

Outlook

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St Michael and All Angels



Galanthus (Snowdrop; Greek *gála* 'milk', *ánthos* 'flower')

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Welcome to Your Church

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.

Grant us Lord, faith to believe and strength to do thy will

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Dear Readers,

The sharp eyed amongst you may have noticed the two 'diocesan award plaques' displayed in church denoting we are a family friendly church.

This two-tier award scheme was launched in 2012 by Yvonne Morris, Oxford diocesan children's adviser and Ian Macdonald, diocesan youth adviser.

Churches first look at the 'Welcome' they offer.

They next move on to the Good News award, which is presented after the church explores how it engages young people in the living faith community of their church. Congratulations to all the youth team for achieving the first of the two stages of the award.

Our young people - from those who participate in the Tiny Tots service through Bubbles, CYFA and D-CYFA, to the increasing numbers involved in services as readers, AV controllers or musicians are a vibrant part of our Church, but it is a matter of regret that this magazine does not cater particularly well for them.

So **under 20s**, send us your ideas or comments on how we can reflect your contribution better or cater for your interests: we await your ideas!

Jane and Christopher Tyrer
Editors

From the Vicarage – February 2014

The New Year saw three of the four of us spending time with friends in Bathampton, just outside Bath. It was sadly our last visit, as Paul, who is vicar there has got a new job in Salisbury. It wasn't a particularly promising start to the New Year, not for me anyway. I was nursing a heavy cold and had to take myself to bed in the evening (man flu - pathetic!) I managed to drag myself out of bed ten minutes before midnight to go downstairs for the obligatory glass of bubbly.



Just after midnight I walked into the garden to watch the annual display of fireworks over

Bath and ended up knee deep in a muddy pond! Much mirth resulted when the others realised what had happened. I couldn't help reflecting whether my damp muddy start to 2014 was a reflection of the year just past or an ominous foreboding of the year to come? Cath's response was to fire off a batch of New Year texts informing all that Simon had opened the New Year by walking into a pond. The best answer that came back was 'so he didn't walk on the water then?' It is a good story isn't it, Jesus walking across the water,

out to the disciples in a boat of the lake of Galilee, stock Sunday School stuff. We meet impetuous eager Peter asking for Jesus to call to him so that he could walk on the water too, and he did, for a few tentative steps until he saw the waves and started to sink. He was then being saved by Jesus who rebuked him "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

It is easy to recite the story, but it is very hard to live it, especially when we have to confront ongoing and lengthy situations and hardships that bring with them some hard questions. It is a challenge to continue to walk in faith and in trust, not doubting God's goodness or his ability to save. I said that the first thought that came into my mind when standing in (and not on) the pond was: 'Is this a reflection of the year we have just had?' It had been in many ways a year of continued challenges. One of them, but by no means the only one, has been the ongoing walk through dementia with three close relatives: Cath's mother, my mother and Cath's brother Marty who has Down's syndrome but who has also been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. On 19th January at

one of our third Sunday services Cath, Alan Jaycock and I took a service based on the theme of walking alongside those with dementia. This idea grew out of a day we attended last summer in Ely 'Is there anyone there? Spirituality and Dementia.'

What follows is a part of what I said at that service.

'For me the spiritual questions that lie behind this journey have been some of the hardest that I have ever had to face. There have been parts of the journey that have been very blessed, watching my mother-in-law in the earlier stages reverting to an innocent childhood with a love of life. I love my mother's smile when we visit, she might not recognise who we are but the emotional memory goes deep and she somehow knows that she knows us. I have been able to pray with my mother several times and that has been a real privilege. She clings onto every word of the Lord's prayer as if it most important thing in world and recently when I offered her a blessing: 'The Lord bless you the Lord keep you the Lord make his face shine upon you and grant you his peace,' she simply said very clearly 'That was beautiful'. But I have hated watching my mother-in-law go far beyond those first stages until now she is totally

bedridden, totally without verbal communication and totally dependent upon someone else for all her care. She lies in a contorted state in her bed and it is impossible to say whether or not she understands anything that we say. I hate it that my mother is on the same journey and that her smile will fade. I don't want to see Marty suffer. I am relieved at the moment that he is in a good place but it was very distressing a couple of months ago to see him obviously in pain in hospital. I have found that this has tested my faith in God's sovereignty and has led me to ask the most basic questions, If God is sovereign, why is he allowing Daphne (Cath's mother) year after year to be in this place and in this state? Why can't she be relieved of this by death? Why can't she go home to God?

The truth is I just don't know what God is doing, but I am challenged to trust. I have wryly joked that to have one close relative with dementia is profoundly sad, to have two close relatives with dementia is profoundly difficult, to have three close relatives with dementia, well that is just bad planning. But we can't predict what life will throw at us and we

won't have all of the answers when things happen. The question is whether we are prepared to trust God who knows those we love intimately and who knows us intimately because some of us will one day have to walk this particular path. Even when dementia puts someone we love beyond our reach dare we yet affirm? They are not yet beyond his.

That is some of what I said at our third Sunday service.

Perhaps standing knee deep in a pond at two minutes after midnight on January 1st was not such a bad thing, it was a reminder to continue to look at Jesus who has walked on the water and who continues to invite us to trust him no matter how big the waves are that threaten to swamp us.

Simon

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 Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting** which is to be held on **Sunday 27th April 2014 starting at 11.45pm following the combined 10.00am Service**. I would be grateful if you would submit them to me as soon as possible, preferably by email and no later than **23rd 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

The Annual Vestry meeting

followed by

the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

will be held in

St Michael & All Angels Church, Hughenden

on Sunday 27th April 2013 at 11.45am

following the combined service at 10.00am

Provision will be made for children up to the age of 6
years to enable parents to attend.

BRING AND SHARE LUNCH to follow



News from 'Christians in the Community'

We hope you all had a happy Christmas and we wish you a peaceful and happy New Year.

Did you know we have an internet prayer chain? If there is anyone who you would like us to pray about or if you would like prayer we have about 12 people (not necessarily living in Naphill) who when receiving a prayer request by email pray in their own homes. Just let me know if you would like a prayer. If you are requesting prayer for someone else it is important that they know about it and agree to it. You can either talk to them about it or I can discuss it with them. My e-mail address is normaatsantos@hotmail.com.

Norma Clarke.

Parish Weekend 2014

The Leadership team is pleased to announce, following the successful weekends at Ashburnham, we have decided to have another one; but this time at a beautiful Christian Conference Centre near Hoddesden in Hertfordshire, which is called "High Leigh."

The weekend will start on Friday afternoon/evening 3rd October and will finish after lunch on Sunday 5th October. The House and Grounds are very family friendly with good facilities for Children and Teenagers who effectively have a suite of rooms for their specific use.

The theme of the conference will again be to look at some more major questions of Christianity. The details about this will follow later.

There will also be a programme arranged for our young people.

We will be able to have our usual social events and to help matters on there is a bar on the premises if required.

At this stage we need to identify those who would like to come as we have a restricted number of places available. Children and Teenagers are very welcome. Please speak with Frank Hawkins as soon as possible.

In conjunction with High Leigh we are able to offer some bursaries for those who would find the costs too high or for families where the

costs might seem too much. Please speak with Frank Hawkins in confidence if you are interested in this.



The Cost per adult for full board from Friday evening until Sunday afternoon including a social evening is £145 and the majority of our Rooms are en-suite. Costs for Children are as follows: - Under 5 years old - free and 6 – 16 yrs old -£72.

Do please come along for a feast of learning and of fun.

The Leadership Team

Extract: from One Can Trust, end of year, Newsletter.

Looking back at 2013, we see how God has so richly blessed One Can Trust with an amazing year. We've been mentioned in the House of Commons, visited numerous schools, companies, supermarkets, & local groups; held Corporate Volunteering Days, working parties from Rotary Club and local guide packs. We've been visited by a Bishop, a High Sheriff, an MP and the Mayor. Their continued support is fantastic, but yours is vital. Through you and your love, in 2013 we've been able to give out nearly 2000 parcels, feeding over 3,400 adults and children. Bless you for all the times you have sorted, stacked, moved and shifted stock for us. Thank you also for being the friendly face to those in need; listening and showing compassion in a world where kindness is often lacking. You have smiled and gathered donations over 17 days of supermarket food drives but most importantly you have prayed for us, campaigned for us and raised awareness of One Can Trust and our Foodbank project. We are humbled by the level of support received and with your continued help

we aim to make One Can Trust even more effective in our community in 2014.



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.....I am managing and overseeing One Can Trust and also working on the development and launch of our next project, One Can Hope – details to follow, needless to say there will be lots of volunteering opportunities to get

involved too!

...THANK YOU ALL from One Can Trust as we leave 2013 stronger and bigger than we could ever imagined, yet we still have huge challenges ahead but together we will continue to “change lives for the better”.

Sara, One Can Trust

The “Same Sex Marriage” Debate

On Tuesday the 26th November 2013, Bishop Alan Wilson and the Rev'd Malcolm Duncan discussed the issues surrounding this vexed and divisive subject under Simon's chairmanship at All Saints, High Wycombe. Simon's decision to have the evening, the idea for which came to him at Spring Harvest last Easter, there rather than at St Michael's was amply justified by a full house. Excellent arrangements by Helen Byrne were rewarded with a bouquet of flowers and loud applause.

Any attempt at a summary of the arguments advanced would be difficult but this is my personal "take" on what we heard. In a sentence, it was the "justice" argument against the "scripture" argument, but this is capable of being misleading: scripture is filled with references to issues of justice and there is no contra-distinction between them. They are merely headlines: here used to try and summarise the respective arguments.

In the so called "justice" argument, advanced by Bishop Alan, the theme is that we are all born sinners and are only redeemed by the grace and mercy of GOD, through the Resurrection of JESUS. We are all different: twins apart, we have different genetic and biological make-ups. With the billions of individual people born in times past, present and future, there are going to be different outcomes: physically and genetically. Individuals born with an attraction to

members of the same sex as themselves are just as valid as human beings as those whose attractions are to the opposite sex. It is but one part of those individuals' make-up. We must recognise this and embrace them and be inclusive and gracious in our dealings with them. "Justice" demands that they are treated in the same way as heterosexuals and that includes recognising their unions as valid marriages recognised and blessed by GOD and, when sought, sanctified and formalised in His Church. Justice requires and calls for inclusivity. For further reading, a useful book is "Legally Married" by Scot Petersen and Iain McLean, published by the Edinburgh University Press. I have a copy to lend out, if asked.

The so called "Scripture" argument is based upon passages in The Bible which, argued Malcolm Duncan, make it plain that same sex relationships are contrary to the Will of GOD and cannot be countenanced by a service of marriage in a Church. Marriage is the union of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others. Just as adultery is contrary to the Will of GOD, so is the union of two people of the same gender. Starting with Leviticus, Ch 18 v 22 and Ch 20 v 13 in the Old Testament, to passages from the letters to the Corinthians [1 Cor Ch 6 vv 9-10], Romans [Ch 1 vv 26-27] and Timothy [1 Timothy Ch 1 vv 9-11], he identified what he advocated was clear scriptural evidence of that prohibition. A counter argument - a discourse on the meaning of two Greek words in particular - did not change that approach. Nor was he impressed or persuaded either by the biological evidence for genetic differences or by the argument that the consequence meant that the Church was bound to embrace and sanctify same sex "marriages." Although Bishop Alan stated that the biological evidence was secure, Malcolm Duncan could not accept its validity.

He acknowledged that, if placed in the position of being asked to bless a same sex marriage, he would have to decline and explain: it would be a difficult conversation, he recognised, but one that he would undertake in Christian love and with humility.

Bishop Alan also relied upon scripture and, in no sense, did he abandon scriptural teaching. Malcolm Duncan relied upon "justice" - the Kingdom values of justice - but believes that the truth is not well served by what he sees as a side step from biblical principles.

There are questions from the floor - a brave opening by Simon of the debate to the audience - which, although it produced one rant, was gracious and reflected the deep and thoughtful concern of so many

to be faithful to the Gospel and genuine in reaching out to all fellow Christians.

There was no "vote" at the end, of course. This is not about being popular or being the "better" presenter of the "better" argument but about doing what is right: it is an ongoing search to discern the Will of GOD. It is a search that all thinking Christians must undertake, prayerfully. That journey will be neither easy nor short and it will not be assisted by a post – Christian, modernist or populist approach. But this debate will have opened ears, hearts and minds of caring Christians to the issues and some, like me, will have begun to determine where they stand. There is no place for indifference and none either for ignoring the issues: they will not just go away.

Christopher Tyrer

What do homeless people look like?

That's the question we're asking on our new leaflet which is being printed as I write this. The answer, as it goes on to explain, is just like the rest of us. That's pretty obvious, isn't it!

I started volunteering for **Wycombe Homeless Connection** three years ago and I must confess I had some prejudices then. I thought that homeless people were feckless individuals who'd been unreliable and lost their job, or fallen out with their family. I believed they were pretty likely to have alcohol or drug problems. Whilst I had sympathy for people in this situation, I thought they were the authors of their own destiny. Frankly, I knew nothing!

The truth, as I've found out, is surprising. Yes, of course, some folk fit the stereotype – but that may be a result of abuse, or mental illness. Alcohol problems can contribute to homelessness – but they can also be the result of it. Maybe it can offer a brief respite from harsh reality. Just imagine actually sleeping rough: how cold, damp, miserable and (at times) terrifying it would be – and how horrible to have no hot shower in the morning. I think of that every day when I enjoy my hot shower.

Most people we meet are homeless because they've made some bad choices or simply been unlucky. That can happen to anyone, anytime. Most are just ordinary people; individuals who have fallen

on hard times. Most don't look "homeless" either. One or two are tramp-like but the majority look like you or me.

The other assumption I used to make was that "someone" would look after them: the council, the government, someone like that. Oh, and that there weren't actually that many of them anyway – most of the people you see on the street are just trying it on, aren't they? How wrong I was! So here's the truth: if you're under 18, over 65, have children, are physically or mentally ill, then the council has a statutory obligation to help you out: and rightly so. But if you're between 18-65 and basically fit, then you may have no help at all. That doesn't mean that the council and other bodies don't want to help – they do - but they may not have the funding to do so.

At Wycombe Homeless Connection, we helped around 300 individuals last year. That's a big number for one town, especially in such an affluent part of the UK. We employ experienced support workers who navigate through the mire of paperwork to access benefits. They provide advocacy in complex meetings. They find space in hostels and rented accommodation. They mediate. They arrange assistance with legal and medical help. They work with an army of volunteers to enable up to 12 guests at a time to stay at our night shelter, where over 900 bed nights were provided last year. They offer friendship and a warm welcome in an acute crisis. This is Christianity in action.



We always need more volunteers, prayers to support our work, and donations. As a volunteer I have had a lot of fun rekindling my marketing skills (hence the new leaflet!). Plus I have been part of a big team that, collectively, has undoubtedly saved lives in our home town. Come and join us! Find us at www.wyhoc.org.uk, on

Facebook, on Twitter or drop in any weekday morning at our advice and support centre in Castle Street (next door to the NCP car park and All Saints Church).

Heather Morley

Tales from Thailand

On arrival in Bangkok our first impressions were of high rise buildings with small, older properties in between, enormous amounts of traffic, noise, bustle, lots of people and heat! The Thais are a very attractive race, their women being particularly pretty. Their greeting, with hands together in front of the chest, a little bow and the ever-present lovely smile, is most engaging. No wonder Thailand is known as 'the land of smiles'. There were many gold coloured floral tributes everywhere, surrounding pictures of King Bhumipol whose 86th birthday fell next day, 6th December. With 67 years on the throne, he is the longest reigning monarch in the world and is much loved by his people. The royal family is widely revered and anyone heard making derogatory remarks about them risks imprisonment.

We had planned to go to the Golden Mount where the government buildings are situated. However, due to the recent political demonstrations, the whole area was cordoned off with razor wire, so Tom, our guide, decided to take us by tuk tuk to the Grand Palace. Tuk tuks are small, open-sided, three-wheeled vehicles, one wheel at the front, two at the back, which run on 2-stroke engines and whizz in and out of the traffic at high speed and, to our eyes, great risk!



Before embarking on such a journey, a deal has to be made by much bartering with the driver. We were told that locals get good prices but westerners haven't a chance! Tom duly haggled a price and we set off. The ride was hair-raising! We wove in and out of heavy traffic, through tight spaces between buses and lorries, squeezed around bends and hurtled

along narrow congested roads, with us hanging on for dear life! More than one prayer was uttered!

The Grand Palace, built by King Rama V in the late 19th century, was spectacular. Most Thais are Buddhists and there were countless golden images of Buddha. The walls of the many buildings within the Palace enclosure were lavishly decorated with gold paint, mosaics of coloured, mirrored glass, gemstones, ceramic flowers and mother-of-pearl. It was all breathtaking and photographs could not do it justice.

The Thai word for temple is 'Wat', so at Wat Pho, after removing our hats and shoes as was customary, we entered and saw the largest reclining Buddha in the world at 46 metres long, totally covered in gold paint. It was spectacular. We walked from the Grand Palace to the wide, turbulent river on which we returned by public ferry, rather less stressful than the tuk tuk!

Next morning found us at the mainline station where, at 8 am every day - as in all public buildings - the national anthem is played and everyone stands to attention. Once on the train, sitting on the rigid plastic seats, we set off on a 70 km journey to Ayutthaya, one of the old capitals. The suburbs of Bangkok seemed to go on for ages with the train rattling past shanty towns and shacks, some literally within an arm's reach of the railway track. There are some very, very poor people in these areas which seemed to us at variance with the riches of the many temples. Once out in the flat countryside, we saw lots of rice paddies where flocks of white egrets probed with their long beaks for morsels in the water.

In Ayutthaya, a much smaller city, we drove along a tree-lined road to the ruins of a magnificent brick and sandstone temple complex built in the 12th century but partly destroyed in one of the many ancient battles with the Burmese. Again, images of Buddha were abundant. After lunch in a village restaurant – we managed reasonably well to eat noodles and chicken with chopsticks and a spoon – we visited another of King Rama V's projects, the Summer Palace. This was really beautiful with a number of white Palladian buildings as this king favoured the western style of architecture. Instead of by train, our return to Bangkok this time was by public bus, a dormobile - type vehicle as there was no telling what time the train would have arrived, if at all!



Another trip was a three-hour drive west of Bangkok into a mountainous jungle area where there was an Elephant Camp. We climbed aboard our animal from a specially built platform and for the next 45 minutes swayed and lurched about as if on a ship on a rough sea! Our mahout dismounted and invited Brian to sit in his place on the elephant's neck which he did: but it was not an experience he wishes to repeat! Next we travelled on a small

bamboo raft which moved in the swift-flowing current down the



waters of the River Kwai. Dense green jungle came down to the river's edge and, with the temperature at about 34C, we thought about the allied troops who had cut and battled their way through this jungle during the war. Later we drove to the famous bridge on the River Kwai. There is a huge tourist

business surrounding it and there were dozens of food stalls selling all manner of items from fried chicken, squid, fish, fruit and vegetables to deep fried silk worms, locusts and grasshoppers with their legs all sticking up! Not our cup of tea! We walked across this historical bridge, together with hundreds of other people from all nations. We also visited the JEATH war cemetery and the museum with its harrowing pictures of life in a Japanese prisoner of war camp. It was very moving.

Chiang Mai in the north of Thailand, another old capital in a very green, hilly area is a busy city, though not as dense as Bangkok. Each evening from about 6 p.m., the city comes alive with the street markets; dozens of stalls selling, mobile phones, CDs, linen, jewellery and of course, much food. This goes on until well after midnight. One wonders how they all make a living as so many seem to be selling the same things.

During our stay we visited many Wats, all of them very beautiful. We were taken to one built on a high hilltop above the city. One of the King's three daughters was due to visit so everywhere was draped in her colour of light mauve. We climbed 350 steps (the cable car was reserved for the Princess) and walked around gazing at the buildings with wonderful decorations in gold and coloured glass, many images of Buddha, lovely paintings and wood carvings. A Thai orchestra was playing, if that's the right word! There was much banging of cymbals, beating of drums, the sound of a reeded instrument of some sort, all entirely different from western music but somehow quite hypnotic to listen to. There were some gorgeously dressed dancers too. As we were leaving, the Princess arrived, a slim figure in a cream suit, whom we saw only for a few seconds.

At another Elephant Camp we watched elephants painting really lovely pictures. This had to be seen to be believed. We also saw them demonstrating how they work in the jungle. Afterwards we drove to a Hmong village. The Hmong are tribes who came down into Thailand from China, Cambodia and Laos many years ago and have now mostly integrated with the Thais, although



they still retain their own language and customs. Interestingly, the whole village was Christian and there was a little church in the village. We watched a tiny woman, aged 90, swinging a huge axe and chopping firewood. She showed us her home, a simple bamboo hut with earth floor, with a small partitioned area where she slept on a rush mat. She showed us how she spun hemp into yarn and then wove it into cloth on a very rudimentary loom.

On our final day, we went to a cookery school and, after shopping at the local market for the ingredients, learned how to make Thai dishes. Brian's spring rolls were highly commended! This was a nice way to end our stay in Thailand. The next leg of our journey is to Sydney, Australia, but we'll leave that until the next edition.



Brian and Sylvia Clark

Good Companions

We concluded our 2013 programme with the traditional Christmas lunch at the December meeting. Our guest was Simon and, after grace was said, we tucked into a tasty three course meal followed by coffee or tea and mince pies and mints. We finished the afternoon with a few carols, 'Auld Lang Syne' and 'We wish you a Merry Christmas'.

We began 2014 with games at our January meeting. Our brains and powers of recollection were put to the test in two quizzes in which we

had to write down as many answers as we could in the given time. Our **February meeting** has a return visit from Alan Jaycock, which will feature his visit to Iceland. Alan is of course well known to readers for his photographic skills and his lifelike portrayals of interesting places.



Iceland

Michael Harris.

Floodlighting Dedications

Floodlighting dedications received too late for previous magazines were for:

19 – 25 January Janet Cook was remembering with love her late husband John Johnson, particularly on 24 January, his 14th anniversary.



26 January – 1 February Mary Wright is remembering with love her husband Frank, particularly on 28 January – his anniversary.

So far there are no other dedications for February.

Lin Smit

Communicants – November

Sundays

3rd 21 + 45 = 66
10th 22 + 78 = 100
17th 21 + 47 = 68
24th 17 + 68 = 85

Weekdays

1st All Saints 26
30th St Andrew 7

Communicants – December

1st 20 + 49 = 69

8th 24 + 70 = 94

15th 23 + 47 = 70

22nd 17 + 75 = 92

29th 17 + 59 = 76

2nd MU Corporate 34

24th Christmas Eve 14

25th 93 + 17 + 37 + 118
= 265

26th St Stephen 11

27th St John Ev. 10

28th Holy Innocents 11

From the Parish Registers



The Departed:

Russell Baxter

News received

1. Charles and Lesley Overton send Christmas and New Year greetings and ask to be remembered to all who know them: a newsletter from them with photos is displayed in the porch.

2. South Bucks Hospice, which provides expert care for local people with cancer and other life-limiting illnesses, has received a staggering £1.8 million legacy from an anonymous benefactor. The fantastic news has astounded staff, volunteers and trustees who were overwhelmed to receive such a generous donation.

It means that the vision for the Charity to build a brand new, state-of-the-art Hospice in Kingswood, Totteridge, has a new completion date of winter 2016.

Mothers' Union



Fair Trade Coffee Morning



Tuesday, February 18th
from 10.00am to 12noon
in
Church House.

Bring and Buy stall

Proceeds to Mothers' Union Charities supporting Fair Trade.
All welcome.



Valley Wives:

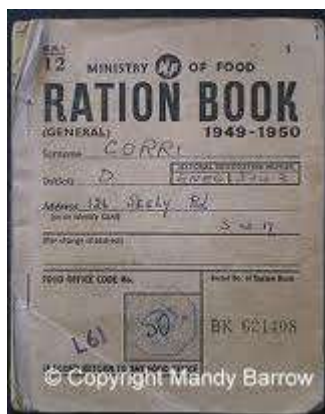
Jill welcomed us all to the meeting and gave a particularly warm welcome to former members Margery Jenkins and Anne Nesbit.

"Wartime Christmas" was the title of a talk by Edna of 'Home Front Friends', illustrated with slides and artefacts from that era. In her introduction, Edna spoke of her passion for social history. Having met her husband in a war re-enactment play her whole family is now involved in historical experience: they have an Anderson shelter and their three children play with 'bygone' toys. Their 1930s home has been used for film sets and the kitchen was used by Margaret Pattern for a wartime cookery programme. The Cabinet War rooms were furnished partly from Edna's collection of utility furniture and Edna and her husband have also sourced artefacts for Hughenden Manor's wartime exhibition.

During her talk Edna outlined how lives changed in 1939. The traditional family Christmas was not possible as most children were evacuated. Evacuee parties took place and were especially enjoyed if held at an American air base where there were no rationing, lots of sweets, presents and food! Food rationing became more and more severe as the war progressed and was controlled by the Ministry of Food. People were encouraged to rear chickens and pigs that were fed on scraps and some farmers were allowed to rear geese. Fashions changed, women started to wear trousers, as they worked in factories or on farms in the "Land Army. Everyone was encouraged to grow food in the *Dig for Victory* campaign. Recipes were adapted to make Christmas cakes, puddings etc. with unusual ingredients to replace those on ration. Advice was given on

preservation of food by bottling, pickling and drying. Bell ringing was banned as it was to be used as a warning of an invasion. There was none of the usual glow about Christmas because of the blackout: no light was to be shown from windows or outbuildings, no Christmas tree lights, fireworks, bonfires, or torches could be used and car headlamps had to be hooded. Christmas trees were only allowed in public places such as hospitals and shelters, and were decorated to

boost morale, as important at home as in the forces. Petrol was rationed so people took holidays at home, often working during that



time on jobs such as harvesting. Clothes were on coupons, providing possibly one outfit per year. "Make Do and Mend" was the slogan. Most clothes were altered or the cloth reused and knitted jumpers were undone and reknitted into socks, gloves or hats. People gave practical gifts for comfort in the air raid shelters such as sleeping bags, torches, books siren suits or gas mask bags. Homemade gifts were treasured and food, soap, bath salts and tooth paste were really appreciated. War bonds and war savings were good gifts for cashing after the war. Paper was in short supply thus affecting the sale of Christmas cards.

Edna showed us a wide range of literature of the time, plus slides, photographs, games and toys which, for some, brought back memories of harsh, although happy, days when everything was fun (except the long bitterly cold winters when the novelty of sledging had worn off!)



Christmas in an air raid shelter: BBC

We had an enjoyable January meeting playing games organised by Doreen. Many thanks to everyone who gave all kinds of tools, bicycles, sewing machines etc. to the Workaid Collection on 7th December at the Village Hall: the large van was filled very quickly and the items were most gratefully received. Our **next meeting is on February 7th** when Pam Smith's talk is entitled "Bits and Pieces". Pam is very familiar with local history and has many photographs of local events of yesteryear.

Joan Steel

YELLOWHAMMERS

Every visit you flock with the chaffinch mob
never heeding my gaze
nor knowing that like kings you come arrayed.

Your down-to-earth business amongst dull, grey slate
makes me prate and prattle of your grace.
Yours is such a golden glory!

I marvel at your unselfconscious style
as flittingly you move and peck awhile
satisfying hunger needs,
playing hammer-hopscotch upon seed.
And I in silent worship bring these praises to God's table
knowing you would join me were you able.

Ron Cretchley 5.12.2001
www.thinkingpoet.co.uk

Note on yellowhammers

Over the twenty plus years of visiting our cabin in Snowdonia one bird visitor above all others has delighted us – the yellowhammer. Often flocks would descend: adult males in gaudy plumage, females and youngsters equally lovely but with more subdued outfits, all happily going about their important business of keeping body and soul together. Unlike some birds yellow hammers seem content to eat what is available without fighting or posing, and that way I am sure they all get enough.



Sadly, in recent years I have noticed a decline in these visitors to our table and on my last couple of visits, none came. I do hope this is because they are feeding elsewhere and not because of a real decline in their numbers. They are charming birds and I really miss them when they do not come to see me.

Irene Cretchley

Our House Groups - Programmes for Lent

It seems quite strange to be writing about Lent so close after Christmas. Easter Sunday falls on 20 April this year, which means Lent starts on Wednesday 5 March. Our House Groups have been busy planning their programmes for Lent. If you don't currently belong to a House Group then Lent could be an ideal opportunity for you to come along and try one, everyone is welcome. Below is a guide of all the groups, when and where they meet, and their programmes for Lent.

Monday Mornings – 10.15am (Ladies Group)

At 9 South Maundin, Hughenden Valley, HP14 4LZ

Dates meeting during Lent - 10/3, 17/3, 24/3, 31/3, 7/4

This group will be following the York Course 'Build on the Rock'

Contact Judith Camplisson 565108 or Ann Long 564009

Alternate Monday Evenings – 8.00pm

At San Michele, Cryers Hill

Dates meeting during Lent - 10/3, 17/3, 24/3, 31/3, 7/4

This group will be looking at 'When I survey'

Contact Geoff Lovell 566180

Alternate Tuesday Evenings – 7.45 for 8.00pm

At 3 Moor Lane, Downley

Dates meeting during Lent 4/3, 11/3, 18/3, 25/3, 1/4

This group will be following the York Course 'Build on the Rock'

Contact Will and Lizzie Hurrell 461849

Wednesday Evenings, first and third of the month – 7.30 for 8.00pm

Meeting every Wednesday at various venues for Lent, starting 5/3

This group will be following the York Course 'Build on the Rock'

Contact Frank Hawkins 565050

Variable but usually Monday or Tuesday Evenings – 7.45 for 8.00pm

at 34, Brimmers Hill, Widmer End, HP15 6NP. The group is currently

studying Corinthians 1. Details for Lent study available from

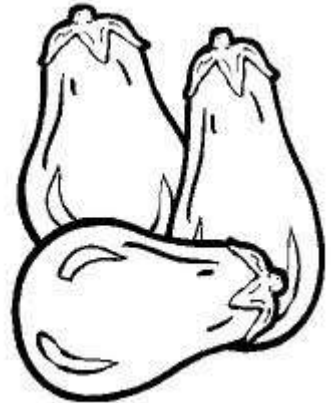
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Helen Byrne

February Recipe – Vegetarian Stuffed Aubergine Rolls

Ingredients

1 Aubergine
Onions or shallots
Mushrooms
Cashew Nuts
Chopped Mint
Wholemeal breadcrumbs
Garlic flavoured sunflower or olive oil
Lemon juice or wine
Tomato sauce (Bolognese type)
Pepper and salt to taste



Method

Slice the aubergine lengthways as thinly and evenly as possible. Cut the sides off (use them for a ratatouille if you want to), salt the slices on both sides and leave for about 30 minutes to draw off the bitterness. Chop the onions and mushrooms finely. How many depends on how many slices of aubergine are made. A rough guide is 1/4lb mushrooms plus 3 baby onions or shallots or 1/2 a large onion to six slices of aubergine, plus 4oz ground cashew nuts and 20z wholemeal bread.

Fry the finely chopped mushrooms and onions in a tablespoon of the garlic flavoured oil, frying the onion first until they become slightly translucent. Then add the mushrooms and cook over a gentle heat until they become slightly moistened with their own juice, adding a little pepper and salt. Take the cashew nuts and mince and grind to a fine crumbly powder. Add the breadcrumbs and the onion and mushroom mixture. Moisten the whole mixture with a squeeze of lemon juice and stir in a teaspoon of freshly chopped mint.

Wash the salt off the aubergine slices and pat dry on kitchen paper. Then brush each side with a little of the garlic oil. Spread the slices of aubergine with the onion, mushroom, nut mixture and roll up from the flat end. Secure each roll with a couple of wooden cocktail sticks. Place on a shallow sided greased baking tray and cook for approximately 35 minutes in a medium hot oven, Gas mark 3-4, 325-

350F or 160-170C conventional oven. 140-150C fan oven. Turn them over about half way through cooking time. They should be just browning a little. Serve with a good tomato type Bolognese sauce. Makes a good starter, or a proper vegetarian main course.

Ann Way

24/7 Prayer for Wycombe

During December I arranged to meet up with Jo Preston, Co-ordinator of the Dorcas Project. Jo is a qualified nurse who has worked in Wycombe Hospital, with the Iain Rennie nurses and also as a Health Visitor. It was in her capacity as a Health Visitor that she became acutely aware of the huge need there was in the area for a



project which could deliver good quality second-hand clothing to children from 0-5 years of age. The Dorcas Project was started in January 2010 and has now been running for four years; is well established, with volunteers involved in collecting, sorting, laundering and delivering packs of clothes, in rather nicely decorated brown paper carrier

bags hand made by one of the volunteers, to vulnerable children in the community.

Jo still works part-time as a Health Visitor and sees first-hand the difference these packs make to the recipients; it's well to remember that there's somewhere in the region of 15% of the children in Wycombe district living in poverty. Some of you may have read local MP Steve Baker's recent article in the Bucks Free Press on poverty in this county and the need for the food bank we have here in our town. The One Can Trust and the Dorcas Project have developed close links with each other, which is understandable as they are both providing for those who are struggling to feed and clothe their children.

2013 has been another busy year for Jo and her team. The most exciting news is that they have attained charity status and with financial support from The Helen Hutchinson Foundation,

Beaconsfield Round Table, Holy Trinity Church, the Co-op Community Fund, just to name a few, it enables them to cover their expenses and to run extra projects during the year, such as the winter warmer packs, the basic school uniform project and recently the distribution of 275 Christmas presents to needy children.

Their biggest challenge this year is to locate a minimum of 500 square foot of dry, accessible, local, cheap storage for their clothes. At present they rent two rooms above Play Train in Cressex, open from 9.30 am to 6.00 pm, which they have now outgrown. This need has become a priority and Jo asks if we could please bring it before God in our daily prayers. Volunteers are always needed and there is a special need for people available in the day time to put packs together or to sort clothes. Jo and her team work for 51 weeks of the year, just taking a break over the Christmas period, and on receipt of referrals, packs are usually delivered within two weeks; over the last year over 750 children in the local area received a pack from Dorcas.

Since the inception of the project the age range has changed to 0-12 years and the need is for various items of clothing (but not shoes), baby blankets, muslins, disposable nappies, wipes, items of small baby equipment (not prams or cots) and children's books (these are very useful because they are usually always included in the packs). At the moment there is a shortage of clothes for boys and girls between the ages of 2 and 3 years. Any contributions for Dorcas can be left at the office of Holy Trinity Church on the Amersham Road, mornings only Monday-Friday, and there is a car park adjacent to the church. There isn't a box at the back of the Church, but I am always happy to delivery donations as I am frequently taking things myself. Recently I have joined the Dorcas laundry team and am hoping to get a small group of ladies who could do a bag of laundry every 4/6 weeks. If you think you could help out I would love to hear from you. As you can see this is a very busy ministry and it plays its part in reaching out to those in need just as all the other ministries do.

Our Prayer Day this month is on Thursday, 13th February, from 8.00 am to Friday 8.00 am and will be set up in the North Room with all the usual facilities. The sign-up sheet is on the table at the back of the

Church and the Prayer Points will be available by the first week of the month. Prayerfully think about signing up for an hour, or part of an hour if that's all you can commit to, bringing the ministries taking place in Wycombe before God. This month remember the Wycombe Night Shelter, Street Angels, Healing on the Streets and Chefs for Jesus during these colder months of the year. One more date for your diary is Prayer for Wycombe on Saturday, February 1st taking place at "Sunnybank" Methodist Chapel, Moor Lane, Downley, from 6 – 9 am. Reminders will appear in the Church Notices for two weekends before our Prayer Day.

Yvonne Cook

A modern aid to prayer?

If, like me, you often find yourself saying to a friend or colleague, 'I'll say a prayer for you' and then can't remember who needed prayer and what for, there is help on the horizon! Andrew Geers who grew up in Hughenden (son of Bill and Geraldine) has developed and launched an 'App' called PrayerMate.

The PrayerMate App comes in versions for iPhone and Android (whatever that means!!) so whichever mobile phone or suitable device you own you can download it for the cost of £1.99.

It allows users to capture store and archive information on prayers; sort them into categories, such as Personal, Family, Small Group, Church, Non-believers etc.; and also include such things as Church of England Collect for the Day, photos and links to lists of email contacts. I am finding it a very useful addition to the paper prayer diaries that I use for reference during my quiet-time, and of course I can add to it wherever I am with my phone during the day.

PrayerMate was Runner-up in Christian Mobile/Tablet App of the year 2013 in the Christian New Media Awards. To paraphrase the words of the early Methodist evangelist Rowland Hill who said 'Why should the devil have all the best tunes?' why should the devil have all the best apps? For more information go to <http://www.geero.net/prayermate/>

Jane Tucker

Altar Cloths

I am still taken by surprise when the altar cloths in Church are changed, (and have noticed that all churches are not the same) which prompted me to look up (only on Wikipedia, so I hope it is right: but I expect that someone will correct me, if I err.)

Altar cloths are used in many denominations and obviously range from very simple to highly ornate, depending on the nature and wealth of the church (and sometimes the skill of the congregation). Western Christian Churches use cloths that are purple or blue for Advent; white or gold for Christmas, Easter and some Holy Days; green for Ordinary Time (3rd February till Shrove Tuesday, and from the day after Trinity Sunday until All Saints' Day); violet or purple or unbleached muslin for Lent; red for Holy Week, Pentecost and feasts of martyred saints (in some Anglican parishes there is a special crimson set for Holy Week).

Whilst looking at this, I found other information.

The altar frontal is called the **Antependium** (plural: antependia) meaning, to put it inelegantly: the thing hanging in front. There can also be a **frontlet** similar to the frontal that is the exact width of the altar, but only ten to twelve inches deep. It hangs over the frontal, and is of the same colour and material. The frontlet is rotated as the antependium according to the colour of the church year. Like the frontal the frontlet is fastened to either the cere cloth (a kind of undercloth, traditionally treated with wax (Latin: cera) used to protect the proper altar cloth from damp and spillages or the linen altar cloth. Alternatively, it may be fastened to a wooden frame or strip that can be hooked in place at the front of the altar. (I must look at ours.)

Now I am really intrigued. What about the cloths used in the sacrament?

The **purificator** is the white linen cloth used to wipe the chalice after each communicant.



The **pall** is the stiffened square card covered with white linen. This is to keep dust and insects from falling into the Eucharistic elements.



The **corporal** is a square white cloth upon which the chalice and paten are placed when the Eucharist is celebrated. It may be edged with fine lace, and a cross may be embroidered on it near the front edge. Embroidery in the centre was not used, lest the chalice become unstable.

The **lavabo towel** is used by the priest to dry his hands after washing them.

I love our altar decorations and sacramental cloths and will now look at them with renewed interest.

Jane Tyrer

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See next month's Outlook for news about progress on our own new altar ornamentations and their dedication.

February's Prayer Topics

<p><u>2nd Church Wardens/ PCC/ Leadership Team</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For a sense of commitment and service to pervade all those involved in PCC in 2014 - For God to reveal the right person to become PCC Secretary - Thanks to everyone for their service and all that they make possible and particularly to Penny Austin for her unfailing commitment as PCC Secretary. - For a continued sense of vision and prayerful consideration of how we can live out our mission and fulfil God's purpose for his church in Hughenden - For renewed energy and the presence of the Holy Spirit to inspire and guide us particularly in our endeavours for Naphill Fete and Hughenden Village Day in 2014 - Heartfelt thanks for the willingness and enthusiasm of all who serve in whatever capacity in this place
<p><u>13th Gardeners / Grave Digger</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For God's blessing and protection on gardeners as they struggle with this present weather. - For guidance on managing the logistics of liaising with multiple Cemetery Managers in a day and managing to get graves dug in daylight hours - For management of space in cemeteries to allow sufficient space for digging graves
<p><u>17th Bookstall all who run it and use it</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanks for continued use of all sections of the bookstall; the library on the left-hand side, the past Bible Reading Notes and encouraging cards in the middle section, and the books for sale on the right hand side. - Thanks that people continue to donate books to the library. - For God's guidance in choosing books for sale each month.
<p><u>23rd Men's/ Women's Breakfast</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For God's guidance on getting plans laid for the next Breakfast - For inspiration on finding the right speakers and gaining their commitment. - For the energy needed to keep these important events going alongside 'today's' busy schedule.
<p><u>24th National Trust</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanks to all the many volunteers who have given their time to the Manor over the past year. - For Gods guidance on the continued protection and care of the estate.
<p><u>26th Alpha Courses</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanks for all the people who helped with this year's new format Alpha Course where we took live feeds from Holy Trinity Brompton. Our team of helpers were marvellous and many have found their understanding of Jesus Christ and Christianity has been improved. May we also thank all the team at HBT who gave such inspiring lectures this year. - Thanks for all the people who came forward this year and can we pray for those who will come forward to Alpha in 2014. - that the Good News message of Jesus Christ will continue to spread in the world through Alpha and other courses that are in progress.

The Lectionary – February

	Lessons	8a.m. / 6p.m.	9a.m.	10.45a.m.
	Readers:			
2nd	Candlemas			
	Malachi 3, 1 – 5	J Holmes	C or J Tyrer	C Cronk
	Hebrews 2, 14 – 18	P Hynard	B Brice	
	Luke 2, 22 – 40	Priest	Priest	
	Evensong: Psalms 122 & 132			
	Haggai 2, 1 – 9	L Smit		
	John 2, 18 – 22	E Bailey		
9th	4th Sunday before Lent			
	Isaiah 58, 1 – 12	J Wilson	L Stallwood	A Dean
	1 Corinthians 2, 1 – 16	S Badrick	E Sadler (Check	TBA
	Matthew 5, 13 – 20	Priest	which lesson)	Priest
	Psalms at 9am: 112			
	Evensong: Psalms 1, 3 & 4			
	Amos 2, 4 – 16	A Johnson		
	Ephesians 4, 17 – 32	S Brice		
16th	3rd Sunday before Lent			
	Deuteronomy 30, 15 – 20	A Stacey	R or A Gee	Informal
	1 Corinthians 3, 1 – 9	J White	H or D Lowe	
	Matthew 5, 21 – 37	Priest	Priest	
	Evensong: Psalms 7 & 13			
	Amos 3, 1 – 8	B Brice		
	Ephesians 5, 1 – 17	M Morgan		
23rd	2nd Sunday before Lent			
	Genesis 1, 1 – 2, 3	A Jaycock	L Smit	L Comley
	Romans 8, 18 – 25	C Carter	H Farrar-Hockley	S Devereux
	Matthew 6, 25 – 34	Priest	(check which)	Priest
	Psalms at 9am: 136			
	Evensong: Psalm 148			
	Proverbs 8, 1 & 22 – 31	B Doran		
	Revelation 4	L Stallwood		

CALENDAR for February 2014

Morning prayer is said in Church at 7.45 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 7.30 am on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Bellringing practice is Tuesday evening at 7.30 pm in the Belltower. Why not come and learn to ring? You'll be very welcome. Speak to David Cornwall.

Choir practice is Wednesday evening at 7.45 pm. If you can read music you will be most welcome: speak to Neil Brice. **Art Group** meets in Church House at 1.45 pm on Tuesdays. Contact Bob Stone for more information.

Sun	2		Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
		9.00 am	Sung Communion
		10.45 am	All Age Family Service
		noon-3.30pm	Winter Warmers: Church House - in aid of Hearing Dogs for Deaf People
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
		7.00 pm	Prayer Hour: Church
Tue	4	7.30 pm	Mothers' Union: AGM - Church House
Sun	9		Fourth Sunday before Lent
		8.00 am	Said Communion
		9.00 am	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.45 am	Family Communion with JC club
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Thu	13	8.00 am	24 hours of prayer for High Wycombe: North Room
Sun	16		Third Sunday before Lent
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Sung Communion
		10.45 am	Informal Family Service with JC Club
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
		7.00 pm	Prayer Hour
Tue	18	10.00 am	Mothers' Union: Fairtrade Coffee morning and Bring and Buy
Thu	20	10.30 am	Tiny Tots' Service: Church
			Friendship Morning and Lunch: Church House
Sun	23		Second Sunday before Lent
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.45am	Family Communion with JC club
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
		7.00 pm	Prayer Hour

Duty Rosters: reminder

As announced in the December magazine, Duty Rosters will no longer be produced in the magazine, but will be displayed in the Church porch under the appropriate heading.

Regular Meetings and Organisations



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

Toddlers @ St. Michael's

Hughenden Toddlers @ St. Michael's meets every Thursday from 9.30 -11.30 am in Church House. Come for chat, play, craft and refreshments. Included, every third Thursday of the month, will be '**Tiny Tots**' a time of fun worship in Church.



For further details contact Helen Peters (01494 716772)

House groups	Weekdays	See weekly notice sheet for details
CYFA (School Years 10+)	alternate Sunday evenings in term time	Contact Mike Dean (463376) for details
D-CYFA (School Years 7 – 9)	alternate Sunday evenings in term time	Contact Anne Dean as above

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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*

May the love and guidance of the Lord our God support and help all those who, by the gifts of their time and skills, seek to further the mission of this Church.