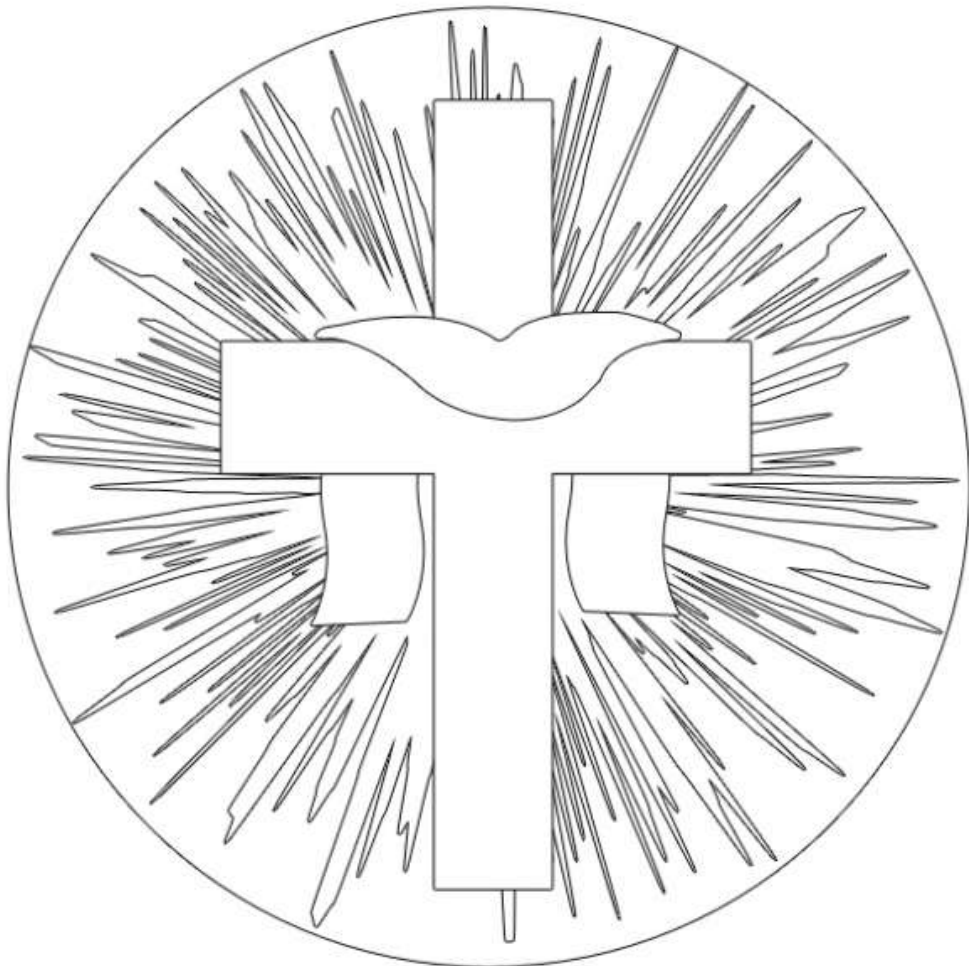


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Hughenden Parish Magazine
St Michael and All Angels



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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,

Easter Day is late this year, falling as it does on 20th April. I can remember my first visit to Athens nearly 30 years ago, when Easter fell around the 16th of the month. I attended a service at St Paul's Anglican Church in the city, not far from a spot where St Paul had preached some two thousand years earlier. I stood close to the rock from which he was reputed to have addressed the crowds and closed my eyes. I tried to imagine his voice ringing out and telling the people about the good news of Jesus Christ. What must it have been like for those people listening to such astounding words? To some perhaps, just another speaker, but to many it was life-changing.

Easter in Greece is often celebrated later than Easter in the UK, but for the week running up to it, Holy Week, devout Christians do not eat meat, oil or dairy products, but only olives and bread. I remember seeing an elderly woman at breakfast in our hotel, piling her plate with slices of bread which she ate with a large bowl of olives. On street corners vendors were selling delicious warm puff pastry cheese pies, tiropita, which were filled with feta cheese made from sheep's milk. Eggs are often dyed red to symbolise Christ's blood and the renewal of life.

This year Greek Easter Day falls on the same day as here. On pages 20 and 21 Ann Way has given us a delicious-sounding recipe for Kleftiko, a traditional Greek Easter dish so do try it.

Happy Easter and if your eggs are not red ones, I hope that at least they are chocolate ones!



Sylvia Clark
Editor

From the Vicarage – Easter 2014

Something has emerged in our visits to see Cath's mother, Daphne, in a nursing home in Haywards Heath. As I have written before, Daphne is now in the later stages of a very long journey with vascular dementia. In reality she is nearing the end of her life. Although it is impossible to predict when she will die, there is a sense that she is entering what could be the final stages.

With this in mind, it has been almost impossible to get nursing staff to talk openly about what we might expect as death approaches. On several occasions we have said to staff 'please be open and honest with us, we can take it, we really can.' The reason for this reticence was revealed to us in one of the more open conversations we had with the senior nurse, who said that many relatives when they come to visit loved ones are in denial about what is actually happening. They still cling to a hope that their husband or wife, mother or father, will in some way improve. This makes it hard for staff to talk openly. The hard truth about dementia, of any kind, is that this will not happen. People don't

improve, they become progressively more frail and it is a terminal condition; they will eventually die.

But we will all eventually die. It is the only certain thing we can say about our lives, from the first breath we take. There will one day be a last breath. How are we to face this inevitable mortality? A very popular reading for funerals is by Canon Henry Scott, 'death is nothing at all'. I am uncomfortable with this reading; for those who have had to face grief that is simply not true. At the time death seems like everything. I might have written about this before but this meditation is in fact taken out of context. What many people don't know is that these words were a part of a sermon Henry Scott Holland preached about death entitled 'The King of Terrors'. The date was May 15, 1910. The sermon was preached at St Paul's Cathedral following the death of King Edward VII.

In his sermon Henry Scott Holland begins, 'I suppose all of us hover between two ways of regarding death, which appear to be in hopeless contradiction to each other. The first way', he says 'is, the familiar and instinctive recoil

from it (death) as embodying the supreme and irrevocable disaster'. He then goes on to contrast this bleak and barren perception with another extreme, an experience that some people can have when it can seem that death is "nothing at all". But that well known meditation on death was written in quotation marks as a part of a 30 minute sermon which goes on to describe this as a momentary experience: 'Alas! it will pass from us. The long, horrible silence that follows when we become aware of what we have lost out of our daily intercourse by the withdrawal of the immediate presence will cut its way into our souls.'

What was Jesus' response in the face of death? We see the answer when he was called to the tomb of his friend Lazarus, four days dead. We read simply 'Jesus wept.' in this episode, Jesus fully identifies with the tragedy of death and he identifies with all the loss and grief that accompanies death. But he then demonstrates in the most dramatic way that he has power over death itself by raising Lazarus from the dead (you can read the story for yourself in John chapter 11). His biggest demonstration of this power though will occur shortly

after; on the third day after his own death, his tomb will be empty. Before he summoned what must have been a very surprised Lazarus from the tomb, Jesus challenged Lazarus' sister Martha by pointing to himself and saying 'I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in me will live, even though he dies, and whoever lives, and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' This remains a challenge to us all in the face of certainty of our own mortality and that of our loved ones, that because of Jesus' resurrection death itself is defeated. Do we believe this?

The thing about Cath's mother is that we have actually been preparing for her death for a long time. Dementia represents a long goodbye, yet we hold on to this, it is not a loss of hope. Daphne has been a committed Christian all of her life. She has believed and trusted that Jesus died on the cross for her sins and that he is risen from the dead. We also hold to this hope in Jesus who is victorious over death. At Daphne's nursing home relatives hold to the hope that their loved ones might in some way improve. We know that for Daphne, as for all who have trusted their lives and their deaths to the Lord of life, there is

to be a full and final healing, but it is not to be within this state of being. There will, for a time, have to be a parting of the ways.

What did Henry Scott Holland believe? After all he is quoted enough at funerals. For him death was neither to be denied, nor was it nothing at all. There was a third part to his sermon, a hope that was based entirely upon Jesus' resurrection from the dead. 'None of us can fully see what we will become', he said, 'but because of Jesus' resurrection we can be assured that what comes after death is going to be far more glorious



than what we have now'. When Scott Holland preached his famous sermon, motivated by the death of the King, it was a call to his listeners to hold to that hope, to be changed by it, and to live their lives by it. Similarly we are invited to face our own mortality and commend our

loved ones to God, in light of the great hope that we shall once again celebrate on Easter morning, the hope of Jesus risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen - He is risen indeed Alleluia!

Simon

Looking for Christian Aid Champion

In the past St. Michael's has supported Christian Aid with house to house collections. We would like to do so again, and are looking for a willing volunteer to co-ordinate this activity. It involves the distribution of Christian Aid Envelopes to local houses (as few or as many as we are able to cover), and co-ordinating a small number of volunteers who collect the envelopes during Christian Aid week (11 – 17 May 2014). Collectors are given authorised ID badges and Christian Aid collection bags. If you are interested please contact Revd. Helen Peters 01494 716772 or helen.peters@peters-research.com

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 2014 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**



*If you are able to bring a dish for the shared lunch, please put your name and what you are bringing on the sign-up sheet at the back of church. However, everyone is welcome to share with us, whether you bring a dish or not! Any queries, contact Sylvia Clark or Jane Tyrer.

Just the Minutes?!

I have prudently decided that after being PCC Secretary for 8 years it is time that I passed the baton onto someone a little younger than myself before the ageing process gets the better of me! It has been a privilege to work alongside so many people who have dedicated themselves to keeping focussed on our Mission Statement "To enable all to follow Jesus" and to keeping Jesus at the Centre of everything that we think and do.

I was not trained as a Secretary! I was an Occupational Therapist and worked in the field of Mental Health until I reached retirement and then I worked for a further 10 years here in Buckinghamshire with the Learning Disability Team. Our goal was always to enable the people we worked with to reach their full potential of wellbeing -- physically, mentally and socially and I guess I have used those goals for myself as well! I have really enjoyed the involvement with the PCC as Secretary. I have gained so much from the experience and it opened up another door for me and enabled me to become part of St Michael's Church Christian Family.

The new secretary is not going to be asked to do all the things that I have been doing so it is not an onerous job and it has been suggested that it should be for a three year term of office. Beryl Doran has kindly offered to take over from me. I will of course give her all my support.

I would like to thank Anne Dean who has shown great patience in supporting me in my role as Secretary; Tony Sackville who has miraculously and patiently sorted out all my computer problems each time they have arisen and Simon, for asking me to take over as Secretary 8 years ago. I hope I have done an adequate job. I have received so much more back in Christian love than I have given in time and service.

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has, so willingly, contributed to the Annual Report Booklet. It has been wonderful to read once again, about the vast range of Church activities that so many members are involved in.

This was recited at a retirement party and I thought it summed things up rather nicely: -

While the Directors retire to their dinner
The secretary sits getting thinner and thinner
Racking her brains to recall with deep thought
What she thinks they think she ought to report!

Penny Austin

John's Chair

May I give a sincere thank you to all who gave a donation in loving and grateful memory of my dear husband, Canon John Eastgate, to Swanage Hospital League of Friends.



At my request, they have now purchased a beautifully comfortable modern recliner chair, with a head support, arm support and leg raiser, to be used in the ward and day room of the hospital. My main idea was for it to be used by visiting relatives staying overnight with their dying loved ones (as I did for several nights) who may be just longing to put their feet up for a while and ease their backs; but it would also be available for patients on the ward in the daytime, and for night nurses in their short breaks during busy night shifts.

I will be so glad if this chair can bring comfort to those who use it, at a time of stress and trauma.

Thank you again for your generosity,

Jane Eastgate.

Kernow (Cornish for Cornwall.)

I went to Cornwall last Easter, Penzance in particular, for the first time in about 40 years and I wasn't ready for its strong feeling of 'otherness.' We travelled there by car and straight away I knew I needed to visit there again and I badly wanted to do so by train. You can understand then that I have been following the events affecting

the London to Penzance railway closely, particularly the state of that piece of track in Dawlish. I am optimistic! If the Victorians, under the direction of Brunel, could build such an amazing railway, then surely our engineers, with the benefits of technology, can repair and restore it.

I wrote this whilst sitting in the chapel on St Michaels Mount. April 4th 2013

The stories and songs are of the soil and the sea.
The whispers run in the grasses, of Tristan and Isolde, Petroc and Marc.

Mines and Methodism crowd the landscape,
The cries of gulls hang over the fishing boats,
Villages are wrapped in shawls of solidarity
Against the weather and the hardship of Cornish living.
On the edge, on the edge of land and sea.
England, reaching towards Celtic lands,
Brittany, Wales and sea washed islands.
Christianity underlined by pagan beliefs,
Still, under the surface, in the minds and hearts of many people.
Pushed to the rocky fringes by invaders and conquerors,
People with the old Celtic ways held close,
Not easily subsumed or undermined.
This is a crossing place, layered with mythology and saints.
The granite stones sparkle with secrets.
You may slip and slide in between times,
Your footing is unsure.
There is more doubt than certainty.
You are in a different land.

Susan Brice

MS Society

The High Wycombe and District Branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society held their annual Ploughman's Lunch on Wednesday 19th February in Hughenden Village Hall and raised a total of £547.00, which is a fantastic amount. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came along and supported our event, it is very

much appreciated. All the money raised will be used to help people with MS in the High Wycombe area.

Kind Regards

Belinda Peddle

Secretary

High Wycombe & District Branch - MS Society - 01494 443917

Floodlighting Dedications

Dedications received too late for the March magazine were for:

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| 2 – 8 March | Joan Gibson was remembering with much love her husband Ken whose first anniversary fell on 7 March. |
| 9 – 15 March | Chris & Jane Tyrer were celebrating the marriage of their son David to Catherine on Saturday 8 March. |
| 16 – 22 March | Sara was remembering with much love her dearest husband John on their Golden Wedding Anniversary, March 21 st . |
| 16 – 22 March | Sylvia Hinton was remembering with love her father Ernest, whose birthday was 15 March. |

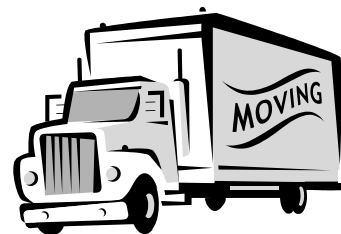
A dedication for April is for:

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| 20 – 27 April | Stan Cole and family will be remembering June with love and affection, particularly on 22 April, her ninth anniversary. |
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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

On the Move



We're always on the move; jobs, homes, relationships, travel. But for one group of people an especially exciting move recently as Wycliffe Bible Translators relocated after 41 years to the Clare Foundation, Saunderton and the specialist Bible training to Redcliffe College, Gloucestershire. But where did this move really begin?

In 1917, an enthusiastic 19 year old Cameron Townsend went to Guatemala to preach and sell Spanish bibles but met with no success. Then one of the Cakchiquel people posed him a very pertinent question:

“If your God is so great, why doesn't he speak my language?”...

This provided the catalyst for what became Wycliffe today. Then in 1999 God gave a vision; with partner organisations worldwide to see a Bible project begun in every language that needs one by the year 2025. Currently 2,817 languages have scripture (4.9 billion people), 2,167 projects are underway (impacting a further 1.9 billion people) and sadly 1,919 languages have nothing as yet.

But the good news is the rate of translation progress is greater today than any other point in history - in fact a new project begins every 5 days!!

I'd like to introduce two local people who are directly part of this progress, Chris and Gerdy Oldham who we are supporting as a church this year. I'll let them talk!

Chris: *“I'm delighted to share with you about my work. Did you know the number of mobile phones used particularly in poorer countries is ever increasing? This is an amazing chance for God's word to come to these people. I work in a studio in Chinnor developing audio visual materials for West Asia such as accurately subtitled film clips which can then be downloaded from the internet.”*

Gerdy: *“Children and Mission, what a combination! My job as Children's worker is to enthuse children about what God is doing around the world, to sow seeds in their hearts and give a chance to hear how God might use them. I take school assemblies and lessons.*

Sometimes the focus is on the Bible itself, sometimes with Translation and Literacy. I also lead Sunday School sessions, I promise, it's fun!"

Do take a look at the board at the back of church where you'll see some pictures of the Oldham family at work and find out more about Wycliffe's work. You might even get inspired to help it on the move...

Sue Newton

24/7 Prayer for Wycombe

Town Chaplains – operating in Wycombe for approximately six years and drawn from various churches in the community, each chaplain spends two hours a week walking through their designated area listening and talking to retail staff and shoppers of all faiths or none.



Recognised by their uniform of dark blue fleece and light blue polo shirt, both carrying the Beech Tree logo and with CHAPLAIN printed front and back, they are fully trained, supervised and supported by the Lead Chaplain. They seek to provide a listening, supportive and non-judgemental ear, one-to-one chats, sign-posting towards a range of locally-based professional Chaplaincy Partners.

The present economic climate has resulted in some shops struggling to remain open and staff become insecure and anxious about their jobs. Having time to listen and talk to people and be supportive in some way is all part of this ministry. Remember Town Chaplains in your prayers as they practice Street Ministry.

Our next Prayer Day takes place on Thursday, April 10th, from 8.00 am to Friday 8.00 am in the North Room with all the usual facilities. The sign-up sheet and Prayer Points can be found on the table at the back of the Church. Prayerfully think about signing up for an hour, or whatever time you can commit to, bringing the ministries taking place in Wycombe before God.

Yvonne Cook

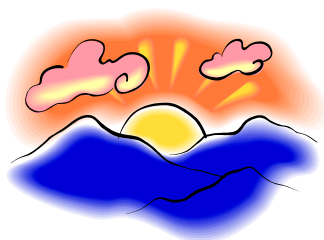
AFTERGLOW

For these my many springs
lived and relived
let bells ring out,
and let me praises shout
for having breath to breathe,
and sight to see
into the heart of things;

lost things; things returning;
suns grown cold;
rekindled suns;
and our dear earth that runs
without the need of breath,
from dearth of life
to burst of life, turning.

How many springs now past?
How many more remain
to walk in the sun,
to watch her, earth-flung
into tree-tops, burning?
And at the end,
shall the afterglow last?

Ron Cretchley 19.2.94
www.thinkingpoet.co.uk



April's Prayer Topics

<p>8th Scouts/Guides/ Cubs/Brownies /Beavers/ Rainbows</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For spiritual guidance for leaders to help us make the right decisions for the young people. - Thanks to all parents and leaders who keep the movement alive.
<p>9th Church Cleaners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That all church visitors and congregations will respect the building and its contents, and not make unnecessary work for the cleaners; so that the building can reflect the glory of God at all times.
<p>16th Tiny Tots/Hughend en Toddlers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For prayer for leadership of Hughenden Toddlers. After half term the ladies who currently run the group will be stepping down and there is currently no one in place to take over. - For Tiny Tots, which is linked with Hughenden Toddler group, so is praying that it will thrive in order to thrive itself. - Thanks for all who currently come and enjoy Tiny Tots on the third Thursday each month
<p>19th Local businesses – Wrights Buildabase</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanks that the flooding/sewage problems are now resolved - Thanks that business is currently buoyant and that there are no significant staff issues
<p>21st Naphill Lunch Club</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For two members of the lunch club who have recently fallen and broken hips, and whose presence is missed - For extra cooks to come forward to assist with cooking the lunches on 2nd Wednesdays each month
<p>28th Deanery Synod/Area Dean</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For Elections to Deanery Synod - that the right people are elected who will be champions of mission in their parishes. - For the difficult issue of parish share review - to be decided upon in July. - For the ongoing process of mission action planning in the Deanery.
<p>Answered Prayer</p>	<p>Baby Maggie has come through her heart surgery successfully and celebrated her 1st birthday in March. Phil Howland was home from hospital where he died peacefully, as was his wish.</p>

Mothers' Union

Tuesday March 4th found us in the company of our own Edie Sadler for a very enjoyable evening listening to her talking about her life as a postwoman in the 1940s, covering West Wycombe, Bradenham, Saunderton, Piddington and Bledlow, a rather large round on an iron pushbike.



At first Edie was told she was too young at 14 but after an interview, she was put down as 17 years and was given one month's trial. Her starting wage was 15/-, that is 75p in today's money. Edie was given a very nice smart uniform and a pair of boots, although she was not very happy at having to wear boots. As it was wartime, clothing was obtained on coupons so her uniform was very useful.



We were told about the long hours worked, the early morning starts and some of the strange things she had to deliver, such as pheasants and partridges with address labels tied with string around their necks and no wrapping! One morning she heard a buzzing and wondered what it was, only to find a parcel with mesh at the end and a live bee in it for the local beekeeper. Another was an artificial leg. In those days these were very heavy and had to be worn with a leather strap over the shoulder. This was not an easy item to be carried across the handlebars of her heavy iron bike.

Post had to be delivered before 8am to West Wycombe House, the home of Sir John Dashwood and it was a very long dark ride on winter mornings. One morning in the fog Edie was hit by a car and taken to hospital in a Black Maria (a police van) instead of an ambulance. Luckily she hadn't broken her leg so only one day was taken off work. At Christmas she had to deliver boxed turkeys and on one occasion, one of these had been swapped for a piece of horse meat so things were fiddled or went missing even in those days.

Christmas was a busy time for taking extra post. One very cold day when on her rounds, Edie was given a drink of ginger wine (to warm her) and at another house, a cup of tea laced with cream and whisky. She sat down and fell asleep for an hour and that was at the

home of her future in laws! She was well tipped, as were other tradesmen at this time of year.

In the office telegrams were received and had to be written out in very best hand writing. Edie delivered telegrams, some happy but unfortunately some sad, carrying news of loved ones lost in the war. This must have been very hard as Edie, being a local girl, knew all the families. She was obviously a much respected postwoman as she had an invitation to the wedding party and service the following day, of Lady Sarah Dashwood, daughter of Sir John.

In 1947 she gave up the post rounds to become counter clerk at Lane End so no more very early mornings. Edie was thanked for such a wonderful, informative and, entertaining evening and we all very much look forward to a follow up talk on her life working in the Post Office.

At our next meeting on 1st April at 7.30pm in Church House, Professor Wightman will be giving us a talk on Coventry Cathedral. Then on 6th April the Mothers' Union will be running the Winter Warmers Soup Lunch in Church House from 12 noon. Please do come on either or both occasions.

Ann McCarthy



St Michael's Coffee Cupboard

As many of you will realize, our coffee cupboard at the back of the church has proved invaluable. Not only is it used to provide refreshments after the 10.45am services, but also following the recent confirmation service and before the Archdeacon's Visitation last year. It also comes into its own on social occasions like concerts.

Thanks to the generous monetary contributions from coffee and tea drinkers, we were able to make donations at the end of 2012 to Wycombe Talking Newspaper and Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, and during 2013 to the Mission Aviation Fellowship, Helen & Douglas House and Wycombe Homeless Connection. In addition, as 'charity begins at home', we have also given donations for a new

lawnmower for use in the churchyard and for a new and badly needed vacuum cleaner for use in church.

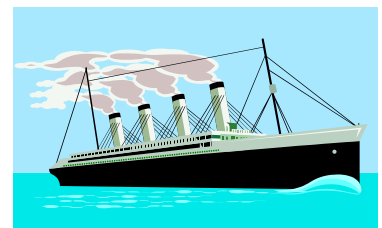
Thank you so much to all who have helped us to do this. We do try to support local charities but if there is a particular one to which you would like us to donate, please let me know. Thank you very much too, to all the people who prepare the refreshments each week. This time of getting together over simple food and drink is a very valuable time of fellowship and an opportunity to get to know new people and to welcome visitors. If anyone wishes to join the rota, we shall be delighted to include you.

Sylvia Clark – 562801

Valley Wives

The Sinking of the Titanic

On Friday 8th March Valley Wives heard the fascinating story of Alexander James Littlejohn, a survivor of the Titanic tragedy. It was related by his grandson Philip Littlejohn, who has researched his Grandfather's papers, Titanic archives and has visited the wreck at the bottom of the Atlantic ocean.



Alexander was born 1872 in the east end of London. As a young man he sailed many types of ships. Later after marriage he became the landlord of the Crown Inn in Hastings Old Town which still exists today, ringing a replica of the Titanic bell. Sadly in 1910 his wife died leaving three children and Alexander decided to go to sea. His experience in the licensed trade gave him knowledge that was useful as a steward serving passengers in First Class dining rooms.

He joined the American shipping line, White Star in 1911. The White Star line was to have three liners, Olympic, Gigantic and Titanic, Belfast built at the Harland and Wolf yard. They were not in speed competition with the British Cunard liners the Mauritania and Lusitania, but were to be bigger and safer (practically unsinkable) with 16 compartments with water tight doors, luxurious

accommodation, swimming pool, gymnasium, elevators and a dining room of 'Ritz' standard.

First, Alexander joined the Olympic crew captained by Edward John Smith and sailed to New York. Unfortunately the liner had several mishaps so the building of the Titanic was hurried along. On April 2nd the Titanic moved from Belfast to Southampton, its three funnels smoking, the fourth being false as it was for ventilation purposes only. On board was Thomas Andrews, head of the design department and two Marconi operators, Jack Phillips and Harold Bride, who would serve passengers at ten words for 12s/6d. Weather warnings were not their job. The liner arrived in Southampton to find there was a national coal strike. Enough coal was collected from other ships to see Titanic to New York and the maiden voyage commenced on 10th April. On board were the famous Colonel John Astor returning to New York after his honeymoon with his young wife Madeleine, Isa and Isidor Strauss and William Stead, journalist and spiritualist who was to have a premonition of disaster. President Taft had asked him to speak at the World Peace Conference. Passengers' pets were also on board. There should have been 64 lifeboats for 3,500 people but this number was reduced to 16 so as not to clutter up the decks for exercising pets! The Titanic sailed first to Cherbourg, collecting passengers returning from the 'Grand Tour' and then to Queenstown, Ireland from where most passengers were emigrating, travelling steerage at £6 10s.

The wireless did not work for three days and as Phillips and Bride were anxious to start their message service, they took little notice of the first warnings of ice floes. Eventually the bridge was alerted but little notice was taken until 7.15 pm on 14th April. It was now much colder. Lookouts were ordered to the crow's nest. The sea was flat calm and they had to rely on their eyesight as the key to the binocular box had been left behind. At 11pm when the dining room closed, the Titanic was travelling at 23 knots through the ice field. Phillips heard a loud signal from the Californian, 'We are stopped surrounded by ice'. 'Shut up', he answered, 'you are jamming my line'. At 11.40pm the shape of the iceberg loomed, 50 seconds before the ship struck it. Given one minute, the ship could have swerved, but the command 'Hard a' starboard' meant the side was presented and the rivets holding the plates together were sheared off below the waterline.

There was ice on the deck but the ship sailed forward for a further 20 minutes, until male passengers from steerage were seen carrying their bags and soaking wet. Thomas Andrews knew that with six compartments filling with water the ship could not stay afloat and told the captain they had only one and a half hours, maybe two before she sank. Seven post workers were the first to die, trying to save the mail. The distress signal CQD and MYG the Titanic's letters and SOS were sent out, but no ship could reach them for four hours. Life boats were lowered, with women and children to go first and if there was space, first class male passengers to follow. Alexander went to lifeboat 13; as steward he was to look after the passengers. He was ordered to row, although he had never been an oarsman. There were terrible cries for help. It was 4.30 am before they saw the lights of the Carpathia and were picked up and divided into their classes!

Alexander's pay ceased at 2.20am 15th April. The company felt no responsibility for the crew's welfare. Alexander convalesced for six months during which time his hair turned white and he never spoke to his family of his experience. He received no compensation and went back to sea to steward on the Oceanic, another White Star liner.

Our speaker was warmly thanked. At our next meeting on 4th April Tina Louise will be giving a belly dancing demonstration (there may be some participation!).

Elsie Probert

'Taste and see that the Lord is good'

Naphill Fete Saturday 14th June

Hughenden Village Day 19th July

St. Michael's will be at these community events and is seeking as many members of the congregation as possible to be involved

Please contact Revd. Helen Peters: helen.peters@peters-research.com

Home Thoughts

I had a lovely walk today (middle of March) up the lane, through the woods and across fields, in the delightful company of Dylan, Simon and Cath's labrador. My thoughts went back to our time in Australia and the birds and flowers there. Some of the flowers are very exotic, like the hibiscus and the frangipani which conjure up pictures of South Sea maidens with these blooms tucked behind their ears. The red or gold bottle brush bushes are pretty and the oleanders and strelitzia (bird of paradise flowers) are beautiful.



The birds also, are very colourful, often quite large and extremely noisy. Whilst sitting on a balcony a pair of rainbow lorikeets joined us, one on the balcony rail and the other on the back of a chair. They are the most gorgeous creatures, about eight inches high with emerald green backs, a mixture of gold and vivid orange on their breasts and red and blue around their heads, a real rainbow mix of colours. There were crimson lorikeets, similar to their cousins, but



with vivid red and blue colourings. We loved the sulphur crested cockatoos, the clowns of the air, which flew over in flocks, screeching their heads off! They love to play and can be seen hanging off flags on the golf course, or dangling upside down from strips of tree bark. In woodland we saw fairy wrens, for once a small Australian bird, a little larger than our wren. The

male has the most striking, iridescent blue head and shoulders and a longish, upturned tail, while the females are shades of brown. The mynahs, both Indian and grey varieties are always in evidence, in the garden, on the beach and especially around eating places where they clear up any scraps.

Now back home I am entranced watching the various members of the tit family busily checking out prospective nesting sites and boxes and listening to the lovely spring song of the robins. The birds are back in the garden now that I have refilled the seed feeder, blackbirds, sparrows,



finches, jackdaws, magpies and pigeons. And of course, it's lovely to see the red kites again.



The 'dancing daffodils' everywhere and the pussy willows are marvellous but today, with Dylan by my side sniffing out all the various wildlife scents, I was completely taken by the beauty of the little spring flowers. Tiny sweet-scented violets in shades from deep, royal purple to pale lilac and white and whole swathes of primroses, pale yellow with gold centres. They look such delicate little plants and yet reappear and spread each year no matter what the winter weather has thrown at them. In a few weeks the bluebells too, will be putting on a wonderful show.



I am very fond of Australia and I do very much miss our son and family on the other side of the world, but all in all, I think I really am glad to be home.

Sylvia Clark

Easter Recipe

Greek Baked Lamb in a pot (known as Klefiko)

Easter, the most important of the Christian festivals, is kept with great celebration in Greece and it is traditional to eat Paschal Lamb at that time. On Easter Sunday many eat lamb roasted on a spit, but another very popular way of cooking it is in a sealed clay pot with herbs and vegetables. This can be done quite successfully in an ordinary casserole dish. This is one dish I have had on my many trips to the Greek Islands and adapted the recipe for my own kitchen.

Ingredients

½ or whole shoulder or leg of lamb
2 carrots
1 onion sliced
6 – 12 baby onions
1 stick of celery
1lb new potatoes
¼ pint tomato juice



2 tbsps best olive oil
3 – 4 tbsps water
2 tbsps wine (optional)
1 – 2 bay leaves
1 tsp each chopped thyme, oregano, basil
2 sprigs fresh rosemary
1 – 2 cloves garlic
1 lemon
Pepper and salt

Method

Using a large casserole dish suitable for heating on top of the stove as well as in the oven, pour in 1 tbsp of olive oil. Slice the carrots thickly and cut the potatoes, skins on, into 1 inch chunks. Chop the celery and slice the large onion. Skin the baby onions (this is easier if you pour boiling water on them for a minute, then rinse in cold water – the skins slip off easily). Place all the prepared vegetables in the casserole and shake until they are lightly coated in the oil. Place the meat on top of the vegetables skin side up and rub in remaining oil. Pour in the tomato juice, wine and water, sprinkle with herbs, lemon juice and spread the crushed garlic on, topping with the rosemary sprigs, a good grinding of pepper and a tsp salt.

Spread a dampened sheet of greaseproof paper over the ingredients and put the lid on, tucking the overlapping bits of paper into the crevices of the lid all around. Alternatively make a pliable dough from flour and water and roll a thin sausage of it around the edge of the pot before placing the lid onto this tightly. Bring to the boil on top of the stove (you will hear it bubbling) then transfer to a preheated oven at 350F, 175C, Gas 3, for a further 2 hours. Just before serving, strain off the juices, if necessary adding a little more tomato juice or some vegetable stock and thicken with a little cornflour. Check seasoning and pour liquid into a sauce boat.

To Serve: Place lamb on serving dish and surround with the vegetables. Cut the meat downwards in thick slices and service with the sauce. Extra potatoes cooked with mint and green beans go well with it. I hope you enjoy this Easter feast.

Ann Way

Wycombe Homeless Connection

We have been nominated (along with Rennie Grove) to benefit from this year's Penn running races - the Penn Seven and the less arduous Super Fun Run. These sponsored running events are happening on Sunday 15th June, so now is the time to raise a team and get training! More details can be found on the official website www.bucksvoice.net/pennseven and in the WHC website nearer the time.

Many thanks,

Penny

Volunteer Administrator - Tel: 01494 447699
Wycombe Homeless Connection

Good Companions

Our March meeting had a return visit from the Fernie Fields Saxophone Quartet, named after the road in Booker where they first met up and rehearsed. Playing baritone, tenor, alto and soprano instruments the three ladies and one gentleman treated us to a programme of old and well known favourites. They began with Sousa's 'Liberty Bell' and ended with 'Country Gardens' by Cecil Sharpe, with traditional songs, numbers from the shows and films (known by most since childhood days) and the Teddy Bears' Picnic, reminding us of the days when tunes were tuneful, readily recognized and not forgotten. We enjoyed the music as much as the musicians obviously enjoyed playing it, playing as they do to support charitable causes.

Our April meeting will have as guest speaker Joan Dark whose subject will be 'Whatever Happened to Passion?'. Meanwhile we must remain intrigued!

Michael Harris

Daddy.....

My children have reached that age when they're too embarrassed to be seen with me. I just wish they'd get to that age when they're too embarrassed to ask me for money.

Shhhh!

On the first day of a new school term, the teacher used to send home a letter to every parent. It read, 'If you promise not to believe all that your child tells you goes on at school, then I promise not to believe all they tell me goes on at home.'

Snippets taken from The Sixty Second Father.

National Trust Events - April



5 - 22 11am-4pm	Easter Egg Trail	Trail round the gardens with an Easter egg as a prize for completing it. Eggs supplied by Cadbury's	11am – 4pm
Wed 9 Thurs 11 Wed 16 Thurs 17	Trail Trackers	Kids can be a 'Trail Tracker' with our Ranger team and a map, around the park	11am – 12.30pm
Sat 19	Countryside Workout	Countryside volunteering (one-off or regular)	10am – 4pm

Contact Booking Office on 0844 249 1895 for price and booking details



'..... And some of my congregations have been THIS big!'

Decisions! Decisions

One of the toughest tasks a church faces is choosing a minister. A member of an official board undergoing this painful process finally lost patience. He'd just witnessed the Pastoral Relations Committee reject applicant after applicant for some minor fault – real or imagined. It was time for a bit of soul-searching on the part of the committee. So he stood up and read this letter purporting to be from another applicant.

Gentlemen: Understanding your pulpit is vacant, I should like to apply for the position. I have many qualifications. I've been a preacher with much success and also had some success as a writer. Some say I'm a good organizer. I've been a leader most places I've been. I'm over 50 years of age and have never preached in one place for more than three years. In some places, I have left town after my work caused riots and disturbances. I must admit I have been in jail three or four times, but not because of any real wrongdoing.

My health is not too good, though I still accomplish a great deal. The churches I have preached in have been small, though located in several large cities. I haven't got along well with religious leaders in the towns where I have preached. In fact, some have threatened me and even attacked me physically. I am not too good at keeping records. I have been known to forget who I have baptized.

However, if you can use me, I promise to do my best for you.

The board member turned to the committee and said, 'Well, what do you think? Shall we call him?'

The good church folks were appalled! Consider a sickly, troublemaking, absent-minded ex-jailbird? Was the board member crazy? Who signed the application? Who had such colossal nerve?

The board member eyed them all keenly before he replied, 'It's signed, "The Apostle Paul".'

Communicants February

Sundays:

2nd 17 + 55 = 72

9th 24 + 79 = 103

16th 19 + 41 = 60

23rd 22 + 60 = 82



From the Parish Registers

Holy Baptisms:

On Sunday 23rd February:

Isla Olivia Lawrence and Catherine India Lawrence (twins) and Henry Oliver Lawrence, children of James Lawrence and Marysia McDonnell-Smith

The Departed:

Eric Smith, late of Chinnor;
William Thomas Collins, aged 89, of Vincents Way, Naphill.

CALENDAR for April 2014

Morning prayer is said in Church at 7.45am on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 7.30am on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. **Bellringing practice** is Tuesday evening at 7.30pm 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 7.45pm. 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.

Tue	1	7.30 pm	Mothers' Union: Church House
Wed	2	12.00 noon	Deanery Chapter meeting: Church House
Thu	3	8.00 pm	Parochial Church Council meeting: Church House
Sun	6		Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday)
		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: Mothers' Union
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Mon	7	9.30 am	Private function: Church House
Thu	10	8.00 am	24 hours of prayer for High Wycombe: North Room
Sat	12	1.00 pm	Wedding: Philip Brown and Deborah Carter
Sun	13		Palm Sunday
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
		9.00 am	Sung Communion with Palm Procession from Mothers' Union Garden (weather permitting)
		10.45 am	All Age Family Communion Service (no JC Club)
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Mon	14		Monday of Holy Week
		7.00 pm	Holy Communion: Church (30 mins)
Tue	15		Tuesday of Holy Week
		7.00 pm	Holy Communion: Church (30 mins)
Wed	16		Wednesday of Holy Week
		7.00 pm	Holy Communion: Church (30 mins)
Thu	17		Maundy Thursday
		10.30 am	Tiny Tots' Service: Church
		10.30 am	Friendship Morning: Church House
		8.00 pm	Holy Communion of the Last Supper and Stripping of the Altars followed by Vigil until midnight
Fri	18		Good Friday
		9.30am	Good Friday walk of witness starts at The Harrow, Hughenden Valley
		9.00 am	A simple liturgy for Good Friday led by the choir
		10.45 am	Family Service for Good Friday
		2.00 pm	Service for the Last Hour on the Cross
Sat	19		Easter Eve
		7.30 pm	Easter Eve service of Blessing of the New Fire, Lighting of the Paschal Candle and Renewal of Baptismal Vows
Sun	20		EASTER DAY
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Choral Mattins and Holy Communion
		11.00 am	Family Communion - (no JC Club) please note time
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Mon	21		EASTER MONDAY
Wed	23		George, Martyr, Patron of England
Fri	25	9.00 am	Private function: Church House
Sat	26	6.00 pm	Private function: Church House
Sun	27		Second Sunday of Easter
		8.00 am	Said Communion
		NB: 10.00 am	Combined Service
		11.45 am	Annual Vestry Meeting & Annual Parochial Church Meeting followed by Bring and Share Lunch
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Mon	28	1.00 pm	Private function: Church
Tue	29		Mark the Evangelist
		10.00 am	Holy Communion: Church (30 mins)
		2.00 pm	Pipers' Corner School confirmation service

The Lectionary – April

		Readers		
		8am/6pm	9am	10.45am
6th	Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday)			
	Ezekiel 37, 1 – 14	J White	S Brice	S Dean
	Romans 8, 6 – 11	P Hynard	A Moore	
	John 11, 1 – 45	Priest	Priest	
	Evensong: Psalm 30			
	Lamentations 3, 19 - 33	A Johnson		
	Matthew 20, 17 - 34	B Brice		
13th	Palm Sunday			
	Isaiah 50, 4 – 9a	J Wilson	K Moxham	S Clark
	Philippians 2, 5 – 11	J Dauncey	S Badrick	L Comley
	Matthew 27, 11 – 54	Priest	Priest	Priest
	NB Sung Communion at 9am, with	Palm Procession from	MU Garden	
	Evensong: Psalm 80			
	Isaiah 5, 1 – 7	E Bailey		
	Matthew 21, 33 – 46	S Brice		
20th	Easter Day			NB: 11am today
	Jeremiah 31, 1 – 6	A Stacey	H or D Lowe	TBA
	Acts 10, 34 – 43	C Carter	H Farrar-Hockley	TBA
	Matthew 28, 1 – 10 or John 20, 1 – 18	Priest	(check which lesson)	Priest
	Evensong: Psalm 105 or 66			
	Song of Solomon 3, 2– 5 and 8, 6 - 7	LS or AJ		
	Revelation 1, 12 - 18	M Morgan		
27th	Second Sunday of Easter		NB: There is a combined service at 10am today: see Page 5	
	Exodus 14, 10 – 31 & 15, 20 – 21	J Holmes	L Stallwood	
	Acts 2, 14a & 22 – 32	A Jaycock	Helen Isaacs (check which lesson)	
	John 20, 19 – 31	Priest	Priest	
	Evensong: Psalm 30			
	Daniel 6, 1 – 23	B Brice		
	Mark 15, 46 – 16, 8	B Doran		

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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“To enable all to follow Jesus Christ”

**We shall live out this mission through Prayer, Presence,
Persuasion and Proclamation 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*

Lord, we pray for all people in areas of the world where there is violence and unrest, particularly the Middle East, Syria, Ukraine, Crimea and Russia. We ask you to give their leaders wisdom, compassion and guidance so that a peaceful solution may be found to their problems.