Outlook

Hughenden Parish Magazine St Michael and All Angels



Lt. Col John Stanhope Collings-Wells VC, DSO 1880-1918

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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 will have noticed that the Collings-Wells Memorial (pictured here) was cleaned and tidied up in time for the

100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War, marked by a reflective service in our Church. During that reflection, the Memorial was visited, as was the Crutchfield grave at the far side of the Churchyard, which had also been given a clean and a face lift.



The history of John Collings-Wells

and how he gained his DSO and VC, together with the history of John Crutchfield, also killed in the Great War aged 17, can be found in a booklet: 'The Fallen', copies of which are in the church bookcase.

Visiting the Crutchfield grave made us very aware of two things: the additional difficulty of caring for the churchyard (especially ancient graves without descendants who tend plots) in the absence of our ovine lawnmowers, and the curious and varied array of ancient stones. Surely an area for profitable research? Or has it been done already? What, for example, is the history of the simple stones (minimonoliths) marked with just a date carved on them?

Thank you to all those who assisted in the tidying up of these two poignant reminders of the destruction – and valour- to be found in all wars. There are so many lessons still to be learned.

Jane and Christopher Tyrer

Editors

From the Vicarage - September 2014

July 17th is not a day I would willingly choose to repeat. It was the day we said goodbye to our younger daughter, Becca, as she headed out on her grand world tour. It was horrible saying final goodbyes at Heathrow. After so much planning and building up to the moment, it was all gone too quickly: a final wave as she passed through security control and she was gone. The day improved with a visit to Cath's mother in her nursing home in Sussex to celebrate her 89th birthday. She was really quite serene which was wonderful, then a pub lunch in Lindfield as we toasted the good fortune and health of our daughter. We committed her, not for the first or last time into the protection and care of God. The journey back was terrible; it took nearly five hours with many diversions and then on the way home, on the radio, we heard the terrible news of flight MH117 shot down over the Ukraine. We knew instantly that this was not Becca's plane, but the fact that we had waved our daughter off that morning on another international flight brought it home: there had been other fathers and mothers waving off other daughters or

sons that morning, unknowingly for the last time.

It was horrible and I have to confess sent me into a total spin. The world seems such a frightening place, war in the Ukraine with passenger planes shot out of the sky, terrible things happening in Syria and Iraq (did her plane fly over those particular war zones on the way to a connection in Qatar? Possibly it did.) Since then there have been awful things unfolding in Gaza and terrifying reports from Africa of ebola which seems to be getting out of control. On that terrible day, if I could have got our daughter back again I would have done. This would have been wrong. This is planned to be the trip of a lifetime, and the daughter we waved goodbye to at Heathrow will, God willing, return a much more confident young woman. As I write, she has journeyed through Vietnam and Cambodia with a tour group, is now in Bangkok and in a few days will connect with another tour of Thailand, aimed at single backpackers. She then branches out on her own, flying out of Thailand on 18th August to Singapore and from there, on

22nd, to Bali and next, on 1st September, to Sydney. There have been problems: all her technology failed her, apart from being able to Facebook from a phone. She travelled out with a new computer loaded with Windows 8: big mistake, as that broke. She has been blocked out of her Hotmail account because, unbeknown to her (and everyone else according to internet sites bemoaning the problem), you have to do something to your Hotmail account in order to travel! All her E tickets and travel documents are on Hotmail good thing then that I had taken backups before she went and can email to a new account once that is up and running. She has finally seen sense and bought an iPad, but is also getting the computer fixed for 400 baht, or about 12 dollars! Despite all this, at the moment anyway, she is having a fantastic time, of course.

And what of the parents? Well, speaking for myself I can't claim that I am particularly enjoying the experience, especially with so many difficulties so early on. However I also know that sorting these and other things out will do Becca the world of good, and she will grow in the experience. Plenty of others

have faced the same as us. seeing their offspring off to see the world. For most, their travels will be an excellent time, but we all know that for some it can turn into a nightmare: nonetheless we have to let them go. Personally I have wrestled with what faith looks like when we do? I am so aware of the big problems in our world at the moment. Were our prayers for Becca any more valid than other mothers and fathers who I have no doubt offered silent prayers for the safety of other daughters or sons as they set off on their travels on flight MH117? Why should God listen to me with my rather selfish prayers for my daughter's well-being and protection, and for her to be given strength when she most needs it, when children are being blown up in Gaza or loved ones die a terrible death in West Africa or are shot out of the sky above the Ukraine? What difference in such a world can my prayers make to one insignificant traveller? Should I even pray such prayers? But she is not insignificant to us, and I am reminded that Jesus said that every hair on our heads is numbered and that our Heavenly Father knows even when the smallest sparrow falls to the ground. Our prayers should focus on the big issues of

our days; they should be about Gaza, Israel and Palestine, Syria, Iraq, the Southern Sudan, West Africa. Our prayers should also be about our loved ones, those who God has entrusted to us to pray about and care for. God calls us to pray about these things and commit all to him. At my worst and most fearful moments (I promise you, prepare for something like this and there will be many) the issue of trusting God has come to the forefront. Every instinct in my being wants to be there for those I love, but so often I can't be and certainly not when they are the other side of the world. Can I trust that the God who is with me now is with them also. and vice versa, especially in those moments when something happens which I want to be able to fix but I just can't? Perhaps this is one of the biggest lessons of being a dad, you really can't fix it all! It is funny though how some of the oddest things speak to us. At our family services we sometimes sing 'Our God is a great big God, He has the whole world in his hands'. In truth, I find this rather irritating, especially as it involves actions! Yet it was that song that came to mind the day after singing it in Church when I was having another attack of high anxiety (it is still early days, I will get better at this) 'Our God is a great big God, He's got my daughter in his hands,' I found myself humming as I walked the dog. That is so often all we can do: leave it in God's hands and in God's care, however scary the world might look to us and believe and trust in Him.

Simon

Mothers Union: Tiny Tots picnic on June 19th.

We were blessed with a lovely day and our garden was looking its best. Thank you, Arthur, for cutting the lawn to perfection!

By 12.30 pm the garden was full with family and friends of the regular congregation of the Tiny Tots monthly service. It was good to see Mums and Dads, and Grandmas and Grandpas. Everyone was hungry and looking forward to the picnic. We commented on how well the children eat and we were glad to see that hardly anything was left!

Helen Peters told the parable of the ten lepers of whom only one said

thank you, she had made faces of varying expressions to illustrate the parable and this was well received by young and old. The picnic finished with the children singing their favourite action and praise songs. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event such an enjoyable outreach occasion.



The Mothers' Union continued their busy summer with a wonderful ploughman's lunch, as you will read later in this issue. An enjoyable and relaxing coffee morning was held on August 5th on another lovely day and was attended by friends and supporters as well as members from other branches.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 2nd at 7.30 pm when David Griffin will speak on Shop Mobility. Our meetings are open to everyone.

24/7 Prayer for Wycombe

I cannot speak for the other Lighthouse sites at High Wycombe or Cressex, but Lighthouse Hazlemere was a great success this year. In his email to all helpers, Chris Dodds relayed that many parents and children said 'it was the best ever' and that 75 children gave a commitment to being 'friends of Jesus'. I usually arrived at the quiet time between the day activities and the Fresh Cafe during the evening when I joined the cleaning team to tidy things up for the next day. It was good to see some old faces and enjoy a cup of tea when all was finished. Next year Lighthouse will take place from Monday, 27th July, to Friday, 31st July, for those of you who want to enter it into your diaries.

I've been noticing the Alpha Course Banners starting to be displayed as I drive around and here, at St Michael's, this year's Alpha Course begins on Wednesday October 1st and Frank and Diane Hawkins are

the couple to contact if you are interested, or know someone who is interested, in attending this 11 week course. Also in the Wycombe area St Andrew's on Hatters Lane and St Peter's in Loudwater are beginning their Alpha Courses on September 30th and October 1st respectively. Pray that these courses will attract people who normally don't attend church and people of faith giving them all the opportunity to ask questions and understand the Bible and Jesus' teaching in a much deeper way.

Things can change a lot in a year and this time last year, we didn't have a CAP Centre in Wycombe. However, in March, the Kings Centre on Desborough Road became Wycombe's CAP Centre with lan Bickerstaffe as manager coordinating all the work from the centre. Ian regularly requests prayer and ask for it now as he needs more volunteer Support Workers, and especially female, as most of their clients tend to be of that gender.

The new school year begins in September and we are sure to have prayer requests from Wycombe Youth for Christ. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers just now as they plan the year ahead. There will be new beginnings for many young people, moving classes, changing schools and meeting and making new friends. As I write this today the 'A' Level results are out and quite soon the GCSE results will be issued. Let's remember students waiting for these results in our prayers; there will be excitement and disappointment and decisions will need to be made about future choices. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance for these young people as they make those choices.

This month our prayer day is on Thursday, 11th September, from 8.00 am to Friday 8.00 am. The prayer space will be set up in the North Room with all the usual facilities available. Please bear in mind that there will be bell ringers in the Bell Tower between 10.00 am and 1.30 pm. The sign-up sheet will be on the table at the back of the church within a week of our prayer day and the Prayer Points will join it on the last weekend of the month. Please prayerfully think about committing to one hour, or part of an hour, bring the ministries taking place in Wycombe before God.

Reprint: Saying Farewell to Bishop John at the Diocese of Oxford's Grand Day Out! Saturday 20th September 2014: 10.00 – 17.00 Oxford City Centre

On Saturday 20 September we're inviting our whole diocesan family to gather in the centre of Oxford, to give thanks for Bishop John's ministry among us, and to think about our onward journey. There'll be prayer and worship, a feast of different activities and the chance to join in a massive picnic on Christ Church Meadow. We'll end with a huge open-air Eucharist. Everyone is invited; young, old, lay, ordained, families, single people, life-long Anglicans and people new to church. Everyone is welcome!

Timetable for the Day

10.00 (30 mins) Opening worship on Christ Church meadow
11.00 A host of workshops, speakers and activities in
venues around the city centre; Pilgrimage, Messy Fiesta for families, geocaching, spirituality zone, 'Living the Difference' café, events for people
with learning difficulties, mini-pilgrimage and much, much more. Let loose
your imagination, exploring faith through prayer, the creative art,
contemporary culture, social enterprise, climate change, the natural
world and forgiveness.

12.30pm Bring-your-own picnic to Christ Church Meadow
2pm Workshops, speakers and activities around the city
3.30pm Farewell Eucharist for Bishop John on Christ Church Meadow
The programme for the day is being added to all the time.
For more information and to register for further information go to
www.oxford.anglican.org/granddayout.

Getting to the Grand Day Out

The day will take place on Christ Church Meadow and at nearby venues (walking distance). You are invited to come to Oxford using public transport or the city's Park and Ride facilities. If your church is bringing a coach, a drop off point is available within easy reach of Christ Church Meadow.

Booking for the Grand Day Out

All events at the Grand Day Out are free. But you do need to book to attend sessions. To do so, please go to www.oxford.anglican.org/granddayout.

More information

If you'd like to know more, please do speak to staff at Diocesan Church House organising the day on 01865 208277.

It's my funeral!

How many times have I done something which has the potential to be less-than-sensible and heard family or friends say "Oh well, it's your funeral", as if I were planning something with a more-than-even chance of finishing me off? I've said it myself on innumerable occasions, but it's only really been the last ten or so years that I've really come to terms with my own mortality (having wanted to be immortalised by not dying – thanks Woody Allen for that line!).

My studies at Cuddesdon have, over the last term, looked at different areas of ministry – children, young people and older people. Despite not thinking of myself as particularly child-, youth- or oldie-friendly, I've found so much to enthuse about at each of the lectures under these headings and the session on ministry to older people led to wide-ranging discussion about what older people would really like to discuss. (The key issue in the tutor's parish was sex, but I won't go into that here!)

One major theme was, unsurprisingly, death and funerals. Now I've been to too many funerals recently where friends who I have known to be faithful churchgoers have died. Their offspring haven't been regular worshippers and have either rushed them straight off to the crematorium with a clergyperson to lead the service or have had a 'family only' service with talk of a memorial service afterwards (which often doesn't materialise).

This set me thinking about my funeral. Can I rely on my husband to know what I would like? (definitely not!). Will my children give me the sort of send-off I would have wanted?......maybe.... Will they all be wracked with grief at my passing or will they secretly be glad to get rid of the old bat? Whatever the case, I do trust each and every one of them to fulfil my wishes if they know what they are. So at the moment I'm drawing up a list of the things that will be important to me. Things such as what sort of coffin I should be sent off in. Not for me the solid oak or even the veneered chipboard. It might be a basket woven one (no jokes about getting rid of the old basket please!) or perhaps cardboard. I've seen one where the family got the grandchildren to draw or paint pictures which were then stuck on the outside, and another where the whole coffin was overlaid with a picture of the deceased's favourite countryside view. Will it be

church or crem? I hope I'm still a regular churchgoer when I pop my clogs and that there'll be a few people around who'll want to say their goodbyes. How will I go to church? I love the idea of horses, having been a horse-lover all my life, but I don't think a posh carriage and four black or white horses are quite my style. I think I might ask for a farm cart drawn by a piebald (black and white patches) horse. One of my friends, a long term biker, went to the crem in a sidecar hearse – that turned a few heads! What music will I have? All sacred? Some secular? Oh decisions, decisions! One friend wants a piper (memo to self – if he goes before me, look for my earplugs!). One friend (and it won't take you long to guess who!) wants so much music that his funeral could well take a number of days. What readings do I want? Well for me, certainly not the 'in my father's house there are many mansions' stuff. I hope by the time of my funeral I'll know how many mansions.

I want to leave family and friends with memories of what in my faith life has been important to me.

I bet loads of you are already well ahead of me and have your funerals all well planned, with the details all carefully written down so that there are no misunderstandings of your wishes. Got any top tips you could share with me?



Lin Smit

(Not sure if this is what you had in mind, Lin: Eds)

September's Prayer Topics			
8h Scouts/Guides /Cubs/Browni es/Beavers/ Rainbows	 For a new cub leader for the 9th High Wycombe to offer to serve. For the UK contingent as they prepare for the world Jamboree in Japan planned for 2015. For leaders as they come back after the break that they will be inspired. For more leaders to come forward so we can offer Scouting to everyone and not have waiting lists. 		
9 th Church Cleaners	- 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.		
16 th Tiny Tots/Hughen den Toddlers	- Thanks for the Tiny Tots families bringing their children for baptism in the coming term		
19 th Local businesses – The Harrow	 Thanks for good weather as it bring customers out of their houses and into the pub Thanks that business is generally stable and so are the team of staff For more sun in the future weeks 		
21 st Friendship morning	 Thanks for the use of Church House which is such a special place. Thanks for the valuable Helpers (and we would welcome another person to join us). For members when they find it difficult to walk up the long path - please Lord to give them encouragement. 		
28 th Deanery Synod/Area Dean	 For all parishes as they discern and consider the proposed new Parish Share Scheme which is to be discussed and voted on at the October Deanery Synod. For Simon as he has to steer the meeting through the voting procedure. 		
Mission Prayer – Open Doors	 For field workers in the countries where they support persecuted Christians, and they are working in dangerous areas. In Iraq, could we pray for safety, guidance and strength for local Open Doors partners as they bring God's hope to Christian refugee families. 		

Mission Promotion Group Open Doors

Open Doors continues to support our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world by providing bibles, leadership and theological training, community development projects, trauma counselling, safe houses as well as food, clothing, school fees and other practical support for families. The pastor of a church in Tartus, Syria, says his church was able to support 1,800 families by the end of 2013 with the help of Open Doors. Here, at home, they are able to awaken the UK and Ireland to the plight of our Christian brothers and sisters.

We are beginning to hear far more now than we were through our own media but we don't hear about the 45 church buildings in Mosul that have been boarded up, destroyed, occupied, converted into mosques or made in ISIS headquarters. Three years ago, Open Doors estimated that there were 7,500 Christians in Mosul; today that number stands at zero and the people have fled. I have a list of those 45 churches and the request is that we choose a church from the list and pray for the families that once worshipped there. If this strikes a chord with you, please contact me and I will get a copy of the email Prayer Alert to you.

During July, two young Iranian women, Maryam Rostampour and Marziyeh Amirizadeh, came to this country to speak at several venues and also to meet with a number of parliamentarians to share their experiences of persecution in the notorious Evin prison in Iran, where they spent 9 months and to highlight the importance of the right to freedom of religion. These two young women were threatened with death for refusing to recant their faith but were eventually released thanks to the prayers and campaigning of the international community.

Open Doors encourages supporters to write to prisoners of faith and they supply 'Guidelines' to assist; these can be downloaded from www.opendorsuk.org/write. Receiving letters from brothers and sisters overseas lets them know that they are not forgotten and that they are being prayed for and something that is very much appreciated by 'Claris' in Mombasa, who is pastoring her husband's congregation following his murder last October.

Praise God that towards the end of July the Sudanese Christian woman, Meriam Ibrahim and her family, left Sudan and arrived in Italy. The family were accompanied by Italy's vice-minister for Foreign Affairs, Lapo Pistelli, and met by the Italian Prime Minister. As we celebrate Meriam's release we mustn't forget that she was forced to flee and that there are other Christians who have to remain in Sudan and that they continue to need our prayers.

Yvonne Cook (563960)

Floodlighting dedications

Dedications received too late for the July/August magazine were for:

22 – 28 June Len Rickards is especially remembering his

beloved wife, Val, on 22nd June being her third anniversary and is still so very grateful that he was the one to whom Val said "Yes, I

will". So many wonderful memories.

10 – 16 August The Hutton family are giving thanks for the

life of Nichol Hutton, whose funeral was held

in the church on 7 August.

A dedication for September is for:

21 – 27 September In loving and grateful remembrance of Rev

Michael Wynter, particularly on 25

September, the second anniversary of his

death.

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!



HARVEST BARN DANCE

Organised By Hughenden Parish Church for all the community

All Welcome especially families with children

Saturday 27th September at 7.00 pm

at HUGHENDEN VILLAGE HALL

Includes Ploughmans Supper with Bar available.
Professional Music Friendly Caller
Tickets £10 adults Children £5
For Tickets Call or Text Jane on: 07919 026328
Or email on: Jane@dynaband.co.uk

Mothers' Union meeting (sort of) report

Ploughman's Lunch

1st July 2014 9.30 – Mothers' Union members can be seen scurrying, in some cases struggling, up the path to Church House, bearing a wide variety of food and materials; and offering prayers for the sunshine to last until the afternoon.

There is already a large marquee in Mothers' Union garden, and tables are set out within and around the marquee ready to be 'dressed' for the event. We are blessed with some male helpers who bring chairs from North Room to set around the tables, whilst others help erecting more garden umbrellas, which would protect against sun or rain!

Church House is crammed with helpers and growing mounds of ham, cheese, salad stuffs, homemade breads (Thank you Arthur!), plates, cutlery etc. Would we find room for a table for Edie, our longest serving member, to fulfil her usual role of taking the money as people arrived?

We are all watching the clock as it ticks round, faster than we had hoped, as we rush to get all the food laid out and covered, tables laid and decorated, MU leaflets placed on every table, wine and soft drinks plus glasses ready to be served.

We are almost ready, and it is still just 11.40 (lunches were advertised as being served from 12.00 – 14.00) as the first guests arrived, eager to ensure they got food and a choice of tables! We welcome regular MU friends from Chesham and Penn and Tylers Green branches; many Church members and also visitors new to the event, who had seen our posters or handbills.

What follows is a very hectic hour or more, during which there is a constant queue of people waiting to pay for their tickets (almost 100 in total), then follow the predetermined route round Church House, as they gather plates and cutlery, collect ham and cheese of their choice, pile on salad stuffs, chose bread and select a drink; then with hands full, go out of the fire exit to find a table in the garden. The sun did shine, and the choicest tables were those in the shade of the marquee!

For the next two hours both Church House and Mothers' Union garden are filled with the happy sound of friends, both old and new, chatting as they ate, exclaiming about the delights of the food, the beauty of the setting and the joy of spending time together.

Hughenden MU members scurry to and fro from the kitchen to tables, serving coffee and cakes; once the piles of Ploughman's salads had been consumed. Then by about 14.30 the helpers manage time to sit down and eat too and, luckily, there was just enough left for all of us!

Once the sums had been done the Treasurer informed us that £856.50 was raised and the committee agreed that it would be split between the Wheels Appeal and British & Ireland Fund.

Our next task is to persuade Elizabeth Carless to take on organising the event again next year!

Jane Tucker

Church House Redecorating

Well overdue but finally executed, redecoration of the exterior of our Grade Two Listed building was completed in July. We are grateful to Stuart Gibbons for executing it all with quiet efficiency and working round the frequent comings and goings of the building's users. In addition to his decorator's acumen, Stuart undertook various improvements in carpentry and drainage. The cellar door has been replaced, for instance. It is all very smart.

When on his final day Stuart came to repaint the pump casing, it was found to be entirely rotten at the base. No wonder it has increased its tendency to lean like Pisa!

Stuart has taken it to his workshop and will entirely rebuild the casing when wet weather dissuades outdoor activity, and re-site it on a more waterproof base. An invitation has been issued to raise the funds for this by public subscription, with a view, if possible, to restore the well-head, too, should funds permit.

The response has been generous, and the casing is nearly subscribed. If readers of *Outlook* would like to subscribe, please send any donation to me at Hughenden Church House, HIGH WYCOMBE, HP14 4LA. Tax-payers can, as usual, increase their donation by giftaiding their contribution. A yellow envelope from the church pews

can be used for this, or I can send you a form. Cheques should be payable to Hughenden PCC, and indicate that your contribution is for the Pump and Well.

Arthur Johnson

Tea Party

The 'Tea Party' which we held on 25th July was a resounding success and a big thank you goes to all who supported our efforts. Norma and helpers kept the tea flowing and the superb choice of cakes was much appreciated.

The £800 plus raised will go to The Stroke Club and Spinal Injuries REHAB. Many thanks.

Sheila Vesey and Evelyn Neville

Hughenden Village Hall Bookings: reminder

The telephone number for booking Hughenden Village Hall has been changed. Please ring 07815 163 269 for all Village Hall bookings.

An easy mistake.....extracts from Scripture Tests

- 1. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree.
- 2. Noah's wife was Joan of Ark.
- 3. Noah built an ark and the animals came off in pear.s
- 4. Samson slayed the Philistines with the Axe of the Apostles.
- 5. Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.
- 6. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards Moses went up to mount Cyanide to get the 10 Commandments.
- 7. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery

Parish Prayer Cycle

You may remember seeing an article about the Parish Prayer Cycle last year and since then monthly magazine articles with lists of Prayer Topics for use in your daily prayer time.



The Cycle list has been updated as necessary and, as you may have lost your original copy, or at the very least it may be a bit dog-eared from daily use; we thought it would be as well to re-issue it, with some text from the original article.

"Do you start out with good intentions about praying, and then tail off when you run out of ideas as to what to include? To help you we have put together a list of topics for prayer, that can be addressed in both a Weekly, and Monthly cycle.

The Parish Prayer Cycle is designed to be torn out of the magazine and kept for reference. The page can then be kept close at hand to be used to assist your prayers and ensure that no aspects of the local community, or the Church are forgotten in your prayer time during the months to come.

As a guide for using the Prayer Cycle, if you are praying on Mon 6th October your prayers should include Schools [from the Monthly Cycle] and Creche [from the Weekly cycle]. The following Monday (13th October) you will again pray for the Creche [from the Weekly cycle], but this time also include Gardeners/Grave Diggers [from the Monthly cycle]."

Each magazine will include a table of 5 or 6 topics from the Prayer Cycle with specific prayer requests or thanksgivings, which have been identified for specific prayer attention, plus a Mission prayer point. You can tear this out for use during that month when you reach the days allocated to each topic, as well as this monthly and weekly list.

Jane Tucker

PLEASE TEAR OUT THIS PAGE TO KEEP IT

	Updated Parish Prayer Cycle		
Day			
1	Families/Family Life		
2	Church Wardens/PCC/Leadership Team		
3	Christians in the Community		
4	Stewardship/Finance		
5	Mothers' Union		
6	Schools		
7	Valley Friends		
8	Scouts/Guides/Cubs/Brownies/Beavers/Rainbows		
9	Church Cleaners		
10	Hughenden Village Shop/ Naphill Bon Ami Cafe		
11	Winter Warmers/Church House Teas		
12	Doctors' Surgery and all who pass through it		
13	Gardeners/Grave Digger		
14	Neighbourhood Watch/Local Policeman		
15	Church Magazine Editors/Printers/Distributors		
16	Tiny Tots /Hughenden Toddlers		
17	Bookstall all who run it and use it		
18	Task Groups – Youth, Mission, Social & Outreach		
19	Local Pubs/Businesses/Farms		
20	Church Administrators/Church Website		
21	Friendship Morning/ Naphill Lunch Club		
22	Flower Arrangers		
23	Men's Breakfast		
24	National Trust		
25	Good Companions		
26	Alpha Courses		
27	Local Councilors		
28	Deanery Synod and Area Dean		
29	House group leaders and members		
30	MS Society		
31	Spring Valley Centre		
	Wookh		
Mon	Weekly Creche		
	Bell Ringers		
Wed	Choir/Music Group		
Thur	Bubbles/JC Club/Bell Tower		
Fri	Servers/Sidesmen/Greeters		
Sat	Interceders + MAF/Ebenezer/Wycliffe/ROPE		
Sun	Clergy and Trainee Youth Worker		
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Communicants – June and July

Sundays: Weekdays:

1st Not recorded 11th St Barnabas 5

 8^{th} 20 + 79 = 99 24th Birth of St John Baptist 10

 15^{th} 16 + 27 = 43 (19th Corpus Christi – ante- communion for 22^{nd} 26 + 59 = 85 which there were 23 persons present)

 29^{th} 15 + 70 = 85

 6^{th} 23 + 37 = 60 3rd St Thomas 9

 13^{th} 28 + 77 = 105 22nd St Mary Magdalen 12

 20^{th} 25 + 43 = 68 25^{th} St James the Great 9 27^{th} 32 + 57 = 89

From the Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

On Sunday 3rd August: William Scott, son of Scott and Stephanie Penney, of Woodcock Avenue, Walters Ash;

Elizabeth Lily, daughter of John and Emma Anderson, of Friars Gardens, Hughenden Valley.

Holy Matrimony

On Saturday 28th June: Philip David Keates to Emily Ellen Austin

On Friday 4th July: James Andrew Gustard to Helen Claire Barnes

On Friday 11th July: Vincent George Nursey to Lisa Brown

On Saturday 26th July: Scott Stephen Brown to Josie Michelle Redford On Friday 1st August: Mark Victor Sayers to Rachel Clare Blackburn Richard John Boston to Caroline Rose Prickett

The Departed

Derek Frank Booth, aged 85; Wilfred Arthur Ginger, aged 97;

Jean Barber, aged 67;

Malcolm Charles William Dodwell, aged 74;

Nichol Lumsden Hutton, aged 90.

Finding out more about Ann Way

The Editors thought it would be interesting to find out a bit more about the people that we see around the Church, so are planning to have occasional articles where you can read the responses to a number of questions. We asked Ann Way, who gives us those lovely recipes in the magazine each month, a few questions about her walk of faith.

Ann – what age did you come to faith?

I was brought up in a Christian church, but came to faith as I got to about 10 years old, when God guided me into helping others whenever I could.

Who helped you as a new Christian?

My mother and my friends in the flat above, who suggested the youth club in our local church. Their son David and I joined. It was really great fun and we even went on trips around the country

How do you feel God has blessed you?

My whole life has been blessed as I could always talk to God (the '3 in 1 being') as a spiritual Father. My father was so loving and it was easy for me to understand we could all talk to our spiritual Father

What advice would you like to give to a new Christian now-a-days?

Know that God is love and look for that love in everyone. People that don't seem good may never have known family caring, or a life that is free from fear of so many things. Try and help people as much as you can, in whatever way you can. Ask God what he wants you to do and LISTEN! - it isn't always what you want or expect. If people look worried or upset, see if they need helping in any way. One can often help just by being friendly.

Thank you so much Ann for being so open in your replies, we look forward to more lovely recipes in the future.

The Editors

Alpha at Hughenden - 2014 Course

Starts Wednesday 1st October 2014

We had a really exciting Alpha Course last September when Alpha launched their live sessions from Holy Trinity Church in Brompton London. We were able to join in with them by TV link. They worked well with enthusiastic responses from those on the course so we will be taking the live link again this Autumn for another set of live sessions with of course our own local leaders to assist in the programme. There will be a full range of speakers including Nicky Gumbel, who usually introduces the speakers as well as doing one or two of the sessions himself.

As local leaders, we are delighted about these changes since it means that the subjects and discussions will be right up to date. Thought provoking topics will be covered and the chances to ask questions will always be available even if not all the answers can be found!

The questions that deserve an answer usually include:

Where am I going in my life? Is there more to life than?

Did Jesus really die for us? Is Christianity relevant in the 21st Century?

Why is there is so much suffering the world?

This is going to be an exciting and challenging course and no charges are made for it. If you feel that you want to know more but are not sure about the course itself please feel free to come along for one or two sessions and then make up your mind. If you have to miss a session or so due to other commitments don't worry, we are used to this and can help you catch up. The course benefits by usually having representatives of all age groups from Young People to Senior Citizens.

Session 1 on the 1st October starts at 7.15 pm and has a cooked

supper with a preliminary outline of the course with a DVD introduction lasting about 30 minutes after the meal. Sessions follow each Wednesday onwards for 11 weeks will have the live link content and the programme for these evenings will be tea coffee and cakes at 7.15 pm with the live link happening at 7.45 pm followed by discussion. All sessions will finish by 9.45 pm.

Now is the time to come and put those questions you have always wanted and hear them answered. Some people on the course may find a real involvement with Christianity, but we do not expect everyone to do so. However, we do see great friendships made, that helps people in their daily lives to answer for themselves more clearly – what is the meaning of life for me?

Want to get involved? if so please call Frank or Diane on 07850 150462 for further details or to register for the course.

Shalom!

Today, 20th July, I was pondering what to do with two chicken breasts to make them more interesting and tasty than they usually are. Step forward Mary Berry! I have her latest book which follows on from her recent television series. I have long been a fan!

'Chicken with Parma Ham and Tarragon': I read through the recipe which sounded interesting and flavoursome. A quick visit to the local supermarket (I'm not normally a Sunday shopper, but needs must) to secure the necessary ingredients. I already had the basics, chicken, onion, etc, but not the rest, ie full fat crème fraiche, Parma ham, cream cheese and tarragon. Dinner was served this evening and proved to be delicious, especially when accompanied by broad beans straight from the garden.

Later, with three-quarters of a packet of tarragon left, I decided to chop and open-freeze it. It would either be a disaster or something I could use on a future occasion. It had a pleasant, slightly aniseedy scent and as I held up a couple of stems with their long, narrow leaves still upright and green, I wondered where it had come from

and, indeed, if we could grow some in the garden. I retrieved the packet and looked at the label. 'Adi Shavit, Israel' it proclaimed. Who was Adi Shavit I wondered? I visualized rows of tarragon plants growing in a field, maybe near the River Jordan, or in a poly tunnel in a valley somewhere near Jerusalem, or perhaps on a kibbutz; or was Adi Shavit a small, specialist farmer who grew herbs? How many people had been employed to pick the tarragon and place the delicate stems in cellophane bags to be airlifted to the supermarkets in the UK? Should I feel guilty about carbon emissions?

I said a prayer for Adi Shavit – I felt he was a person, not a company. I prayed that he was not being bombed and that bombs were not being sent from near him to Gaza to fall on the Palestinians. I prayed for peace in his country, a beautiful country with fertile soil which grew the lovely tarragon for me to use to cheer up my chicken. Shalom Adi!

Sylvia Clark

Valley Wives

On July 4th we welcomed Sue and Judith to speak to us about Hearing Dogs For Deaf People. Both Sue and Judith are volunteer fund raisers for the charity, very important work as it gets no funding from Government.

The charity has two training centres: one in Buckinghamshire (The Grange at Saunderton) and the other in Yorkshire. We learnt that nearly 10 million people in the UK experience some hearing loss which causes them to lose their sense of security, confidence and independence. Deafness is an invisible disability which can lead to isolation and loneliness as people withdraw, finding it increasingly hard to communicate. Lip-reading, sign language and hearing aids can help of course but for the profoundly deaf having a hearing dog can be truly life-changing. At the meeting we had Carol Ann with us, accompanied by her hearing dog, Marley whom she clearly adores.

She explained how he has given her confidence and independence. For example, she has an alarm in the bathroom so that when it goes off Marley can find her to tell her the bath is ready and to turn the taps off!

For every paid employee there are 10 volunteers and we met Peter who had brought along his current charge, a delightful poodle called Brodie. Peter is a volunteer puppy socializer. He will have Brodie for 14 to 16 months, introducing him to different people and experiences, teaching him basic obedience and attending the fortnightly puppy classes with him. Volunteers are needed to do regular dog walking duty, be tour guides at the centre, help out in the shop and fund raise and support events organized by the charity.

The dogs are bred from the following: Labrador; Golden Retriever; Cocker Spaniel and miniature Poodles and breeding dogs are looked after in the homes of volunteers. The puppies start their training from 8 weeks old. They are trained to be alert to sounds specific to the requirements of a deaf person: it may be the door bell, the phone, or the smoke alarm. This is very important but most of all the hearing dog becomes the best friend and trusted companion of the deaf person.

In September Mr Graham Laurie MVO, will be talking about The History of the Royal Flight.

Joan Steel

A thank you message

Although officially I handed over the role of PCC Secretary to Beryl Doran after taking the minutes at the first PCC meeting following the AGM, she asked me if I would continue until after the meeting on 12th June 2014 as she would be returning from a visit to the States that day and would be suffering from jet lag. We actually transferred the relevant documents to her computer today, 4th July, and I am really grateful to her for taking over the role of PCC Secretary. I am sure you will all join with me in wishing her well.

At the AGM I was presented with a beautiful Fuchsia and Garden Gift Vouchers. I am so grateful and it could not have been more timely or appropriate as my driveway and front garden are going to be transformed over the next two weeks. In the autumn I am also replanting the top end of my back garden, having taken down a lot

of big trees last year. I am very excited about all the changes and hope that the garden will be much more interesting and easier for me to manage. Thank you all very much.

Penny Austin PCC Assistant Secretary

PS For some time now a copy of the **latest PCC Minutes** has been put up in the Church Porch for people to read. A meeting is held approximately every three months with additional meetings as necessary.

Good Companions

At our July meeting we had a return visit from the Swan Singers in a programme of old favourites aptly described by their compere, Brian Murgatroyd, when referring to one item, as a "trip down memory lane." We enjoyed a superb afternoon's entertainment. Thanks again to conductor Keith Pulford, accompanist Gwen Woodstock, the soloists and the gentlemen singers who never fail to delight us.

On July 15th a party of members met up at *The Whip* in Lacey Green for a pre-arranged lunch enjoying an escape from the kitchen for a meal in pleasant company. The road-works in Naphill meant getting there via North Dean and Speen or Bryants Bottom and Hampden Woods, which reminded us of the attractive countryside we have on our doorstep.

Our August meeting took the now established form of "Picnic in the Village Hall". We enjoyed a bring and share buffet and thanks to Sheila and John Veysey, Joyce Briggs and Sylvia Kinch some humorous recitations and verses and an opportunity for chat among friends.

September will see our A.G.M. and a bring-and-buy plant and produce sale.

Michael Harris

Recipe for September

Banana, Honey and Cardamom Cake

Ingredients:

2 medium sized bananas, not too ripe, weighing about 175g/6oz peeled;

110g/4oz honey;

15 cardamom pods;

250g/9oz self-raising flour;

175g/6oz butter, diced;

75g/3oz golden caster sugar [soft brown will do];

2 large eggs, beaten;

2 tablespoons of soured cream;

Dried banana chips;

Salt

You will need a square cake tin: 18cm/7inch square, 6cm/205 inches deep, lined with well-greased baking parchment.

Method

Sift the flour, bicarbonate and salt into a bowl. Crush the cardamom seeds, removing the husks, then grind with pestle and mortar or rolling pin. Mash the bananas thoroughly.



Heat the butter, sugar and honey in a saucepan gently until all is liquefied.
Remove from the heat and add the bananas and mix thoroughly, preferably with a whisk. Then add the eggs, cream, cardamoms and flour, beating well.

Pour into a baking tin and arrange the banana chips on top.

Bake for 60-70 minutes at 170 degrees C/325 degrees F/ Gas mark3. A skewer should come out clean when the cake is cooked. Remove from the oven, leave to cool for 15 minutes, then turn out onto a rack. Wrap in aluminium foil when cold.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

Morning Prayer is said daily from Monday to Saturday. See weekly notices sheet for timings.

Bell-ringing Practice is Tuesday at 7.30 pm – why not come and learn to ring?

Choir Practice is Wednesday at 7.45 pm – if you can read music (and particularly if you sing Soprano) you'll be very welcome.

SEPTEMBER 2014

Tue	2	7.30pm	
Sun	7		Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
		8.00 am	, , ,
		9.00 am	Sung Communion
		10.45	
		am	,
		2.15pm	
		6.00 pm	, , ,
		0.00	24 hours of prayer for High Wycombe: North
Thu	11	8.00am	Room
Sun	14	0.00	Holy Cross Day
		8.00 am	, ,
		9.00 am	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.45	
		am	,
		2.15 pm	
Thu	10	6.00 pm	
Thu	18	10.30am	·
Cum	01	10.30am	•
Sun	21	0 00 am	Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
		8.00 am 9.00 am	,
		10.45am	•
		2.15 pm	,
		6.00 pm	
Sat	27	0.00 pm	Bell-ringers' training day: Church Tower
Sun	28		Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
5011	20	8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
			Matins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.45am	
		2.15 pm	•
			Evensong of Michaelmas (Book of Common
		6.00 pm	•
Mon	29		St Michael & All Angels (Patronal Festival)
			Choral Eucharist: Church, followed by
		7.30 pm	

Parish Weekend 2014 at High Leigh House. Hoddesden: REMINDER REPRINT

Some people have already registered for the weekend but we still have quite a lot rooms available for this exciting weekend away at the beautiful Christian

Conference Centre. The weekend will start



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. It is also relatively local, within an hour's drive.

Like our last parish weekend two years ago, our time together will provide the opportunity to look at a couple of meaty themes that always provoke questions. This year Simon Cronk will give two talks:

Where is God when it hurts? and What about Genesis?

A separate programme for children will be designed to suit the age groups that come. All meals from Friday dinner through to Sunday Lunch are included and also a drinks reception on the Saturday evening.

The price is £145 per adult - children 6–16 years £72 - 5 years and under free

Single and Double/twin bedded rooms are available all with ensuite facilities.

Where singles can share a room this would be appreciated

There is a confidential bursary scheme available for any people or families who find the cost might be too high. Please speak with Frank Hawkins who can then discuss how this might apply for you. Cost should not be a reason why you cannot come...

Programme: Friday 3rd October

Arrive at House and register from 4 pm onwards Tour of House and Gardens 6.00 pm; Dinner at 7.00 pm; Social evening 8.00 pm – 9.30 pm; Reflection and prayers 9.30 – 10.00 pm

House bar from 9.15 pm – 10.45 pm; Late night Film 10.00 pm – 11.30 pm approx.

Saturday Morning 4th October

- 7.45 am Early Risers Short walk with readings in the grounds
- 8.30 am Breakfast
- 9.30 am Conference sessions with other activities for younger people. 10.45 am Coffee Break; 11.15 am Conference resumes; 1.00 pm Buffet Lunch

Saturday Afternoon

Free time. We will be arranging some activities to include croquet and possibly a quiz for those who would like to stay in the house and grounds. For those who would like a local trip, the Museum at St Albans about Roman Verulamium is really interesting. St Albans also has an excellent Abbey and some great antique shops.

Afternoon tea is served, for those staying in the house, between 3.30 pm and 4.00 pm. We will all get together at about 6.00 pm for a drink prior to dinner which will be at 6.30 pm; 7.45 pm Hughenden Revue – details later....... 9.30 pm Reflection and prayer. 10.00 pm Late night movie.

Sunday 5th October

God's wonderful creation – Walk and pray 7.45 am. Breakfast 8.30 am Morning Service 10.00 am Final Conference Session 11.30 am Roast Sunday Lunch 1 pm.

NB: A Special "More to Explore" Tour of St Albans Abbey starts at 3 pm for those who would like to break their journey on the way home. Suggest you get away by 2.00 pm to find parking near the Cathedral.

Booking Form

Full Name(s)

Address

Tel No Mobile Tel No

Email address if available

Any special dietary requirements

Please enclose 50% of the payment with your booking unless you wish to pay in full.

Final payment will be required by 31st August.

Cheques to be made payable please to "Hughenden PCC"

Please hand or send to Frank Hawkins Telephone 01 494 565050 or 07850 150462 Email: frankwhawkins@aol.com

(Will those who have already registered please now complete this form and send back with their deposit)

NB Please book early now to ensure your place(s) as we have a quota of rooms allocated to us.

The Lectionary – September

Date	Lesson	Readers		
		8.00 am/ 6pm	9.00 am	10.45 am
7 th	12 th Sunday after Trinity			
	Ezekiel 33, 7 – 11	J Holmes	J Palmer	S Dean
	Romans 13, 8 – 14	P Hynard	C or J Tyrer	
	Matthew 18, 15 – 20	Priest	Priest	
	Evensong:			
	Psalm 108			
	Ezekiel 12, 21 – 13, 16	A Johnson		
	Acts 19, 1 – 20	B Doran		
14th	Holy Cross Day			
	Numbers 21, 4 – 9	J Wilson	H Farrar- Hockley	J Steel
	Philippians 2, 6 – 11	L Smit	E Sadler (check	A Dean
	John 3, 13 – 17	Priest	which lesson)	Priest
	Psalms at 9am: 2, 8, 146			
	Evensong:			
	Psalms 110 &150			
	Isaiah 63, 1 – 16	L Stallwood		
	1 Corinthians 1, 18 - 25	M Morgan		

21st	St Matthew			
	Proverbs 3, 13 – 18	A Stacey	A Moore	Informal
	2 Corinthians 4, 1 – 6	J White	S Brice	
	Matthew 9, 9 – 13	Priest	Priest	
	Evensong:			
	Psalm 119, 33 – 40 & 89 - 96			
	Ecclesiastes 5, 4 – 12	E Bailey		
	Matthew 19, 16 - 30	S Brice		
28th	15 th Sunday after Trinity			
	Ezekiel 18, 1 – 4 & 25 – 32	C Carter	R or A Gee	F Hawkins
	Philippians 2, 1 – 13	J Dauncey	H or D Lowe	D Hawkins
	Matthew 21, 23 – 32	Priest	Check which lesson	Priest
	Psalm at 9am: 25			
	Evensong (<u>of</u> <u>Michaelmas)</u>			
	Psalm 91			
	2 Kings 6, 8 – 17	L Smit		
	Matthew 18, 1 – 6 & 10	A Johnson		

An easy mistake cont'd...

- 8. Solomon had 300 wives and 700 porcupines
- 9. When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.
- 10. St John The Blacksmith....

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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Our Mission is

"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, help us to trust in you in this time of world danger and fear, and in all our personal anxieties. Help us to see where and how we CAN help, and know when we cannot.