

Outlook

Hughenden Parish Magazine
St Michael and All Angels



November 2014

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 Wednesday night Housegroup, of which I am a member, is currently working through a study course entitled Prayer and Listening by Jan Johnson from a series called Spiritual Disciplines. Each session ends with a section called Transformation Exercises ('homework') and the last session we completed highlighted the fact that St Paul's epistles often include prayers for his readers, often in the opening sentences before he had got onto the subject of his 'letter'. We were challenged to read examples from Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians and then use one or more as prayers for people we knew. This made me think about this letter to you, dear Reader, so please turn to the outside back cover of the magazine and read the prayer at the bottom of the page, then come back here!

Prayer is a very challenging discipline but often it is the only thing we can do to help in various tragic and horrific circumstances. We cannot cure cancer but we bring sufferers and their families before God for his healing and comfort. We cannot personally halt the advance of the Ebola virus, but can pray that governments and medical agencies can overcome logistical and political hurdles to tend those who have caught it, and isolate them from passing the infection to others. We can also raise to our Lord all those scientists and researchers working to develop vaccines and other anti-viral therapies, that their work will be speedy and successful. We cannot do anything personally to relieve our Christian brothers and sisters being persecuted by IS, Boko Haram and other extremist organisations, but we can and we must surround them in prayer, asking our Heavenly Father to protect them from harm and grant them peace of mind that He is with them in all situations.

You will of course always find Prayer Topics in every copy of Outlook (see page 15) and this month we also have a prayer written by an ex-schoolfriend of mine in response to the continuing advance of Islamic State fighters (see page 22). I hope that you find both pieces helpful in your prayer lives.

Jane and Bob Tucker
The Editors

From the Vicarage - November 2014

On August 4th, the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War, we had a very simple ceremony to mark the event. This started in the Church, at the War Memorial and ending at the graveside of the 17 year old bugler, John Crutchfield, the youngest of the victims buried in our churchyard from the First World War.

One hundred years later we find ourselves involved in yet another conflict in the Middle East. Sadly more has happened since I wrote my last letter, and rightly there has been deep moral outrage about further atrocities, including the beheadings of American and British hostages.

The moral outrage felt because of the actions of Isis is wholly understandable. A hundred years ago reports of German atrocities in Belgium very effectively fuelled public feeling and created an appetite for war, a war which all mistakenly thought could be fought and won quickly. Today, there is no questioning the very real nature of the barbarity and morbid cruelty of the Isis fighters and no

one believes this particular fight can be fought and won quickly.

Our own Archbishop, Justin, has gone on record as proclaiming the bombing campaign a 'just war' though he went on to add qualifications about this. The Archbishop is an intelligent man (far more than me) and I have the highest respect for him. Though I hesitate to suggest it, is he correct? The Christian understanding of the Just War doctrine has a long history. It began in the 4th Century with Augustine who was one of the first to assert that a Christian could be a soldier, and serve God and country. It has developed and adapted over the centuries but is still held to be a central Christian principle for the engagement in conflict. There are several adaptations of this theory, one of which comes from the Catholic church which in 1992 listed four conditions for "legitimate defence by military force"

The damage inflicted by the aggressor on the nation or community of nations must be lasting, grave, and certain.

All other means of putting an end to it must have been shown to be impractical or ineffective.

There must be a serious prospect of success.

The use of arms must not produce evils and disorders graver than the evil to be eliminated.

I think that the first two of these can be justified, but can the last two? Can the strategy of the US and her allies possibly work; is there a serious prospect of success? Despite the air strikes Isis has yet gained ground. Also the air strikes seem to have resulted in groups of radical jihadists who were previously opposed, joining forces. Will there be an outcome 'not producing evils and disorders graver than the evil to be eliminated?' That of course is the intention, but it is arguably the case that the action to overthrow a previous evil in Iraq has led to the rise of the present evil now gaining ground in Iraq. In Syria, only last year, America and her allies were seriously debating whether to supply arms to those opposing the Syrian President Assad. There were warnings that they might in fact be arming militant fanatics. These forces included the body we now know as Isis.

But of course there is the moral argument that in the face of the barbarity of Isis we must act. The Air Strikes in Iraq by the US began in August because of a humanitarian crisis. I believe that these strikes were justified and necessary to stop a major human catastrophe getting any worse, but what about this?

They are fleeing Latifiya – a city just outside Baghdad – in their thousands. A few months ago, it had a population of 200,000, but now only 50,000 remain. This is a town of horror. According to Human Rights Watch, Islamist militias are summarily executing civilians. People are being taken out of cars, ordered to kneel on the pavement, and then shot in the head. On 11 June, 137 men were seized from the town's Um Weilha market. Thirty bodies have so far been recovered; the fate of the others remains a mystery.

More compelling evidence of the need for western air power to pummel these barbarians, you might think? But the persecutors here are not Islamic State (Isis), they are Shia fighters under the control of the former, western-backed prime minister, Nouri al – Malikis; whose violent sectarianism did so much to fuel

the rise of Isis. They are murdering and torturing Sunni Muslims, victims whose lives have been deemed to be of no significance. As Human Rights Watch points out, "their stories are falling on deaf ears".' (Owen Jones, the Guardian, Sunday 5 Oct).

What does a humanitarian argument for intervention look like here? The Iraqi army, trained and equipped by the US largely turned and fled when faced with the terrible mystique of Isis, leaving their equipment behind. Those who didn't get away suffered a terrible fate. It is these Shia militias who are putting up the fight against Isis, they are slaughtering innocent Sunni Muslims as they do. This cannot be acceptable, and yet what is to be done?

The truth is all war is ugly messy and confused. Christians over the centuries have rightly set conditions before going to war, and have argued that there should be boundaries as we engage in war. As this action starts to drag, with the grim possibility of a deeper commitment to the struggle being called for, our decision makers will have to think long and hard about their objectives,

'to degrade and destroy Isis'. If we use a moral 'humanitarian' argument justifying military action, whilst we must rightly identify the barbaric actions of one group, do we then ignore the equally barbaric actions of another group because they are fighting those who we see as the greater threat? How can we be assured that a greater evil will not result? (although it is hard to imagine what a greater evil might look like) These are difficult questions, can we be confident that our political leaders will be held to account as they attempt to answer them?

We are committed now, whichever way this is going to run. It is going to be a very sobering remembrance Sunday on 9th November, it always is of course. This year as we remember the outbreak of what came to be known as the Great War, 'the war to end all wars', one hundred years later we will also have pause to reflect how and in what ways things have essentially changed? Meanwhile, as I said in my last letter, we continue to pray but we also defiantly hold out this ultimate hope declared by the Psalmist, thousands of years ago, in the face of the violent war-ridden world he inhabited:

'He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots with fire.

Be still and know that I am God.
'I will be exulted among the nations. I will be exalted in the

earth!' (Ps 46: 9 - 10)

Give us all strength, Heavenly Father to trust that this will be so.

Simon Cronk

Churchyard Graves: two.

The Reverend Canon Henry Blagden.

Amongst the graves adjacent to the Disraeli grave, is that of another Vicar of Hughenden and his wife, Isabella Catherine. Their story is interesting in its own right as well as for the period covered by his incumbency, which occurred between 1868 and 1893. He was appointed aged about 36 and left aged about 61 years. Henry Blagden was born on the 25th October 1832. His wife was born Isabella Catherine Searight on the 20th September 1844. She was the daughter of James Searight who, with his wife Sarah Elizabeth, financed the rebuilding of Hughenden Church in 1875.

As the Parish History booklet records: "By 1870 the Church was in a very bad state of repair. The Vicar, Canon Blagden, with considerable financial support from his father-in-law, James Searight, set about rebuilding it. He raised the floor of the Chancel, altered the pitch of the roof in the Vestry, rebuilt the Nave, moved the tower to its present position and raised it two storeys. The result is an interesting example of Victorian Church architecture at its best." If one looks at the list of Vicars of Hughenden at the back of the Church, in the corner by the bookshelves, there is a sketch of the Church as it looked prior to the restoration at the top and after the restoration at the bottom of the document.

Not content with this, the family were also instrumental in providing land for what is now Great Kingshill Combined School at the top of

Cryers Hill. In 1873, Canon Blagden, Elizabeth Roberts and Mr and Mrs Major-Lucas signed a document giving land "...for a School for the Education of Children and Adults or Children only of the Labouring, Manufacturing and other Poorer classes in the Parish of Hughenden.." Thus Great Kingshill School was established.

The Searights and the Blagdens feature prominently in and around our Church. There is a plaque, and at least one window, dedicated to them. The plaque reads:

"In loving memory of Henry Blagden, Hon. Canon of Ch Ch Oxford, Vicar of Hughenden 1868-1893, OB 16th December 1922 aged 90. Also of Isabella Catherine Blagden, his wife, daughter of James Searight OB 6th August 1868. Their six surviving children provided an endowment to augment this living, as a token of their affection for their parents and Hughenden."

The window in particular is poignant; we are referring to the one on the North wall, adjacent to the War Memorials and above the heating grills. It is dedicated to James Searight who died on the 11th February 1889, aged 42 years. He was born on the 24th October 1846 and was the younger brother of Mrs Blagden. The window was put there by his, and Mrs Blagden's mother, Sarah Elizabeth and it depicts St Andrew and St Patrick.

At the foot of the window itself, these words appear: "In loving memory of James Searight who fell asleep February 11 1889, aged 42."

The plaque underneath reads: "To the glory of GOD and in affectionate memory of James Searight who fell asleep February 11 1889, aged 42. This window is erected by his mother." This James Searight was married. His wife was Agnes Emma Gertrude Searight. She was born on the 4th January 1854 and died on the 30th May 1929.

The pulpit, which is striking, was also a Memorial to the elder James Searight, and the inscription at the base reads: "In Loving Memory of James Searight who fell asleep on the 29th May 1891." Some of our

Altar frontals were made originally by Isabella Catherine Blagden. They have been repaired since but, I understand, are still in use.

There is another window in the main body of the Church which was provided by the Searight and Blagden families. It is situated above the clavinova on the right-hand side of the Church. The plaque reads: "To the glory of GOD this window is placed as a loving memorial to James and Sarah Elizabeth Searight by whom this Church was mainly rebuilt: AD 1875. Remember them O GOD, concerning this." Underneath the window a brass plaque records: "To the glory of GOD this window is placed as a memorial of affectionate gratitude to James and Sarah Elizabeth Searight by their children and sister. January MDCCCLXXX."

James Searight was born on the 5th June 1816 and died on the 29th May 1891; his wife Sarah Elizabeth was born on the 1st December 1819 and died on the 11th June 1897.

As we have recorded, Henry Blagden was Vicar between 1868 and 1893. So he was Vicar at the time of Benjamin Disraeli's death on the 19th April 1881 and the subsequent visit by Queen Victoria which, in turn, was followed by the unique Memorial in the Choir placed there by The Queen. It is unique because it is the only Memorial from a British Monarch to a subject anywhere. The Earl of Beaconsfield and Viscount Hughenden was also a Knight of the Garter and, by The Queen's Command, his Banner and Insignia were brought from St George's Chapel, Windsor to Hughenden and erected beside the Memorial. Beneath, on a seat in the Choir pews, there is a brass plate which signifies the seat habitually occupied by Benjamin Disraeli when he attended Divine Service.

Again, as the History records "a number of items were presented to the Church at this time; the East window, the centre window on the south side of the Nave, two bells to complete the peal and a pair of brass candelabra. The mural paintings in the Chancel and a new rebuilt organ were placed, the organ being dedicated on Easter day, the 9th April 1882."

The original organ was erected in 1864 and, after the rebuild in 1882,

was further improved in 1884 and 1886. Apart from a clean in 1907, it remained in good working order until 1961 and again in 1979 when significant work was carried out. Today, under our Organist and Choirmaster Neil Brice's expert care and playing, it remains a great joy and a rich accompaniment to our worship.

Outside, in the Churchyard, near to the Disraeli grave enclosure there is a group of graves containing the bodies of the Searights and the Blagdens. It will have been seen that the plaque on the wall in Church was erected by the Blagdens "six surviving children." Two are buried in the Churchyard in the group. The first is that of Ada Searight Blagden who was born on the 19th April 1868 and died on the 20th March 1891, just short of her 23rd birthday: the Blagdens, too, like the Whitfelds who came after them, suffered the loss of a child. The second is that of Henry Robert Cecil Blagden who was born on the 21st December 1872 and died on the 27th March 1934.

Also in this group are the graves of James Searight [senior] who died in 1891 [two months after his daughter Ada] and that of his son, also James, who died in 1889 and whose memorials have been referred to above.

Henry Blagden died in Kensington, London aged 90 years on the 16th December 1922 and his wife on the 6th August 1923. They were buried in our Churchyard and their grave, like the Church to which they were appointed but unlike the Church they left behind, as with the other Searight and Blagden graves, are in very poor and embarrassing states of disrepair. They are uniformly unkempt and dirty, overgrown and the Crosses, which once adorned their heads, have been vandalised and all broken into at least two pieces. It is possible to do something about this: there is a process whereby steel pins can be inserted into the edges of the fractures and special cement applied to strengthen the re-joins. There are several graves that have been similarly vandalised and need restoration. **If anyone knows of those who can undertake this kind of remedial work please let me know.** The rest of the tidying up is cosmetic – a clean, weeding and some chipping.



I hope that I will be joined by some volunteers this winter to undertake a long overdue and well deserved facelift of this area and these graves, hopefully before the 92nd anniversary of Canon Blagden's death, as a small tribute to the munificence of these two families who largely planned, provided and made our Church the beautiful place of worship that it is today.

Christopher Tyrer

Fresh Noise 2014

On Saturday 27th September 2014, across Wycombe, young people with energy and enthusiasm served their local community with projects including decorating, car washing and gardening. Youth from St. Michael's Church spent the morning outside Hughenden Valley Community Shop, sanding down and re-staining the two benches. Local people visiting the community shop, playground and village hall were delighted to find local youth from their community working very hard free of charge and with no strings attached.

Watch out for Fresh Noise 2015 when we'll be on the hunt for another community project or two - in the meantime, enjoy the benches!

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24/7 Prayer for Wycombe



We are fast approaching the coldest months of the year, January to March, and Wycombe Homeless Connection are preparing to run their three month Night Shelter during those months. Last year I believe there were six churches offering space for nightly accommodation and facilities but, at the time of writing this Outlook contribution, I cannot confirm which churches will be involved in early 2015. For those who may be interested in volunteering to be involved in the Night Shelter, the following is a brief account of the three shifts from the evening through to the morning.

The Evening Shift runs from 6.00-10.00pm when guests are admitted and an evening meal is served to both guests and volunteers alike. During the rest of the evening social activities are organised. The Night Shift runs from 9.45pm-7.00am during which time everyone should be comfortably settled for the night with the exception of two volunteers, who should remain awake all night. The Morning Shift runs from 6.45-9.00am when guests arise and breakfast is served before they leave the premises and the venue is tidied up for the day ahead. Notice that there is a 15 min overlap during the three shifts in order that the new team in can be briefed. There is a full description of each shift available on the WHC website so that those contemplating taking part can see what takes place and when.

An event you have already read about in the weekly church notices is the WHC Big Sleep-out 2014 which is due to take place on

Saturday, 15th November, in a utility area at the Eden Shopping Centre. You need to be 18+ to participate and you will need a sleeping bag, pillow and plenty of warm clothing, you don't want to get 'cold to the marrow.' Cardboard boxes will be provided, pizza will be served in the evening, hot drinks throughout the night and a light breakfast in the morning. The event starts at 9.00pm and everything must be cleared away by 7.00am. There's no entry fee but it is hoped that entrants will arrange some sponsorship amongst family and friends. Head over to the WHC website for further details of the event and how to set up a "sponsor me" page on Virgin Money Giving.



Wycombe Homeless Connection works tirelessly throughout the year to help people who face homelessness by offering a weekday advice and support service and generally assisting them to move on in their lives. It costs about £150,000 to run their service during the year so every penny they receive is put to good use and they welcome donations in any form. Naturally, regular giving is especially valuable to them as it enables them to plan ahead and you can do this in a variety of ways. One of the latest methods is text giving from your mobile phone and a variety of charities have started to use this method of raising funds and it is much easier than setting up a direct debit or standing order payment. However, we mustn't overlook the power of our prayers and WHC regularly request prayers in the monthly Prayer Points for 24/7 Prayer for Wycombe and have a regular prayer sheet on their website.

This month our committed prayer day is Thursday, 13th November, from 8.00am to Friday 14th 8.00am. The prayer space will be set up in the North Room as always with the usual facilities available. The sign-up sheet will be on the table at the back of the church, together with the Prayer Points, the first weekend of the month. Prayerfully consider signing up for an hour, or part of an hour if that's all you can manage, bringing the ministries taking place in Wycombe before God, either in the prayer space or at home. Our prayers are important and they are appreciated.

Yvonne Cook

Church House - outside renovations

As many of you may be aware, the pump outside Church House is being renovated. This work though also includes the paving around it and the garden beds. As our patron saint is St Michael, it is thought that we should include Michaelmas daisies in the soft scaping.



This is the time of year when herbaceous plants like Michaelmas daisies can be divided, so I thought it would be a nice idea if any parishioners might have clumps that could be included in the Church House garden. I will be very willing to divide or collect any that are donated.

David Lowe

Acknowledgements.

The History of the Windows behind the Vicar's Stall has now been corrected and updated. Many thanks to Nick Wheeler Robinson and Darrell Hamley, who wrote articles in the May and June 2013 Parish Magazines and whose additions and amendments I have included. Many thanks, too, to Ben Brice who has put the updated version on the Parish Website. I can only commend and urge readers to visit the website which is an excellent source of a rich array of invaluable Parish information.

I am in the process of updating the large pamphlet "The Fallen" and wish to acknowledge my sincere gratitude to Joyce Kendell, through whom I have acquired copies of two invaluable documents compiled by the Buckinghamshire Family History Society. The first is an Index of Names of those buried in our Churchyard with their grave numbers, and the second is a list of Monumental Inscriptions from the headstones in the Churchyard. These records, which I will share and collate with Arthur Johnson, our indefatigable Parish Clerk and Verger; have proved a fascinating source of information. I have now discovered five more names – four from the Great War and one from the Second whose parents are buried in our Churchyard with inscriptions referring to their sons. These histories I shall now research and include in the Second Edition of the pamphlet and add to the Act of Remembrance Service sheet.

Special thanks are due to Cerys Seys Llewellyn who has given the Church four beautiful Hebe plants. One has gone into the pot on the Collings-Wells grave and the other three adjacent to the Crutchfield grave.

I remain anxious to hear from anyone with more information.

Christopher Tyrer

Child Bereavement UK

Carol Concert 12th December 2014.

The loss of any relative is a very traumatic event in anyone's lives', let alone the loss of a parent or child. Child Bereavement UK was founded in September 1994 by Jenni Thomas OBE, who worked with the charity for its first 15 years. The work of the charity was launched and established with Julia Samuel as Founder Patron at the Royal College of Nursing, in the presence of Diana, Princess of Wales.

The charity is honoured to have the patronage of HRH The Duke of Cambridge.

Child Bereavement UK supports families and educates professionals when a baby or child of any age dies, or is dying; or when a child is facing bereavement. Every year they train over 4000 professionals, helping them to better understand and meet the needs of grieving families.

For nearly two years now both Sarah and I have been privileged to work with a wonderful group of people who raise funds for CBUK, we call ourselves 'Galanthus'. Galanthus, as I'm sure those of you who are keen gardeners will know, is the Latin name for Snowdrop, a flower which is closely associated with the charity.



This year we are holding a Carol Concert at St. Michaels, on Friday 12th December 2014, at 7pm. We already have the three choirs of the schools in the Parish (Hughenden, Walters Ash & Naphill and Great Kingshill Church of England) involved, and there may be a few more surprises – we hope! We are very grateful that we have been allowed to use St. Michael's and that members of our Church family have offered their time and talents to help make this evening something special. We are especially grateful to Chris Tyrer, who has very kindly agreed to compere the evening.

The theme for the evening will be 'What Christmas Means To Me'. Whilst we are keen that this service will be overwhelmingly one of celebration and fun, there will be a memory tree at the back of the Church, onto which people may add the name of a relative, maybe a child who has lost a parent or vice versa. There will also be mince pies and mulled wine after the concert to help to start see the Christmas season in. Tickets (which will include a program, mince pie and mulled wine) will be on sale soon. We would love it if you could come along and share this occasion with us.

Sarah & Rob Innes

News from Christians in the Community

It seems that Christmas is creeping up on us, so soon we will be preparing the Christmas cards that get delivered around the parish and of course setting the dates for carol singing in the pubs. This event seems to get more popular each year and although we tried singing in four pubs last year, I think we will stick to three this year. Look out for details nearer the time.

The date has been set for Carols by Candlelight in Naphill Village Hall. It will be Sunday 14th December at 4 pm. Mulled wine and mince pies as usual!!



Norma Clarke

November's Prayer Topics

<p>rd 3 Christians in the Community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For guidance that what we are doing is what God want us to do. - That we would continue to welcome 'non-church people' in the pubs in December and at the Candles by Candlelight service.
<p>th 6 Schools – Hughenden Primary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanks that new children are settling in well and that as a whole the school has had a really good start to the year
<p>th 7 Valley Friends</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanks for the 48 years of sharing friendship, talks and activities with the Valley Wives - That those who continue into the future as Valley Friends, will be happy and successful and that the new group will attract many new members. - That our donations to the MS Society and the South Bucks Hospice will be of help to patients and carers
<p>11th Winter Warmers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That Winter Warmers program can run as usual this year to provide another outreach opportunity as well as a way of raising funds for a variety of charities.
<p>th 18 Task Groups</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth - Thanks for Bex, for how well she relates to all ages of children for her as she continues to prepare material for JC club and has input to both D-CYFA and CYFA. Thanks for current numbers attending Bell Tower, that friendships would deepen - Social and Outreach - That lots of men will attend the men's breakfast on 29th November in church House. Also for all those on the new Alpha course. - Mission - For Ebenezer Children's Home and MAF as they plan and map out their futures,
<p>th 20 Church Administrators</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Church Administrator asks us to pray for effective and clear communication between all parts of the Church so that problems of mis-communication and/or lack of people knowing what is going on can be minimised
<p>Mission Prayer - Ebenezer</p>	<p>For each of the 43 resident children at Ebenezer Children's Centre in Uganda, especially for the new ones admitted earlier this year, two of which were only 3 years old.</p> <p>For the Matron as she cares for them and for sufficient funding to provide for all their daily needs for food, clothing, education and medical care</p>



TWILIGHT CONCERT

St Michael & All Angels, Hughenden

Thursday, 20th November

6.00 – 7.00pm [Tea & Cakes from 5.30]

**Nicola Fairbairn, oboe
and The Keats Quartet**

Holst: Brook Green Suite

Mozart: Oboe Quartet K.370

Mendelssohn: String Quartet No.2 in A minor

Tickets: £11 (student/child: £6) unreserved. Tickets can be obtained in advance or purchased on the door from 5.30pm. To order tickets telephone 01494 521471

TWILIGHT CONCERT

20th November at 6.00pm (tea & cake served from 5.30)

NICOLA FAIRBAIRN (oboe) with the KEATS QUARTET

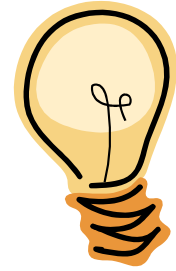
Tickets are now on sale (through Arthur Johnson) for the next in our Twilight series of concerts. The last one – during the Wycombe Arts Festival in May – proved very popular and this concert will be no less so. Come early to enjoy tea and delicious homemade cake beforehand!

The programme (about one hour) will include the famous *Oboe Quartet* by Mozart. Those who have heard Nicky playing in concerts and services at St Michael's will already know what to expect; this exquisite gem by Mozart shows off the oboe's beautiful tone to full advantage.

The Keats Quartet – a very appropriate name for this 'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness'! – consists of talented young professional string players including Nicky and Clive's younger daughter, Charlotte. The quartet was originally formed when they were all post-graduates studying at Trinity Laban Conservatoire and has gone from strength to strength; including touring in Scotland, performing in front of the Duke of Edinburgh and frequent concerts in London. They will open the programme with the charming *Brook Green Suite* by English composer Gustav Holst (as a young man a music teacher at Wycombe Abbey), and conclude it with Mendelssohn's thrilling *String Quartet No.2*.

Contact Arthur Johnson (01494 521471) for tickets: £11 (student/child £6).

FLOODLIGHTING DEDICATIONS



Dedications received too late for the October magazine were for:

12 – 18 October

Marion Richardson, in Axminster, is remembering her mother Eva, whose birthday fell on 5 October, and also wishes to be remembered to her friends in this parish.

19 – 25 October

The church floodlights this week are sponsored by the Hinton family, to celebrate the birthday of their mother Sylvia.

There is one dedication received for November so far for:

23 – 29 November

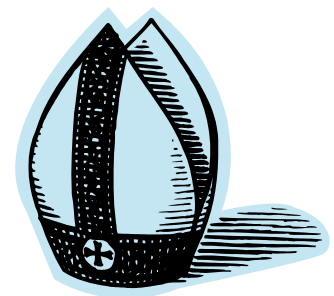
Alison Stacey and family are remembering with much love and affection, Rod, particularly on 29 November, his sixth anniversary.

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

Vacancy in See

With Bishop John's retirement at the end of the month, the consultation about the new Diocesan Bishop begins in earnest. A range of clergy, LLMs and Churchwardens from across the diocese – as well as representatives of many other groups – have already been invited to meet with the Archbishops' and Prime Minister's Appointment Secretaries. They would however like to hear the view of anyone wishing to comment on the needs of the diocese, or the wider Church, or who wishes to propose candidates. You



are welcome to attend a public meeting to be held in Christ Church Cathedral Oxford on Tuesday 11th November 2014 at 7.15p.m, or you can write to them at them as below. Letters should be received by the 19th January 2015 and will be shared between them.

Caroline Boddington
Archbishops' Secretary
for Appointments
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Lambeth Palace
London SE1 7JU

Mr Edward Chaplin
Prime Minister's Secretary
for Appointments
c/o Honours & Appointments
Secretariat
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OUT OF SILENCE SOLDIERS SINGING

*Do you remember that old war song?
Can't recall the words;
Something about Lilli under lamplight.
Strange how both sides sang it
As the granite fist of death left carnage strewn.
Can you remember the tune?*

*Then waiting
Whilst memory's ruffled waters stirred and cleared,
There came out of silence soldiers singing.*

*Like ashes of a bonfire stirred by impish winds
The scattered dust of millions rose up wraith-like;
And as one great gang,
Assembled without enmity,
They sang.*

**Ron Cretchley
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An Update On The Youth...

It has been a while since I have written anything for Outlook so I thought I would take some time this month to update you on some of the exciting things we have been doing with the children and young people at St Michaels.

Bubbles, JC club and Bell Tower (Sunday morning children's groups) have all got off to a cracking start. Bubbles welcomed two new leaders to their team. JC club have added some new songs from New Wine to their laptop because of the enthusiasm of the children who went away to this during the Summer, and Bell Tower has seen an increase in regular attendance. What a way to start the new term!

For those of you that love those action songs we sneak into family services, fear not, JC club are on the case. We are learning the actions to a new song to teach you all at a family service in the coming months!

A number of our young people took part in the Lighthouse children's holiday week across several sites in varying roles. I even convinced one of them that they would like to tell a story on the main stage in front of all 300 children aged 4-11, and their leaders. This is a huge step out in faith when you are used to speaking to 15 children and a couple of adults, but what a fantastic job she made of it!

On 27th September 6 member of our CYFA crew along with Helen P, Simon and myself took part in Fresh Noise, a town wide initiative, where young people could take part in various social action projects across the town, to demonstrate the love of Jesus in a practical way. Our project was based at Hughenden village shop where we sanded down and re-stained two very tired looking benches. They do now look lovely and refreshed (please do take a look at our handiwork if you should find yourself at the shop!)

This would not be possible without the faithful prayers of our fellow church congregation and of course our awesome God. Thank you all for all the love and support you provide for our children and young people. It is a real privilege to be a part of such a

family focused church.

If you have any questions or want to know more about what we are getting up do, please do come and have a chat!

God bless

Bex

Where Faith meets Science

**FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER 10am - 12.15pm at 111 MAIN ROAD
NAPHILL, HP14 4SA**

For more years than I care to think of, I have met monthly with a group of like-minded Christians - and sometimes people who would not call themselves Christians. We discuss all sorts of topics where faith and science both have an input: examples have included care for the environment; life after death; the development of moral judgement in children and adults; when the embryo can be said to be human; the resurrection a long and varied list!

As source material we use mainly DVDs, and at our next meeting we shall be viewing a DVD of a debate that took place in 2009 at the Oxford University Museum of Natural History between Professor Richard Dawkins, biologist and atheist and Professor John Lennox, Mathematician and Christian. Last year a number of people from Hughenden attended a lecture given by John Lennox at a church in Chesham.

This meeting will be at my home and anyone is welcome to come along. Please let me know you would like to come so that I can put out enough chairs! [irenecretchley@hotmail.com; tel: 01494562963; text 07896 685141]

Also, please let me know if you would like to be informed of future meetings. These are held on Friday mornings about nine times a year.

Irene Cretchley

Isis at the Gates of Bagdad

We wait
and pray for a last-minute miracle
though we can't put shape to that miracle.
Yet we believe in God
the Deliverer, the Father who cares for his children,
the Shepherd, who dies for his flock...
In tears of compassion
we beseech you to intervene,
for you are the one who said,
"Fear not, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name. You are mine."
Lord, you know each one of your followers by name;
their names are engraved on the palms of your hands.
In your great love for them, defend them,
fill them with your peace that passes understanding.
Comfort them, comfort them, as a mother comforts her child.
Let them rest in you.
And Lord, in your wisdom, confront the aggressors.
We have little comprehension from our narrow perspective
but you see all and you work all things for good
for those who love you.
Your word goes out and never returns unfulfilled.
May we trust your love and mercy in this as in all things.
But hear the cry of our hearts, Lord.
Hear the cry of our hearts.

Jennie Liebenberg



National Trust Events - November

Thurs 13th & Fri 14th	Hedge laying	Learn about the Chiltern's style of hedge laying	10am – 4pm
Thur 20th & Fri 21st	Hedge laying	Learn about the Chiltern's style of hedge laying	10am – 4pm
Sat 15th	Countryside Workout	Countryside volunteering (one-off or regular)	10am – 4pm

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

High Wycombe Lions Club

Now in its 4th year High Wycombe Lions Club are running The Terry Fendom John Crick Memorial Pub Quiz series which is this year in aid of the Air Ambulance. Come along for the third of our series, join us as a team, a team member or just as a spectator on:

The Gate in Bryants Bottom on Sunday 9th November at 7.30pm.

On the final night of this quiz series at Cressex Community Centre on Wednesday 12th November at 8pm £500 will be awarded to the best team.

Big Sleep Out 2014

At the Eden Centre
High Wycombe



From 9pm Sat 15 Nov
Till 7am Sun 16 Nov

*Best cardboard shelter
competition!*

Over 18s only

Details at
www.wyhoc.org.uk

In aid of
Wycombe Homeless Connection
Reg charity no. 1156211

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Swap your bed for a sleeping bag for a night
and raise sponsorship to help homeless people
rebuild their lives

My dear friends,

It is almost 2 years since I lost my Administrator, PA, Chauffeur, Head-gardener, Handyman & a lot more!

But it is at this Michaelmas-tide when I am thinking of St. Michael's where Norman & I worshipped with you for 23 years.

Most of you know the reason why I have not been seen in Hughenden for some time; since I am not driving any longer I have been very lucky that some lovely, unselfish & generous people have given me lifts, even on some horrible, cold winter mornings!

Although I have had great help generally from my family & friends during these last 2 years, I felt that I am actually old enough to be able to stand on my own feet hence I have moved from my bungalow into a lovely little "studio apartment" ready for my 2nd retirement! Fortunately I have found St. Margaret's Church in Tylers Green/Penn where I can walk to, or get lifts, from people who live nearby & I am very happy & settled there now. But this does not mean that "out of sight - out of mind" & I hope to get to Hughenden from time to time and I would always welcome anybody coming for a 'cuppa' (but not all at the same time !) in my new 'abode', which is :

29 Jackson Court
Rose Avenue
Hazlemere
HP15 7TZ

You are all in my thoughts & prayers and send you my love & best wishes

Heidi Chalk

Valley Friends

Jill welcomed all members to our AGM and 48th Birthday and gave a particularly warm welcome to new members, Rose, Jennifer and Judy, she also welcomed the return of Elizabeth one of our previous leaders, as well as Pam our guest. We were delighted to have our treasurer Jo, with us who is recovering well from her illness. In her report, Jill recalled highlights of the years varied programme of high standard talks and enjoyable activities, and outlined the interesting programme to look forward to in the coming year. Jill thanked the committee members for their work during the year, and Margaret presented Jill with a gift and thanked her on our behalf for her friendship to us all and her dedicated work over many years to keep the group active, and thriving. Doreen, our temporary treasurer, gave her report and Norma reported on our South Bucks Hospice Fund Raising. The proposal to keep the membership fee at £25 and visitors at £3 was accepted, and also to continue supporting the South Bucks Hospice and Christmas donation to the M.S. Society. Jill and all the committee were re-elected, and joined by Heather, a welcome new committee member. Business having been completed, we commenced supper, kindly made by Doreen, and followed by Birthday cake and coffee, then gifts were distributed. During the evening we had a quiz, on naming the counties of England. Doreen gave us, a map and list of county names, which was correctly completed by one



group! We have a team entering the Potter Quiz on Oct 18th and, our visit to the Law Courts is on 20th October. On Friday 7th November, the next meeting is a talk by Michael Hoey on "The Grand Canyon". There will be charity Christmas cards and wrapping paper etc. for sale. Workaid have calendars for sale at £5, please ask Barbara for details. Visitors are welcome to all our meetings

Joan Steel

Wycombe Women's Aid

Wycombe Women's Aid provides support to women and children experiencing the effects of domestic violence by offering safe, temporary and emergency accommodation as well as practical and emotional support.

The Mother's Union supports this local charity throughout the year and likes to make a special effort at Christmas time, which can be so traumatic and worrying for them.

We collect items of toiletries, underwear, nightwear, toothpaste and brushes, . Gift vouchers are especially welcome. If you feel you can help, please hand any items to Mother's Union members or bring them to our Advent Service in Church House at 7.30pm on Tuesday 2nd December.

I would like to offer a big thank you to all who contribute throughout the year.

From the Parish Registers



Holy Baptism:

On Sunday 21st September:

Summer and Poppy, daughters of Darren and Gillian Jones, from Aylesbury

On Sunday 28th September:

Chloe Jungin , daughter of Richard and Susan Turner from Downley

The Departed:

Ruth Dorothy Margaret Hall,	aged 88;
Joyce Dorothy Walmsley,	aged 97;
James Stanley Neville Pountney,	aged 88.

Mothers' Union meeting Report



This month we were privileged to have a reverend mother as our guest speaker, due to her being a close friend of one of our members, who persuaded her to come! The evening's talk was fascinating, describing how the very first homes/communities were founded. Also a description of her life up to date. Reverend Mother entertained us for well over an hour with witty and factual stories, far too many to write about here.

However I will recount some of them. The first community was started in London in 1845 and was called the Sisters of Mercy. After this another community was set up by a man called J.M Neal in East Grinstead, and this was called the Sisters of Saint Margaret. His sister, with a few other girls, wanted to help and have more input as most things were run by men! They had a small house and served the poor and needy of East London which could not have been easy as London was a tough place at that time. They helped many girls off the street and into service. They also nursed through the terrible outbreak of Cholera in the 1860's and fed many people. More homes were opened in London and further afield; Bristol, York and Dover, for example. It is little known that the Nuns opened the first hospital in London, Kings Hospital. In all their homes the sisters were dedicated to better health and education for all. A very large home was purchased in Haywood's Heath for the nuns, with about 50 acres; and this was used as a hospital during the war. This was eventually sold and a smaller property was bought near Loughborough, which is where the Reverend mother lives today, with eight other sisters.

The Reverend Mother did not become a Nun until her thirties. She had a calling when she was staying in a Hotel in New York! Before that occasion she was not even a strong or practising Christian! To become a nun takes many years, starting as a postulant, going through many stages and eventually committing your life fully during a wedding like service. In the home the nuns follow a Benedictine way of living, this is a protestant way, not Catholic, as in some other homes. The Nuns no longer go out into the community, as their lives are full with services, prayer, domestic chores, plus running a large home, shop and gardens. They also

offer a guest house for people who need quiet reflection. They also support the local clergy and several charities. Such a good evening had by all and we could easily have listened for another hour or so, to such a lovely lady.

Claire Godfrey

Good Companions

At our October meeting we welcomed back Pam Smith of Walter's Ash, who resumed her account of her family and life in that neighbourhood, over many years, which she had not only personally learnt about; but had diligently researched in available records. We sat spellbound as we listened to a very detailed account of people, places and events there. Summary is impossible, but perhaps two points of more than purely local interest. The biggest land area is occupied by the Royal Air Force, where the headquarters of Air Command are located. It is also an area where some buildings are constructed on concrete rafts as precaution against sinkholes, the result of underground mining. Readers will recall the sinkhole that swallowed up a car belonging to a family member there which hit the national headlines in the press and on TV recently. Many thanks, Pam, for an intriguing piece of local history.

Next month we will be having a musical afternoon with Joan Dark and Rosemary Field. Bookings will be taken for the Christmas lunch and the menu settled. The cost remains at £15 per head.

Michael Harris

Communicants – September

Sundays:

7th 23 + 39 = 62
14th 24 + 71 = 95
21st 24 + 38 = 62

Weekdays

Michaelmas 31



Calendar for November 2014

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

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

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

Sat	1		All Saints' Day
Sun	2		Fourth Sunday before Advent
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
		9.00 am	Sung Communion
		10.45 am	All Age Family Service
		12 noon- 3pm	Winter Warmers:
		4.00 pm	Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Tue	4	7.30 pm	Mothers' Union: Church House
Wed	5	7.30 pm	Alpha Course: Church House
Sun	9		Third Sunday before Advent (Remembrance Sunday)
		8.00 am	Said Communion
		9.00 am	Matins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.20 am	Short act of Remembrance: Church
		10.45 am	Family Communion with JC club
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
		7.30 pm	Alpha Course: Church House
Thu	13	8.00 am	24 hours of prayer for High Wycombe: North Room
		11.30 am	Interment of Ashes: Demus Edward Brown
Sun	16		Second Sunday before Advent
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Sung Communion
		10.45am	Informal Family Service with JC Club
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Wed	19	7.30 pm	Alpha Course: Church House
Thu	20	10.30 am	Friendship morning: Church House
		10.30 am	Tiny Tots' service: Church
		5.30 pm	Twilight concert: Church
Sun	23		Christ the King
		8.00 am	Said Communion
		9.00 am	Matins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.45 am	Family Communion with JC club
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Wed	26	7.30 pm	Alpha Course: Church House
Thu	27	7.30 pm	PCC meeting: Church House
Sat	29	8.30 am	Men's Breakfast
		11.00 am – 5 pm	Alpha Day
Sun	30		First Sunday of Advent
		8.00 am	Said Communion
		9.00 am	Matins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.45 am	Family Communion with JC club
		3.00 pm	Piper's Corner School: Christingle Service: Church
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)

The Lectionary – November

Date	Lesson	Readers		
		8.00 am/6.00pm	9.00 am	10.45 am
2nd	Fourth Sunday before Advent			
	Micah 3, 5 – 12	J White	S Badrick	Matt Dean
	1 Thessalonians 2, 9 – 13	P Hynard	C or J Tyrer	
	Matthew 24, 1 – 14	Priest	Priest	
	Evensong: Psalms 111 & 117			
	Daniel 7, 1 – 18	B Doran		
	Luke 6, 17 - 31	A Johnson		
th	Third Sunday before Advent			
	Amos 5, 18 - 24	J Wilson	B Brice	A Sackville
	1 Thessalonians 4, 13 - 18	L Smit	L Stallwood (check	J Sackville
	Matthew 25, 1 - 13	Priest	which lesson)	Priest
	Evensong: Psalms 20 & 82			
	Judges 7, 2 - 22	L Stallwood		
	John 15, 9 -17	S Brice		
th	Second Sunday before Advent			
	Zephaniah 1, 7 & 12 – 18	J Holmes	J Palmer	Informal Service
	1 Thessalonians 5, 1 – 11	A Stacey	K Moxham	
	Matthew 25, 14 – 30	Priest	Priest	
	Evensong: Psalm 89, 20 – 36			
	1 Kings 1, 1 - 40	E Bailey		
	Revelation 1, 4 – 18	B Brice		
23rd	Christ The King			
	Ezekiel 34, 11 – 16 & 20 – 24	J Dauncey	R or A Gee	P Joy
	Ephesians 1, 15 – 23	A Jaycock	H or D Lowe (check	S Devereux
	Matthew 25, 31 – 46	Priest	which lesson)	Priest
	Psalms at 9am: 29 & 110			
	Evensong: Psalms 93 & 97			
	2 Samuel 23, 1 – 7	M Morgan		
	Matthew 28, 16 – 20	L Smit		
th	First Sunday of Advent			
	Isaiah 64, 1 – 9	C Carter	A Moore	C Tyrer
	1 Corinthians 1, 3 – 9	J White	E Sadler (check	R Smith
	Mark 13, 24 - 37	Priest	which lesson)	Priest
	Psalms at 9am: 80			
	Evensong: Psalm 25			
	Isaiah 1, 1 - 20	A Johnson		
	Matthew 21, 1 - 13	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.

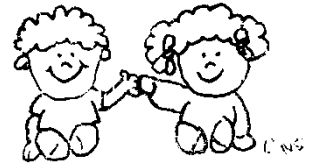
Judith Camplisson – 01494 565108

Babies & Toddlers @ St. Michael's

Babies and Toddlers @ St. Michael's meets every Thursday from 9.30 - 11.30am 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 Kirstie Brewer – 07881 958002

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*

“I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you.”

Ephesians 1 vs

17-18