started and our focus on the '4Ps' continues! **Prayer, Presence, Persuasion and Proclamation.**

At the PCC Meeting in January we agreed our plans for the coming year and everyone felt that we had already achieved so much – prayer was more prevalent at our Church meetings, especially our 'business' meetings, our 2 Christmas Unwrapped events had delivered Presence, Persuasion and Proclamation in bucket loads and so many of our Church events – like the Auction leaflet and the Barn Dance displays – are making sure that we continue to highlight the reason for our activity!



In 2012 we will continue the focus on ensuring that we base our meetings in **Prayer** and will also look to strengthen our corporate prayer life.



With regard to **Persuasion** we will build on the success of our Alpha and Men's Breakfasts by running a Youth Alpha and commencing a Women's networking event.



For **Proclamation** we will continue to ensure that information about our faith and our Church community is available at each and every event that we run to ensure that we don't miss any opportunity to proclaim our faith, albeit in a sensitive and appropriate fashion.



Our aim for **Presence** is to run at least 2 events in 2012 that will ensure our active involvement in the community.

For 2012 the PCC agreed that these will be Easter Eggsplained (where we again host our 2 local primary schools and explain the wonderful Easter story) and our full support and participation in the 2 local village fetes – Hughenden and Naphill. And in addition we will throw our full support behind the 'Love Wycombe' event to be held on 27th May (more details elsewhere).

I hope that the above demonstrates our commitment to really embedding the 4Ps in everything we do. And please, if you have any questions don't hesitate to contact Simon

Church Wardens - Christopher Tyrer and Brian Clark

Task Group Coordinator - Helen Byrne

Task Group Leaders - House Groups ; Anne Dean,

Youth ; Jane Tucker and Mike Dean,

Outreach and Social; Frank Hawkins

Mission; Christopher Tyrer

Mike Dean

Come Close Sunday 11th March

After the demand to see Rob Bell's 'Everything is Spiritual' in December when Church House was packed to the rafters I will once again be showing this remarkable tour de force instead of the usual 'Come Close' on Sunday 11th March at 6.00pm in Church House. Please let me know if you want to come, whether for the first or second time (it is worth seeing at least twice) although there will be no mulled wine this time.....sorry!

Simon

24/7 Praying for High Wycombe

24/7 **Prayer for Wycombe** this month takes place on Thursday, 8th March and commences at 8 am and concludes on Friday at 8am. The sign-up sheet is on the table at the back of the church and the Prayer Points for March will be available by the beginning of the month. If you forget to collect a copy, these can be emailed to you if you contact Yvonne (563960). Prayerfully consider committing to one hour, or part of an hour, of prayer for our town and the ministries that take place there.



On Wednesday, 7th March, there will be a Wycombe Celebration evening at Kings Church, Desborough Road at 8 pm. This is an evening of prayer, worship and feedback from some of those working in the various ministries. Look for news of how our prayers are making a difference in next month's Outlook.

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

Yvonne Cook

Thank You!!

Following the recent request for help with the magazine printing, to cover Norman Pulley's temporary incapacity, Brian has been delighted to receive offers of assistance and now has enough names to cover all the tasks - and even has a first reserve in place!

The Editors

A CANVAS TO REMEMBER

Spring, this festival of miracles,
is like watching an artist at work:
limned lines of black on white;
a wash of blue and green;
now stabs of colour,
bright yellows and mauves
to gladden wintered eyes.

More daring he grows:
brush flying in frenzy,
no colour untouched;
a riot of over-statement
that shows no abatement;
energy unbounded
drawn from depths unsounded.

Surely a canvas to remember;
to hang in one's inner gallery of sight
for viewing in drab December
at the solstice night.

Ron Cretchley 29.4.96
www.thinkingpoet.co.uk

Burns Night Supper



Thanks to you Frank Hawkins and your dedicated team of helpers who decorated Church House so beautifully and provided the menu for another very enjoyable evening celebrating the birthday of the Bard!

Scottish Piper Jamie Kendall, in full regalia, was on hand to welcome us and of course, to pipe in the Haggis! Our Chairman, Frank, addressed, "The beasties" and ceremoniously dispatched it with the help of Jamie's dirk, while we drank a toast, or two, of the obligatory wee dram! The evening continued with several people 'press ganged' into reading verses, (with brave English interpretations of a Scottish accent,) from some of Burns poems. Well done readers, and thanks to Jamie for his patience!

I can't claim that I understand Robert Burns poetry, but what a great opportunity to let your hair down and enter into the atmosphere of a Burns Night and join the many thousands around the world who were doing the same. A great night.

Two tickets for 2013 please Frank!

Keith Dean

Children enjoy being in Church!

If you were in Church on 8th or 9th December 2011 you would have seen and heard very practical demonstrations of 'P for Presence'

(see Mike Dean's separate explanation of 4Ps) when Year 5 and 6 children from two local primary schools were greeted with lots of smiles and Christmas music (and really nice biscuits!). St. Michael's partnered with Wycombe Youth for Christ in presenting Christmas Unwrapped, a morning of quizzes, crafts and discussion on the real Christmas story which sometimes gets hidden behind the commercialism, food and presents. - oh yes and there was a shouting competition too!!

Simon and Helen were the formal 'welcomers' but then handed over to Erica Holt of WYFC and Mike Dean who formed a wonderful team to keep all the children enthralled all morning. After an initial quiz (all backed up with music and images displayed on the screens) the children were split into two groups and swapped between racing around the church looking at story-boards and filling in blanks in their workbooks; and being ushered into North Room to be welcomed by the craft team, who helped each child to decorate a wooden candle holder as a permanent reminder of the event.

Both the children and the teachers/helpers gave us very positive feedback on the sessions – perhaps you have seen the wonderful folder of letters at the back of the Church, sent to use by Hughenden Primary School? Some children had never been into a Church before and others who had said, it was so nice to be able to get up and move around and ask questions. Those members of the congregations, who volunteered their time to help during the sessions, also said that they enjoyed themselves – one even saying that they enjoyed it despite being sure that they wouldn't!

So will we do it again?!? - Yes!! – when? - Friday 23rd and Monday 26th March.

On those two mornings the same children will be welcomed back to the Church for another session this time called Easter Eggsplained. So if you are approached at the back of Church in the next few weeks by someone with a list and asked if you will volunteer to help, please try and clear your diary and come and join in – you might even find you enjoy yourself too!!

Jane Tucker

MISSION - Gospel for Asia

'Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.' (Matthew 28:19 N.L.T.)

Imagine your world without Jesus.

For 2 billion people, they don't have to imagine; they can't imagine a world *with* Jesus.

There are still hundreds of millions waiting to hear the Gospel for the very first time.

The majority of these people live in the 10/40 Window, a rectangular shaped area on our globe extending from West Africa to East Asia, from 10 degrees north to 40 degrees north of the equator.

In this part of the world, millions live with little or no chance of ever hearing the Gospel. The Window also encompasses the majority of the world's Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists.

Although 97 percent of the world's un-reached lives in the 10/40 Window...

Less than 0.05% of our total resources as the Church in the West are being sent to help share the Good News. Truly there is a staggering amount of work to do.

Within the 10/40 Window:

The darkest of all areas within the 10/40 Window is Asia.

- Over 80,000 die every day in Asian countries without knowing about the love of Jesus Christ.
- 500,000 villages in South Asia alone have no ongoing Christian witness.
- For the un-reached, their world is untouched by the message of God's love in Christ Jesus and the demonstration of it as well. Gospel for Asia-supported missionaries are reaching out to this world with both the message and the demonstration of it.

For Gospel for Asia, this isn't 'al-right.' In fact, our passion is to change these facts as quickly as we can. This change happens most quickly

when the global church works together as a body to reach those who have no idea that Jesus ever walked the face of the earth.

500,000 villages in South-east Asia are without a single Gospel witness

80,000 people die every day without having heard the Gospel

85 % of un-reached countries are closed to foreign missionaries

How are we reaching the most un-reached?

- **Through Prayer:** The foundation of Gospel for Asia's ministry is prayer. We know that nothing is accomplished without prayer, and therefore we give it a place of priority. Gospel for Asia missionaries and staff, literally around the world, pray consistently and with great fervour for those who have never heard that Jesus loves them.
- **Through National (or Indigenous) Missionaries:** Without the cultural barriers carried by Western missionaries, GFA-supported national missionaries are equipped to share the Good News to those who have yet to hear about a God who loves them. Find out more about these courageous men and women.
- **Through Giving:** Giving takes many forms at Gospel for Asia. Some give out of financial abundance; others, as in the story of the widow's mite, give out of great need. Some give up secular careers to serve as staff at a GFA office. And, of course, the missionaries on the field sacrifice their entire lives to His service. No matter what our role is—whether missionary sponsor, volunteer, support staff or field missionary—we have all given ourselves over to the call of Christ that we might be used for His glory. Our donation centre offers many ways you can help support the work on the field.

Why are we reaching the most un-reached?

- **Jesus commanded us to reach them**
- **We are called:** There are many serving Jesus across the world, and Gospel for Asia is privileged to be serving Him in Asia.
- **The need is great:** Even as millions live in total spiritual darkness, the Church in the West spends less than 1% of its total resources on sharing the Good News with the most un-reached

How can you help us reach the most un-reached?

- By teaming up with a GFA-supported [national missionary](#).
- By helping to build and support [Bible Colleges](#).
- By giving towards [Gospel Literature](#) and [Bibles](#).
- By supporting the work of [Radio in Asia](#) that allows us to broadcast the Good News in over 100 languages!
- By helping with [disaster relief](#) efforts like the recent flooding in Pakistan and India.
- By helping our Compassion Services Teams minister through our [Slum](#) and [Leprosy](#) ministries.
- By helping to provide clean water through [Jesus Wells](#) and [BioSand Water filters](#).
- By [sponsoring a child](#) in Asia, so they will know that God loves them and be provided an education.

'Revolution in World Missions' by K.P. Yohannan (founder & international director of Gospel for Asia) is a most interesting and enlightening book.

Jim & Ann Long have 5 free copies available to anyone who would be interested in reading this book.

Contact Tel:- 564009 email:- annlong1000@aol.com

Jim and Ann Long

Don't Forget

Fairtrade Fortnight lasts until 11 March 2012

Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world. But how about marking Lent this year by changing one item in your weekly shopping basket to a Fairtrade product?

Lin Smit

Floodlighting Dedications



Floodlighting dedications received too late for the February magazine were for:

29 January – 4 February Marion Richardson was remembering her mother Eva, particularly on 20 January, her anniversary.

5 – 11 February Meg Freeman was remembering with much love her husband David, particularly on 4 February, his Anniversary.

So far, there is one bumper dedication for March:

4 – 10 March Rex and Mary Harris celebrate anniversaries taking place in March:

- their Wedding 3rd March 1973 at Hughenden Church;
- their Confirmation 8th March 1987 at Hughenden Church; and
- Rex's Birthday on 16th March

If you have special occasions 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

Mothers' Union AGM 2012

The AGM took place on the revised date of February 15th, having been cancelled the previous week due to extreme cold and a dangerously icy church path. Members were welcomed with a glass of delicious mulled wine before the meeting started at 8pm, our curate, Helen Peters taking the chair.

We began with hymns (chosen by our new members) and prayers, followed by a membership service when Helen welcomed our two new members, Jane Tucker and Pam Felix. She read the Purpose, Aims and Objects of the Mothers' Union and members joined Jane and Pam in affirming and re-affirming their commitments to the Mothers' Union. Jane and Pam were presented with their MU badges by Barbara.

Diane Hawkins wished to stand down from the committee and the remainder agreed to stand for another year. Diane Walker and Ann Way volunteered and were duly elected as committee members.

The committee is as follows:

Barbara Willson	Leader
Kay Kennedy *	Secretary
Susan Devereux	Treasurer
Ann McCarthy	Social Concern
Andrea Samuel	Women's Refuge
Helen Collins	Tiny Tots Service
Heather Morley	Mum's Bible Study Link
Jean Godfrey **	General Member
Clare Godfrey	General Member
Shirley Brown	General Member
Diane Walker	General Member
Ann Way	General Member

* Kay will be resigning as secretary after nine years' service but will oversee all bookings of speakers, events, etc until September when a new secretary is needed.

** Jean has resigned as Correspondent, but will remain on the committee.

Barbara thanked Kay for the fantastic job she had done, and also thanked Jean who had been Correspondent for two years, and Diane, a long-standing member of the committee. She asked members to consider volunteering for these positions.

Reports from the various sections were read and Andrea read a report by her daughter, Heather, on the One Can Trust and its work. In her Leader's Report, Barbara said that fund-raising functions had been held during the year and a total of £1,525 was raised which had been sent to Mothers' Union charities, one of which was Away from it All Holidays which benefits disadvantaged families. A local health visitor had successfully applied for holidays for local families. More details of the activities of our branch will be found in the Church's Annual Report booklet published at the end of April.

Sadly, two members had died in the past twelve months, Val Rickards and Margaret Jaycock. Val was inspirational in the way she coped with terminal illness. Margaret, a much loved member for many years has left lovely memorials in her beautifully carved MU banner stand in the church and the sign in the MU Garden. We remembered them in our prayers, together with Sara Badrick and Ann Way who had recently lost their beloved husbands.

In January we welcomed Kirstie and Tom Brewer's new son, Oscar, to the church family.

Helen said that our's was the first MU she had known and she felt we acted as the pastoral support for the area. She was amazed at the scope of activities covered and said this was very valuable work. Barbara thanked Helen and also extended thanks to Simon, Fred and Arthur for their support.

At the next meeting on March 6, Brian Clark will be talking about Christianity and Communism in Russia. All are welcome to join us.

Sylvia Clark

March Recipe

Pork Escalopes with Mixed Vegetables

Ingredients

2 or 3 Pork Escalopes or Boneless Pork Fillets

3 courgettes

3-4oz small mushrooms

1 large onion

A bunch of asparagus (or a tin of asparagus)

Juice of half a small lemon

Parsley and fresh Basil (mixed herbs can be used instead)

1 red pepper

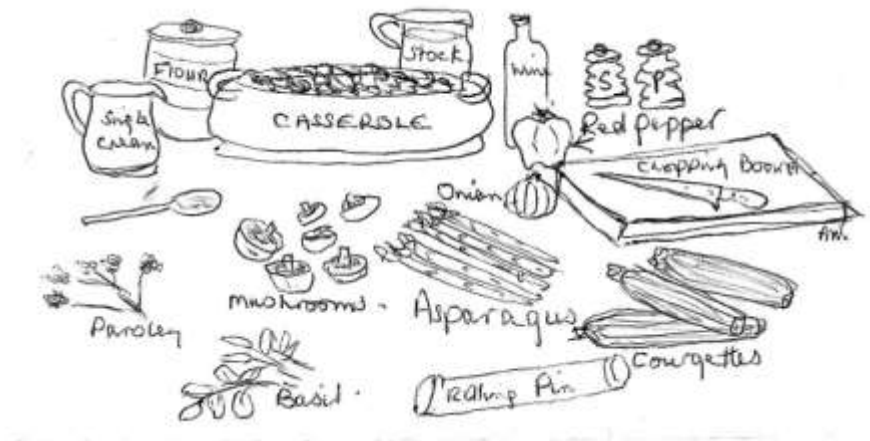
¼ pint of single cream

1 heaped dessert spoon of flour

Pepper and salt, freshly ground

½ pint of chicken stock (mixed with a little white wine if required)

2/3 tablespoons of sunflower oil



Method

Lay the escalopes or fillets on some grease proof paper. If you are using proper escalopes of pork, cut them nearly through and spread them out. Cover with more grease proof paper and beat with a rolling pin until flattened.

Using a large frying pan, cook them in the oil until lightly browned on both sides for approximately 6/7 minutes.

Place them in a large casserole dish and then cook the chopped vegetables in the remaining oil and add them to the casserole.

Add the cream and the flour to the frying pan and stir to mix in the residue, then add the stock and wine until smooth. Pour into the casserole dish and cook in the oven at about 170°C (300°F) for about 3 hours or until nicely cooked and the vegetables are tender. Serve with new potatoes and a little butter and parsley.

I have always enjoyed cooking casseroles as they are so easy to serve and I have tried many combinations so you can always change the veg. ingredient to your liking.

Ann Way

Friendship Morning



This is a get together in Church House on the 3rd 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 Camplisson – 01494 565108



Tiny Tots Informal Service

3rd Wednesday every month at 1.45 pm

All are welcome at this service in church where we have a story, some songs, toys, tea and squash.

Do come.



The next service is on 21 March

For details contact Nicky Fairbairn on 01494 520359

Valley Wives February Notes

Jill opened the meeting with verses about a smile being infectious and starting an epidemic throughout the world! A happy thought to raise the spirits in these difficult times. A letter from the High Wycombe Multiple Sclerosis Society, thanking the V.W.'s for the £60 donation to their funds. was read out by Jill, and she then introduced our speaker Amanda Raynor, whose subject was "The Language of the Fan" To set the scene, Amanda had dressed in Edwardian costume complete with chatelaine around her waist, to hold her fan and other useful items. She opened her fan in a particular way to bid us welcome to her talk. Amanda described fans as basically simple and practical items that can also be beautiful and desirable objects, often given in the 1770's as love tokens, also presented at engagements and weddings. There were many varying styles and qualities of fans but they always followed the fashion of the day. If the costumes had large skirts like crinolines then the fans were big and in the 1920's with short plain skirts, they were small. Fans first appeared in the 14th century, although the language of the fan was only created in the 18th century and eventually died out by the first world war, as other communications developed. They expressed the language of the heart and could show every type of emotion merely by the position in which the fan was held, e.g. over the mouth, below the chin, towards the shoulder or at the side etc., even the way the fan was fluttered had a meaning. Young ladies of quality would be chaperoned and as discretion was the order of the day, the only way of communicating with the man of their dreams was by fan. It was said in 1770 that ladies could chat without the use of the tongue!. Amanda has an amazing collection of over 500 fans and showed us some beautiful, slides and photographs of them to illustrate the designs, the kinds of materials used to construct fans and the decoration of hand painting and embroidery. Very much works of art. Heather proposed the vote of thanks for a most interesting talk.

Our next meeting on 2nd March is an Open meeting entitled "Portsmouth to Barcelona Cruise" by Gordon Massie
A few tickets are available for the Dinner and Concert on 23rd March. Please telephone Doreen 564877 as soon as possible if you would like to come.

Joan Steel

Good Companions

Our February meeting featured a return visit from Margaret Deakin with a talk illustrated with her own photographic slides about a visit she made with her husband to the 'top end and the outback of Australia'. The journey began in Brisbane, capital of the state of Queensland ending in the Deakin winery (named after a former prime minister, no relation!) near the town of Mildura in South Australia. We were given a short history of the country which is one and a half times the size of Europe and how settlement began with the transportation of convicts. Immigration was encouraged by the discovery of gold in the mid nineteenth century. Its present status as a nation of eight states began in January 1901 and it now has a population of over 21 million, the indigenous Aboriginal inhabitants forming just over 2 per cent of the total. From Brisbane their journey took them to Darwin, the mainland's -northernmost city which is nearer to Singapore than to the southern cities and had to be rebuilt after Japanese air raids during the war and again after the 1974 cyclone. They went through the National Park in Kakadu where can be found crocodiles, paintings on the rocks by aboriginal inhabitants, lodges on stilts because of the risk of floods, and the magpie geese. They went on to Alice Springs, famous for its "School of the Air" covering an area ten times the size of England, and base of the Royal Flying Doctor service. Then from Uluru by air over the outback, a vast and scarcely populated area with visits to an underground church and hotel built to provide a cooler environment and a stop at Williams Creek, claimed to be the smallest town and then passing over the Flinders Range, the largest mountain range in South Australia with its iconic landmark Wilpena Pound. Some idea of the size of the country and the distances involved can. be gained from the fact that the journey by rail from Adelaide to Darwin on the line completed in 2004 takes two days , with the carriage compartments fitted with sofa beds! Thanks to our speaker for another ^fascinating armchair tour of part of a distant continent.

Our next meeting on March 1st sees a return visit from the Swan Singers and we need a good turnout to match their numbers, so members should not fail to bring their friends and visitors along.

Michael Harris

From the Parish Registers



Holy Baptism

On Sunday 5th February: Arabella Eva Rose, daughter of Richard and Laura Smith, married at Hughenden and now living in London, grand-daughter to Peter and Cherry Smith of Hughenden.

Holy Matrimony

On Saturday 11th February:
Jack Henry Giles Chudley to Sara Louise Barton

The Departed

Margaret Ann Jaycock, aged 74
Jessica Annie Watts, aged 34

Communicants

January

<u>Sundays</u>		<u>Weekdays</u>	
1 st	20 + 44 = 64	6 th Epiphany	31
8 th	34 + 80 = 114	25 th Conversion of St Paul	9
15 th	22 + 49 = 71		
22 nd	30 + 80 = 110		
29 th	27 + 74 = 101		

Intercessions

9 am Service

Mar 4th John Smit
11th
18th Lin Smit
25th



SWITCHOVER IS COMING AND HELP IS AT HAND

Digital switchover is coming to our village soon, and if you don't convert your TV to digital by the time of the switchover, you won't be able to watch any TV programmes.

The BBC-run Switchover Help Scheme can convert one TV to digital for you. You are eligible for the Help Scheme if you are:

aged 75 or over, or live in a care home (for six months or more), or receive (or could get): Disability Living Allowance (DLA), or Attendance or Constant Attendance Allowance, or Mobility Supplement, or registered blind or partially sighted

If you are eligible then the Help Scheme will write to you directly. All you need to do is respond to the letter by sending back a completed reply form or telephone for free on 0800 40 85 900. If you receive a letter, please respond even if you don't need any help.

The scheme can provide and install easy to use equipment to switch one TV. It includes an approved installer, aerial upgrade if needed and a 12 month after-care service, with free helpline. Most people will be asked to pay £40 towards the service but it can be free for those who receive certain income -related benefits.

Do you know someone who needs a helping hand switching to digital TV? Please talk to them and make sure they get the help they are entitled to by telling them about the Switchover Help Scheme.

If you need any further information, or know someone who may need help, then please contact Bridget Wythe or Carol Nutkins at Community Impact Bucks on 0845 3890389.

For further information on the Switchover Help Scheme visit helpscheme.co.uk or call 0800 40 85 900. Text phone users can call 0800 40 85 936.

Chiltern Gateway Project

I am working on behalf of A Rocha, the Christian conservation organisation. The Chiltern Gateway Project is an A Rocha Associated Project, set in the Chiltern Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The aim of the project is to help the community understand better, by personal experience and involvement, the concept of God as Creator and its relevance to their day to day lives. We want people to enjoy God's world and to help us to care for it. It is important that the local and the Christian community are very much involved. The project provides a variety of activities to achieve this, some purely for attendees' pleasure, some are opportunities to come and help. You can find out more about it here: arocha.org.uk/chilterngateway

I am contacting you to find out how we can best share information with your church. We would like to do this so that members of your congregation can enjoy what is on offer and also get involved with the project at a deeper level if they want to.

I understand that you produce the monthly magazine called Outlook - could Chiltern Gateway Project information could be included when there is news of events?

Thank you for reading this email. I hope that we may be able to establish a connection with your church, to help more people appreciate the wonderful world which God has asked us to look after together.

Andy Horne

Keep the date free.

All are invited to a

"Worship Songs of Praise"

on Saturday 14th April In church in the evening.

More details to follow

There will be a collection in support
of the EBENEZER CHILDRENS CENTRE

Please keep the date free.

For further information contact
Jacky or Tony (Sackville) 07921 258822

Jacky and Tony

Calendar – March 2012

Morning Prayer is said daily from Monday to Saturday. Please check the weekly notices sheet for timings. Bellringing practice is held at 7.30pm on Tuesdays in the Belltower. New ringers are always welcome. Choir practice takes place at 7.45pm on Wednesday in Church. If you can read music (and particularly if you are a soprano) do come and join us.

Fri	2		Women's World Day of Prayer
Sun	4		Second Sunday of Lent
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
		9.00 am	Sung Communion
		10.30 am	All Age Family Service
		noon-3.30pm	Winter Warmers: Church House
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
		7.00 pm	Prayer Hour: Church
Mon	5	10.15 am	Ladies' Daytime Fellowship and Bible Study
Tue	6	1.00 pm	Art Fellowship: Church House.
		8.00 pm	Mothers' Union: Church House
Thu	8	8.00 am	24 hours of prayer for High Wycombe: Church House
		7.30 pm	Standing & Finance Committee: Vicarage
Sat	10	8.30 am	Men's Breakfast: Church House
Sun	11		Third Sunday of Lent
		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)
	15	10.30 am	Friendship morning: Church House.
	18		4th of Lent - Mothering Sunday - Refreshment Sunday
		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
	19		Joseph of Nazareth
		10.00 am	Holy Communion: Church (30 mins)
		10.15 am	Ladies' Daytime Fellowship and Bible Study
	21	1.45 pm	Tiny Tots' Service: Church
	23	9.30 am	Easter Eggsplained for local schools
	24	2.00 pm	Wedding: Melissa Rudd and Alex Baker
	25	7.45 am	5th Sunday of Lent - Passion Sunday
		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
	26		Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary
		9.30 am	Easter Eggsplained for local schools
		10.15 am	Ladies' Daytime Fellowship and Bible Study
		8.00 pm	Sung Eucharist: Church
	27	1.00 pm	Art Fellowship: Church House.

10.30 Service – Duty Roster

	<u>Coffee</u>	<u>Computer</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Intercessions</u>
1 st Sunday 4 th March	Joan Steel Kathy Jenkins	Cath Cronk	No flowers in Lent	Sunday School
2 nd Sunday 11 th March	Kathy Jenkins Valerie Stattersfield	Cath Cronk	No flowers in Lent	Chris Tyrer
3 rd Sunday 18 th March	Valerie Stattersfield Jean Godfrey	Cath Cronk	No flowers in Lent	3 rd Sunday
4 th Sunday 25 th March	Clive Fairburn Nicky Fairburn	Cath Cronk	No flowers in Lent	Jane Tucker
	<u>Sidesmen/ Greeters</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Crèche</u>	<u>Healing Prayer Team</u>
1 st Sunday 4 th March	Richardson Family Phillips Family Rita Pulley	N/A	Shirley Brown Helen Collins Kirstie Brewer	N/A
2 nd Sunday 11 th March	Ann & John Smalley Chris Janes Angela Aze	Lois Comley	Jean Godfrey Sylvia Clark Nickie Marsh	Karen Williams Ann Long Judith Camplisson
3 rd Sunday 18 th March	Sylvia & Brian Clark Dean Family	N/A	Ann Long Lucy Rippon Anna Pedrette	N/A
4 th Sunday 25 th March	Penny Austin Chris Tyrer Lin & Andy Watterston	TBA	Elaine Morley Angela Aze Helen Collins	Karen Williams Derek Godfrey Jean Godfrey

The Lectionary – March

		Readers		
		8am	9am	1030am
4th	2nd Sunday of Lent			
	Genesis 17, 1 – 7 & 15 – 16	P Hynard	C Tyrer	Jane Tucker`
	Romans 4, 13 – 25	A Stacey	J Smit	
	Mark 8, 31 - 38	Celebrant	Celebrant	
	Evensong:			
	Psalms 135			
	Genesis 12, 1 – 9	M Morgan		
	Hebrews 11, 1 – 3 & 8 – 16	S Brice		
11th	3rd Sunday of Lent			
	Exodus 20, 1 – 17	J Wilson	L Smit	Frank Hawkins
	1 Corinthians 1, 18 – 25	J Godfrey	E Sadler (Check	Diane Hawkins
	John 2, 13 – 22	Celebrant	which Lesson)	Celebrant
	<u>Psalms at 9 am: 19</u>			
	Evensong:			
	Psalms 11 & 12			
	Exodus 5, 1 - 6,1	L Smit		
	Philippians 3, 4b – 14 or Matthew 10, 16 - 22	E Bailey (Select which lesson)		
18th	4th Sunday of Lent, Mothering,			
	Numbers 21, 4 – 9	A Johnson	D Hamley	Informal Service
	Ephesians 2, 1 – 10	J Dauncey	V Stattersfield	
	John 3, 14 – 21	Celebrant	Celebrant	
	Evensong:			
	Psalms 13 & 14			
	Exodus 6, 2 – 13	A Johnson		
	Romans 5, 1 -11	L Stallwood		
25th	5th Sunday of Lent, Passion Sunday			
	Jeremiah 31, 31 -34	A Jaycock	H Farrar-Hockley	Sue Devereux
	Hebrews 5, 5 – 10	S Cole	L Stallwood (Check	Geoff Lovell
	John 12, 20 – 33	Celebrant	Which lesson)	Celebrant

	<u>Psalm at 9 am: 119, 9 - 16</u>			
	Evensong:			
	Psalm 34			
	Exodus 7, 8 – 24	M Morgan		
	Romans 5, 12 - 21	S Brice		

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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Our Mission is

“To enable all to follow Jesus Christ”

We shall live out this mission by:

i) Leading lives centred on Jesus Christ –

- That is steadfastly based on the Bible and prayer*
- That is based on Jesus’ example*
- By being ambassadors of Christ to our friends, families, neighbours and work and school colleagues.*

ii) Being seen and known in the wider Community by

- Understanding the communities in which we live and seeking to be fully involved in those communities*
- Building appropriate bridges between our Church and our community*
- Taking every opportunity to share the Good news about Jesus Christ*

iii) Offering and receiving spiritual and practical support and development –

That is appropriate to wherever people are on their spiritual journey

That is based on worship that is honouring to God and accessible and relevant to all

And that is led by prayer that engages with the will of God and his purposes