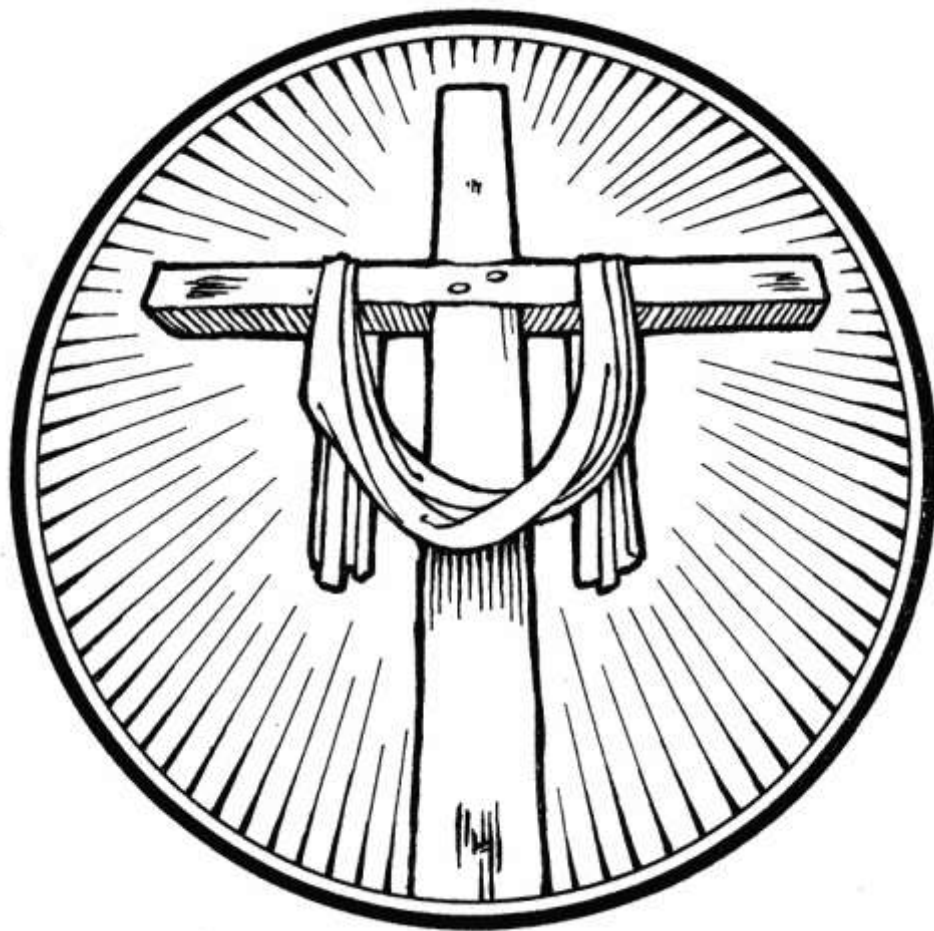


Outlook

Hughenden Parish Magazine
St Michael and All Angels



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Welcome to Your Church

The fact that you are reading these words suggests that you are a new reader of this magazine. Either you are a newcomer to this area or you are a visitor.

If you are a visitor, we hope that you have enjoyed your visit to our church; that you have found it interesting, instructive and conducive to prayer. If you are going to be here at one of our regular service times, we hope that you will join us in the worship of God and we ask that you take our greetings back to your own church.

If you are new to this Parish, we bid you welcome and invite you to join us and share in the fellowship of God's family in Hughenden. This magazine gives details of the regular times of worship here. We hope that you will find something to meet your spiritual needs. The printed word is cold and remote and we would like to make personal contact with you, so please leave your name and address in the box at the back of the church.

Whoever you are who reads these words, may God bless you, sustain you and protect you, your family and friends, now and always.

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

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Dear Readers,

As I write we have just celebrated Mothering Sunday and I know last month's editors wrote about this day so I will just say how delightful it is to be given the little bunches of daffodils which are distributed in church to every lady. To receive even a tiny bunch of flowers given with love is so special. On page 16 I have included an article about the creation of mothers which I particularly like. I remember reading it at a Mothers' Union meeting so I hope members of the MU won't mind reading it again.

As this edition of *Outlook* drops through letter boxes we will just about be in Holy Week, the week leading up to the great celebration of Easter Day; a joyous time in the church's calendar. The band of 'flower ladies' will be decorating the church with a huge burst of colour after the absence of flowers during Lent. If you would like to come and help – and men are welcome to come too – you will be very warmly received – from 9.30am on Easter Saturday.

Hot cross buns seem to be in the shops all year round these days and Easter eggs appear almost before the Christmas decorations are cleared from the shelves. However, you have the opportunity to sample some delicious *home made* hot cross buns after the 9am morning prayer and sung Passion on Good Friday. And after the 7.30pm service on Easter Eve there will be chocolate! (See the Calendar on page 26.)

I hope you enjoy your Easter treats and I wish you all a very blessed and joyous Easter as we celebrate our risen Lord.



Sylvia Clark
Editor

From the Vicarage - April 2015

I can't express how much Cath and I will miss not going to Spring Harvest with a parish group this year. We have been for the last twelve years without a break but this year we will be flying off to New Zealand on the Friday after Easter to join with our youngest daughter Becca for a few weeks in New Zealand. This is a part of the world I have always wanted to go to, and not just more recently because of Hobbits!

But I will miss Spring Harvest enormously. I will especially miss the hour long Bible reading in the Big Top every morning, an hour of inspirational exposition and teaching which over the years has richly fed me. I have said this before, and it is an odd confession, but there is a sense in which my spiritual home is in fact a big top at Butlins! I have gained so much there over the years.

Last year I was so struck by the teaching from Simon Ponsonby, the teaching pastor at St Aldate's in Oxford, and I thought it would make a good

alternative to the traditional Lent course we normally follow. I missed last night's session (as I write) due to being laid low with another bout of some bug, very irritating, and so I have just watched it today. It is a slight departure from the three other talks:

'Unfathomable Father',
'Unbeatable Son',
'Unstoppable Spirit',
with the not so snappy sounding title 'Confidence in the Bible'. (I could have done much better

than that; how about 'Unsurpassable Word'?)

I hope people will agree that these have been inspiring talks, leading us to

look at our relationship with God as Trinity and how we find God's truth revealed in God's word.

Last month I wrote about the mindfulness course and how I have absorbed it into my daily spiritual practice. I am a little nervous, however, that people might assume that this means that it has become the *principal* practice. This is not so. I intimated that it has helped me to focus more on the Bible as



God's word and how scripture can become more a part of my prayer.

Not that reading and understanding the Bible is always easy of course. I follow the daily lectionary readings and for several weeks now the Old Testament reading has been focusing on the prophet Jeremiah. It is hard going and unremitting, at a mere 52 chapters with judgment upon judgment being rained down predominantly upon an apostate and unrepentant nation of Judah (the southern kingdom, Israel being the Northern kingdom), leading to humiliation and servitude with the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and exile in Babylon. The latter part of the work then focuses on God's judgment of the nations and a future hope when God would 'make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah'. Reading Jeremiah made me wonder just how bad and idolatrous things must have been for a nation, chosen by God, to then be brought under such judgment by God? It is tempting to put aside these hard texts and go for something more 'comforting'. There are plenty of these in scripture of course, but it is a good and

necessary discipline to read and seek to understand the whole and not just a part. We are reminded time and again in the Old Testament about what will and does happen when people walk away from God. However in the midst of the judgment there is always a picture of restoration and future hope for a people in exile. It is a corrective to our all too easy and comfortable understanding of God.

Then of course we see the grand sweep of God's purpose and plan in creation and new creation and at the heart of it all emerges this extraordinary man, Jesus of Nazareth, who consistently used scripture to point to himself as the fulfilment of God's promise to Israel, and through Israel to the world. And here is the thing; the Jesus we seek to know, the Jesus we seek to understand and follow is the Jesus of the Bible. His life and teaching, his death and passion and resurrection (which of course we will be remembering and celebrating as April begins, in Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter) is in the Bible.

Simon Ponsonby's talk about confidence in the Bible was a real corrective to the neglect that so many of us show to

God's word. I have admitted before that my own reading of the Bible has waxed and waned and that when I am not engaging with the Bible as I know I should, then I also know that there is a tendency to drift away from God. At the heart of all spiritual practice, prayer, and meditation, should be the word of God. It informs our faith, and fires us for service. I wonder though, if on a Sunday I were to ask anyone present by an honest show of hands who had had actually opened and read any of the Bible in the preceding week how many hands would in fact go up?

I do not write this in judgment as I know my own struggles to 'read, learn and inwardly digest', yet the truth remains. I liken it to eating; if you come to church on a Sunday and the Bible is read, preached on, if that is all you get, then it will be like eating your Sunday lunch and then going hungry for the rest of the week. Once or twice someone has said to me that they weren't being 'fed' in church. Now those of us at the pointy end of the Sunday morning boat do our best, we really do, but my answer to this

statement is this: And what are you doing about feeding yourself? I took to heart what Simon Ponsonby said in his talk, No amount of great worship, great preaching and great atmosphere will do it for you if you never open the word of God for yourself. I also took to heart, as Simon talked from Psalm 119, what he said about that Psalm. Why is it that Psalm 119, the longest Psalm in the Bible, is all about the word of God?

I would love for more people to get into God's word and start journeying through it for themselves. We can help you with resources. Cath, who has recently taken over running the bookstall from Elaine Morley, can point you to various helpful Bible reading notes that people already use, or point you to the people themselves for you to ask them how they have been helped.

I promise you, it is a journey which, although it will not always be easy, will be richly rewarding.

Simon

Mothers' Union

At our last meeting on March 3rd we were treated to a very amusing and enlightening talk by Judy Wilson, entitled 'I Really Wanted to go to Sea'. We really didn't know what to expect!



Judy started by explaining that her father had been a purser for the Canadian Pacific boats. As a child she regularly visited the boats. She loved being on them and she was often to be found in the first class cocktail lounge playing the grand piano. No-one, it appeared, ever objected or commented on it. She developed an enormous yearning to have a career on one of the beautiful liners. She decided that the career that appealed to her most was to be a stenographer, which she knew she would not be able to apply for until she was 21 years of age.

After leaving school, Judy went to technical college where she studied business studies and learned to be proficient in shorthand and typing. To fill time until she was 21 and could apply to go to sea, she filled a vacancy as a library assistant in an Andrew Carnegie library. She enjoyed this but found it to be a very dusty and dirty job and spent most of the time cleaning books and putting them in precise order.

When Judy reached the age of 21, the age limit to go to SEA had been raised to 25, so she was once again in a quandary as to what to do next. She applied to Liverpool University Library and got a job there for a short time, only to have to leave and go back home to North Wales to help with family situations. Applying for jobs there she was told that at the age of 22 she was too old for a job similar to what she had been used to, but that there was a vacancy at the Fire Brigade. It was there that she met her husband, George and they started their married life in Harrow where she was able to work in the library.

Judy had many amusing tales to tell of her time there. She gave up work when she had children and they moved to High Wycombe. Later she worked at many school libraries in High Wycombe and is

now working as a volunteer in the Library Service, helping housebound people. She finds this very fulfilling, matching books to people who can't attend libraries.

So the nearest Judy got to GOING TO SEA was last year, when she and her husband went on a cruise but found the ship quite unlike the ones she remembered. Too big and too many, many people! So she feels that probably, although her yearning had been great, perhaps her niche was in libraries!

Our Winter Warmers on 1st March was very successful and we were able to send over £300 to 'Away From it All' Holidays. Our next meeting is on April 7th when we will be welcoming Jo Preston to speak on the Dorcas Trust. All are welcome to join us in Church House at 7.30pm.

Susan Devereux



**“Do ships ‘like this’ sink very often?
No madam, only once!”**

HEAVEN-HIGH IN BIGFRITH

Bigfrith orchard at its blossom-best!
I come as at the end of pilgrimage.
A generation ago we came for damsons.
The kiddies, pygmy-high,
clambered like monkeys in twisted boughs,
whilst we, staid Olympians, picked doggedly.

Now they're Olympians.
They too are lichened like these trees
with ways that cling; encrustments of time.
How could they suspect, heaven-high in Bigfrith,
that life would become so sobering, so levelling?

Even so, April can work miracles.
Morning sun sieved through petal-proud limbs
proclaims trumpet loud
that life is good when fully understood as pilgrimage,
a coming back to half-forgotten joys.

Ron Cretchley 2.5.2002
www.thinkingpoet.co.uk



Multiple Sclerosis Society

Ploughman's Lunch

The High Wycombe and District Branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society held their annual Ploughman's Lunch at Hughenden Valley Village Hall on Wednesday 18th February and the total raised was £636.00. This is a fantastic amount and we would like to thank everyone who came on the day or sent a donation, your support is very much appreciated. We would also like to thank all those who helped on the day.

The money raised will be used to help people with MS in the area.

Monthly Social

We will be holding a monthly social on the first Saturday of each month at Hughenden Valley Village Hall from 2pm to 4pm.

We are looking for local people who would be willing to give a couple of hours a month to help us put out the tables and chairs before the social starts and then to help put them away again at the end.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Judy Biggs on 01494 562204.

Belinda Peddle

Secretary

High Wycombe & District Branch - MS Society

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Theatre Review

Last month we went to see the play 'Taken at Midnight' by Mark Hayhurst, at the Theatre Royal Haymarket which starred Penelope Wilton who has long been a favourite of mine and who plays the part of Isobel Crawley in 'Downton Abbey', another favourite! (Sorry if you are not a Downton fan!)

'Taken at Midnight' is a true story about a young lawyer called Hans Litten who, in 1931 subpoenaed Adolf Hitler to appear as a witness at a criminal trial of four of his storm troopers. Hitler, the self-styled 'Fuhrer', was subjected to prolonged questioning by the brilliant young Jewish lawyer and was left looking rather foolish. Some years later when Hitler came to power, Litten was arrested and spent a long time in concentration camps, finally dying in Dachau. Penelope Wilton played the part of Litten's mother Irmgard who, throughout his imprisonment, fought for his release. Many of her lines were addressed to the audience with such power and emotion that I, for one, was sure she would persuade the authorities to release her son. The performance of Martin Hutson as her son was also memorable and in fact, all the actors were excellent. The minimal scenery very cleverly conveyed a prison cell; or the office of the German Commandant; or the Litten's sitting room and switched from one to the other with the skilful use of lighting.

This all sounds like a very dark and heavy play and of course, at face value it is. However, there are some very funny and amusing moments and some extremely clever and witty lines in the dialogue which made us, the audience, laugh so that we came away feeling that we had seen an extremely good play - but not feeling too depressed.

Sylvia Clark

Wycliffe Article for Hughenden Church March 2015

Inspiration from Bassar, Togo, Africa:

'The people in Bassar have been part of my life for nearly 17 years. They will always have a place in my heart, my email inbox and my Whatsapp'.



Gerdy met Keniaans

That is what our colleague and friend Tim Robinson wrote a little while ago. He attended a big celebration. A celebration of the whole Bible being translated in the heart language of the Ncham people, after nearly 20 years of dedicated work. Tim writes about the occasion:

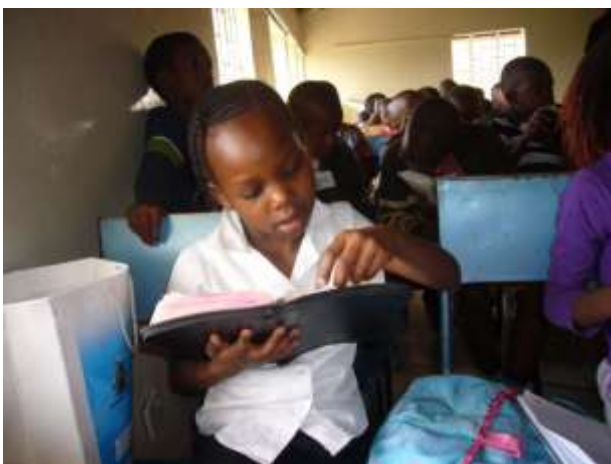
'After about 3 hours of speeches the Bibles were finally revealed and prayed over and paraded around the stadium and then distribution begun. It started with an offer for the "big" i.e. important people to buy the very first copy for a lot of money. Then the price reduced bit by bit and eventually swarms of people came to buy. It was funny, even knowing this was going to happen, the boxes were being held on the edge of the stadium and the seller kept running out at his table! It was wonderful to see so many people desperate to get their hands on the Bible in their own language'.

Praise God for this joyous occasion and pray that lives will be transformed.

How about the Oldham-family?

We have been so blessed by establishing contact with you as a church. Thanks to Sue Newton, who is part of your Mission Committee, we have been able to visit you and get to know you a little bit. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for giving us two financial gifts. Working with Wycliffe Bible

Translators means we are completely dependent on friends and churches to support us financially and it's a privilege to count you as one of those now!



Girl reading her Bible

You might remember that Heddi works as Wycliffe's Children's Worker. Whilst she has had several opportunities to teach about Bible Translation in Primary schools as well as Sunday Schools, Chris hasn't been too well. He had two more epileptic seizures in the second half of last year, and has felt quite down.

Praise God for the opportunities Heddi had to work with children. Praise God with us that Chris is now doing much better. Pray that the medication he's taking will keep the seizures away.

We hope to see you all soon,
Chris, Heddi, Anouk and Ruben Oldham

24/7 Prayer for Wycombe

There are a couple of opportunities to attend events, one in April and the other in May. The first is hosted by Christ Church in Flackwell Heath and the second at the King's Church in High Wycombe.

Christian Vision for Men (CVM) is a registered charity operating all over the UK and based in Chesterfield. Its mission statement is to "connect men to Jesus and the church to men". The morning is entitled "Men's Group Leaders' Event" and this will take place at Christ Church, Chapel Road, Flackwell Heath on Saturday, 25th April, from 9 am to 1 pm. The hope is that this event will encourage and equip those who are already involved, and those who feel they would like to become involved, in reaching men for Jesus. The morning is hosted by Stephen Martin, who is Regional Co-ordinator, England (South Central). For more information, or to book your place (FREE) please contact Alan Dye on 07500-017306 (email cvm@ccfh.org.uk) or visit their website on www.cvm.org.uk; lots of information on this and some 'frequently asked questions'. Prayers are requested for the organisation of the day, the smooth running of the morning and that through CVM many men will come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

Wycombe Youth for Christ are organising an evening entitled 'Parenting Children for a Life of Faith'. This will take place at the King's Church on Desborough Road on Thursday, 6th May, from 7.45 - 9.30pm; the speaker will be Rachel Turner, Family Life Pastor at St. Paul's, Hammersmith. This is open and suitable for parents, Children's

& Youth Workers, Church Leaders and anyone who is involved in supporting and nurturing the faith of children. Further details can be obtained from Erica Holt on 01494 522777, by email erica@wycombeyfc.org.uk, using the link: Parenting Children For A Life of Faith or online at <http://parentingchildrenforalifeoffaith.eventbrite.co.uk>.

Lighthouse will be taking place again this year from Monday, 27th July to Friday, 31st July. If you are interested in becoming involved head over to their website and fill in an Application Form. The three sites in our area are Cressex, Hazlemere and High Wycombe. More news will be forthcoming later.

And, as we look at the World and the incredible need for the Gospel to reach all people, please remember Wycliffe Bible Translators as they continue to work towards providing the bible to the 1.3 billion people in the world without access to the full Bible in their first language. We are so fortunate here to have easy access to a Bible so please remember those who are not so fortunate in your prayers.

Our prayer day this month is Thursday, 9th April, and runs from 8 am to Friday 8 am. This month I will be at Spring Harvest so will not be able to set up the prayer space in the North Room and prayer will have to take place at home. Nevertheless, the sign-up sheet and the Prayer Points can be found on the table at the back of the Church so please prayerfully think about signing up for an hour, or part of an hour, in prayer for the ministries taking place in Wycombe.

Yvonne Cook

Ouch!

I bent (stiffly) to retrieve something I had dropped on the floor at my feet and complained 'Oh dear, my feet are getting further and further away!' As a result a friend who had overheard me, sent me the following little snippet:

My personal trainer told me to bend down and touch my toes. I told him, 'I don't have that kind of relationship with my feet. May I just wave?'

I know the feeling! **Ed.**

Up Before the Beak!

On a beautiful day in March, we went to London and visited the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom, not, I hasten to add, as offenders, but as members of the public who are allowed free access to this fascinating place.



The Supreme Court building is opposite the Houses of Parliament and also houses the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. The building was recently the subject of a major renovation and is very spacious, light and airy inside. We had to put our jackets and bags through a security scanner, similar to those at airports and also be scanned ourselves. We were then free to wander around the building and into any of the three courts, even the one where a hearing was taking place.

The Supreme Court hears civil cases from all parts of the UK and criminal cases from England, Wales and Northern Ireland. There are no trials where guilt and innocence are decided, so there is no dock or witness stand. Instead, points of law are discussed, so the court rooms are specially designed to encourage an atmosphere of learned debate.

We slipped into Court No. 2 where a case was being heard about taxation and sat on the public benches at the back. Rather than prosecution and defence, a Supreme Court hearing involves an 'appellant' whose advocate sets out their legal argument, which is then countered by the advocate for the 'respondent'. We listened as the advocate argued his case and were awestruck by the knowledge he seemed to have at his fingertips and his amazing memory as he would recall in detail certain paragraphs from former cases, detailing the relevant sentences, etc. We both very quickly realized that the legal terminology and intricacies of the tax world, were somewhat beyond us. It was almost like listening to a foreign language! Their Lordships on the bench listened attentively, sometimes commenting or asking questions and appeared to be taking it all in – well they **are** the Law Lords appointed by the Queen, usually from the ranks of the senior judiciary and if they couldn't understand it, there was no hope for the rest of us!

On a row of benches behind the advocates, were the clients and assistants with piles of bound documents in front of them. They all seemed to be riffling through pages and scribbling on pads at a great rate as the proceedings went on. Further back on the public benches, I noticed an oriental gentleman with a pony tail who was fast asleep! Others were taking notes or just observing.

After about half an hour, we crept out and explored the rest of the building. Each courtroom had very impressive paintings of former law lords on the walls and Court No. 1 had beautiful, highly polished benches with portraits of past kings carved into the ends and heraldic beasts carved on the arms. The new carpet throughout the building has the design of an English rose, a Scottish thistle, a Welsh leek and a little blue flower which apparently is the flax flower symbolising Ireland, woven into it with bright colours of green and blue.

There is a small museum and a cafe in the basement where we mulled over what we had seen and heard over a cup of coffee. This was a very interesting visit and can be recommended.

Sylvia Clark

Hot news from Wycombe Homeless Connection

As we draw near the end of the 2015 night shelter season, we'd like to thank all those who have donated time, money and prayers to keep helping people rebuild their lives, right here in High Wycombe.

As some will know, we have been honoured with The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. We had an opportunity to celebrate on Sunday 8th March when Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire presented a commemorative crystal and certificate signed by Her Majesty. Over 100 of our amazing volunteers came along for a delicious afternoon tea reception at Hall Barn in Beaconsfield.

None of us volunteers expect to receive accolades, but it's great when it happens. This prestigious award is in recognition of the "outstanding work" our volunteers do every year to help more than 400 local people in housing crisis. A huge "thank you"

Penny

Assistant Volunteer Administrator

Wycombe Homeless Connection. Tel: 01494 447699

The Sons of the Fathers

A Jewish businessman in Brooklyn decided to send his son to Israel to absorb some of the culture of the homeland. When the son returned, the father asked him to tell him about his trip. The son said, "Pop, I had a great time in Israel. By the way, I converted to Christianity." "Oh, my," said the father, "what have I done?"

He decided to go and ask his friend Jacob what to do. Jacob said, "Funny you should ask. I too sent my son to Israel. He also came back a Christian. Perhaps we should go and see the rabbi and ask him what we should do." So they went to see the rabbi. The rabbi said, "Funny you should ask. I too sent my son to Israel. He also came back a Christian. What is happening to our young people? Perhaps we should go and talk to God and ask Him what to do.

The three of them prayed and explained what had happened to their sons and asked God what to do. Suddenly a voice came loud and clear from Heaven.

The Voice said, "Funny you should ask. I, too, sent my Son to Israel.....

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As we celebrated Mothering Sunday last month, I thought this piece was very relevant. Ed.

Fault in the Design?

When God was creating mothers, he was deep in his sixth day of overtime. An angel appeared and said, 'You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one'. And God answered, 'Look at the requirement on this order and you'll understand why. She has to be completely washable but not plastic; have 180 movable parts, each one replaceable; run on black coffee and leftovers; have a kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed lover affair. And have six pairs of hands!'



The angel shook her head. 'Six pairs of hands? That's not possible, even for you, O God'. 'It's not the hands that are causing me problems', replied the Lord, 'it's the three pairs of eyes that mothers are supposed to have'.



'Are the three pairs of eyes supposed to be on the standard model?' asked the angel. The Lord nodded gravely. 'One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, "What are you children doing in there?" – even though she already knows. Another pair in the back of her head that sees what she's not supposed to see but what she has to know about. And of course the ones here in the front that can look at a child when he does something really silly and reflect, "I understand and I love you", even though she doesn't utter a word.'

'Lord' said the angel gently, 'get some rest. Tomorrow....try again.'

'I can't', said the Lord, 'I'm so close to creating something so similar to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick, can feed a family of six on three quarters of a pound of mince, and get a nine-year-old to stay under a shower for an incredible two minutes.'

The angel circled the model of the mother very slowly and sighed. 'It's much too soft dear God.' 'Soft, yes, but tough too,' said the Lord excitedly. 'You cannot imagine what the mother can do or endure.'

'Can it think?' asked the angel. 'Not only think', said the Creator, 'it can also reason and compromise'.

Finally the angel bent over and ran her fingers across the cheek. 'There's a leak', she said suddenly. 'I told you that you were trying to put too much into this model. You can't ignore the stress factor.' The Lord moved in for a closer look and gently lifted the drop of moisture to his finger where it glistened and sparkled in the light. 'It's not a leak', God said, 'it's a tear'. The angel looked puzzled. 'A tear? What's that for?'

'It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, compassion, pain, loneliness and pride.' 'You are a genius' said the angel rapturously.

The Lord looked sombre and said, 'I didn't put it there'.

From the book 'Gatherings' by Bronwen Wild.

Communicants – February

Sundays

1st 14 + 33 = 47
8th 19 + 64 = 83
15th 16 + 40 = 56
22nd 22 + 76 = 98

Weekdays

18th Ash Wednesday 40

It should be noted that the figures above are, as stated, communicants only. Usually between 140 and 150 adults on average attend for Sunday worship at our four services.



Nigel Beeton is on the team of 'The Parish Pump' a website for parish magazines. He writes: "I know there has been a lot of bad news and grim news lately. It's nice therefore when there is something a bit more uplifting! Such as the story of a man, trapped in a burning flat, who found a double-decker bus coming to his rescue!"

Where IS that bus?



It's often our fate
To await and await
It's pointless to fuss
When you wait for a bus!

For, love them or no
They tend to go slow -
Whatever our need,
They're not built for speed.

In case, then, of fire
The brigade you will hire –
A bus, you may say
Has no part to play!

One chap was amazed
When his flat was ablaze
For escape from the flame
A double-deck came!

As you wait for a bus
Please don't make a fuss
For the fellow that drives
May be off saving lives!

By Nigel Beeton

April's Prayer Topics

<u>3rd Christians in the Community</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pray that Christians in the Community will continue to work as the Lord sees fit - That we shall find others who believe in the ethos of Christians in the Community
<u>6th Schools – GKCS and Hughenden</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That all those children, staff and helpers who participated in Easter Eggsplained will find the messages they heard becoming more and more meaningful in the days, weeks, months and years ahead.
<u>7th Valley Friends</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For peace and healing for all those who have been bereaved - For members suffering long term disablement and facing medical treatment - Thanks for the friendships among members and the money raised for various charities
<u>11th Church House Teas</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanksgiving to God for all the people who have been so dedicated and given so much time to make this a success over the years. - For guidance on how we take this forward in the coming years and God's purpose for us. Unless we have another generation coming forward I worry about the long term future of Teas. We have four new organisers coming from helpers this year but it has not lowered the average age!
<u>18th Task Groups</u>	<p>Youth - Prayers for our children/young people, that friendships between them would deepen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanks for the great fun had at bowling/pizza evening last Saturday. <p>Mission - Pray for the members of the Mission Task Group and for new members to come forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the specific organisations that we support - MAF, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Open Doors and Child and Family Aid Pro Deo. - For closer links between our Church and our charities and for regular praying for them and those who work for them. <p>Social and outreach - For those working for a successful St George's event on Sat 25th April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the reinvigorated committee members who are coming forward with great ideas and for all those in our church whom we hope will support the events.
<u>20th Church Administrators</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continued patience and unending enthusiasm for the roles that they all need to perform. - Thanksgiving that at the moment there are no major problems
Mission Prayer - Wycliffe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please pray for visas and work permits for workers in the Caucasus Mountains that divide Europe and Asia. • This year teams will make plans on Scripture engagement. Pray for guidance, wisdom and creativity. • Please pray for expansion of the work into the language communities of the North Caucasus. Pray for open doors, contacts and more workers to begin language assessment work. • Pray for more prayer supporters who will continually lift up the needs of the unreached peoples in this region.

Floodlighting Dedications



- 5 – 11 April Margaret, Catherine and Edward Friend are remembering with love, Frederick James Friend on his birthday, 7 April and the first anniversary of his death, 23 April.
- 5-11 April Kathleen Moxham is remembering with love and gratitude the Rev. Fred Friend who, one year ago on 23 April, exchanged time for eternity.
- 5-11 April Jane Tyrer and family will be especially remembering Jane's parents in April, their birthday month.
- 19 – 25 April Stan Cole and family continue to remember June with love and affection and will do so particularly on 22 April her tenth 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

Valley Friends

Helen & Douglas House was the subject of the talk given by our speaker, Sue Barns at our March meeting.

Helen & Douglas House is a local charity, founded in 1982 on an idea of Sister Francis Dominica, whose friend's child had a brain operation and needed constant support. Sister Francis saw the toll it took on the family and how they benefitted from her help. The first hospice ever for sick and dying children is based in Oxford and has now become two departments; Helen House is for children aged 0 – 16 years and Douglas House is for young people from 16 - 25 years. Their charity shops are found on the main streets of most towns local to Oxford.

Helen & Douglas House is a fun and vibrant place with staff always there whenever needed. It has beautiful gardens with colourful toys and is suitable for children in wheelchairs. There is a tree house on the ground and a swing that takes wheelchairs. Families are always very welcome to come and play with patients and can stay as there are four family flats. When children come for respite care their families can rest and have a holiday – the best they can have all together.

There is one-to-one care from the strong medical team who deal with pain and general pain management. There are facilities for arts and crafts, a magic carpet that can be used for all sorts of games and many ways are found to give the patients what they would like, such as creating a beach in the garden with imported sand, plus buckets and spades, deck chairs, sound of the sea recordings and a real donkey! There is a sensory room with music therapy, lovely lights, a water bed that moves to music, a jacuzzi with hoists to lower children in.

Douglas House is more like an hotel; it provides many comforts, entertainments and interests that young adults enjoy. Also they go shopping and to the cinema and have many chances to socialise. The Elephant Club takes the patients on trips, helping to relieve worry and deal with anxiety.

Respite care is carefully planned, giving 28 days per year to families. These times give them happy memories to comfort them after their

child's death. End of life care is not limited. It takes place in a special, calming, lovely little room where loved ones can stay with the patient and experts are available to handle difficult cases.

Sue explained how funds are raised through their charity shops, also from group and individual donations, fun runs, etc. Many volunteers are needed to support the wonderful work of the hospice - all information is available at the local hospice shops.

Sue was warmly thanked by Elizabeth for her very interesting and inspirational talk. Our next meeting is on 10th April when the subject is 'Restoration of Mary Anne Disraeli's Garden'. ALL welcome.

Joan Steel

Good Companions

Our March Meeting featured a return visit from "Three's Company Singers" in a programme of songs from the shows. Our thanks to Barbara Freeman and Rosalie Field (vocalists) and Gwen Gale, accompanying at the piano. This was a reminder of bygone days in a very tuneful programme.

Our April meeting has a return visit from the "Bell Ringers" in place of Rita Trigger who has finally retired at 84! May sees the elections, which means the hall will not be available so we will have a visit for lunch at a local hostelry, venue to be decided at our next meeting.

Michael Harris



14 Men (and 1 Woman) Went to Mow

It's not exactly a meadow, but the churchyard is a large area to mow and it takes some intricate moves to negotiate the ever increasing number of gravestones and memorial plaques.

Mowing time is fast approaching and we have a good team to drive the mower and to trim where necessary. My thanks to the team for continuing to give their time and effort to keep things looking trim. A big thank you to Keith Dean who has been a regular on the mowing team for some years, but would now like to retire from this job and concentrate on printing the magazine.

The average age of our mowers has dropped by a considerable amount since two new, youthful members have joined us, Antony Rippon and Will Hurrell. My thanks to them and I hope, Tom, that this makes you feel less alone when it comes to age!

Finally, my thanks to David Lowe for once again servicing the mower. It is now running very smoothly and is waiting to get to work!

**Brian Clark
Churchwarden
(and mower)**

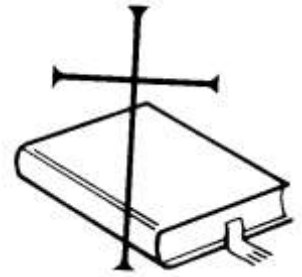


From the Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

On Sunday 1st March:

Ethan Tristan Chan, son of Ian Chan and
Nathalie Morriset-Bouchard from Terriers;



On Sunday 15th March:

James Anthony Edward Heath, son of Brian Heath and
Natalie Buss, from Terriers.

The Departed

Barbara Joyce Mullett, aged 86

Richard Charles Visger Awdry, aged 85

Out West

A devout cowboy lost his Bible while he was mending fences out on the range. Three weeks later a cow walked up carrying the Bible in its mouth. The cowboy couldn't believe his eyes. He took the book out of the cow's mouth, raised his eyes heavenward, and exclaimed, "It's a miracle!"

"Not really," said the cow. "Your name was written inside the cover."

(From 'The Parish Pump')



Stop Press!

Car Parking

Mike Dean and I have had two meetings so far with the National Trust and good relations continue. The NT fully understands and appreciates the problems that have arisen since they began charging for the use, by non-members, of their new car park in the area of the Manor and they are working with Mike and me to find a solution acceptable to all. The NT explained that the reason the former parking areas in the woods had been closed was because this was a condition for planning permission to be granted for the construction of the new, large car park.

Discussions are on-going to hopefully give unrestricted access by church goers to the church car park on Sundays and events such as weddings, Christenings and funerals. A further meeting will take place shortly when proposals will be discussed in more detail. I will keep you informed.

Brian Clark

Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Vestry Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting and the Annual Vestry Meeting took place after the service on 22nd March and was very well attended. At the Vestry Meeting the two existing churchwardens, Brian Clark and Christopher Tyrer, were re-elected. This was the start of Brian's sixth and final year as churchwarden.

At the ACPM the twelve agenda items were efficiently discussed and where appropriate, approved.

Afterwards we had the Bring and Share Lunch with the most mouth watering array of savoury dishes, followed by wonderful desserts, with hardly any calories in them at all! Some visitors who had only come to look at the church, also thoroughly enjoyed their unexpected lunch.

Our thanks to all who contributed to make such a lovely feast.

Sylvia Clark and Jane Tyrer

Calendar - April

Wed	1	Wednesday of Holy Week
	7.00 pm	Holy Communion: (30 minutes)
Thu	2	Maundy Thursday
	7.30 pm	Holy Communion of the Last Supper and Stripping of the Altars followed by Vigil until midnight
Fri	3	Good Friday
	9.00 am	Morning prayer and sung Passion followed by homemade hot cross buns
	9.45 am	Good Friday walk of witness starts at The Harrow, Hughenden Valley
	10.45 am	Family Service for Good Friday
	2.00 pm	Last Hour at the Cross
Sat	4	Easter Eve
	7.30 pm	Easter Eve service of Blessing of the New Fire, Lighting of the Paschal Candle and Renewal of Baptismal Vows followed by chocolate!
Sun	5	EASTER DAY
	8.00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.00 am	Sung Communion
	11.00 am	Easter Family Communion Service - Please note the time
	6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Tue	7	7.30 pm Mothers' Union: Church House, Talk on the Dorcas Trust
Thu	9	8.00 am 24 hours of prayer for High Wycombe
Sun	12	2nd Sunday of Easter
	8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
	9.00 am	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.45 am	Family Communion with JC club
	2.15 pm	Church House Teas
	6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Thu	16	10.30 am Friendship Morning
	10.30 am	Tiny Tots: Church
	8.00 pm	Parochial Church Council: Church House
Sun	19	3rd Sunday of Easter
	8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
	9.00 am	Sung Communion
	10.45 am	Informal Family Service with JC Club
	2.15 pm	Church House Teas
	6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Fri	24	3.00 pm Interment of ashes of the late Margaret Mitchell
Sat	25	Mark the Evangelist
	9.00 am	Holy Communion: Church (30 mins)
	12 noon	Wedding: Jeremy Gee and Claire Armitage
	6.45 pm	St George's feast: Church House
Sun	26	4th Sunday of Easter
	8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
	9.00 am	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.45am	Family Communion with JC club
	2.15 pm	Church House Teas
	6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)

The Lectionary - April

		Readers		
		8am/6pm	9am	1045am
5th	Easter Day			
	Acts 10, 34 – 43	J White	J Palmer	S Dean
	1 Corinthians 15, 1 – 11	P Hynard	A Moore	-----
	John 20, 1 – 18 or Mark 16, 1 – 8	Priest	Priest	Priest
	Evensong: Psalm 105			
	Ezekiel 37, 1 – 14	M Morgan		
	Luke 24, 13 – 35	B Doran		
12th	2nd Sunday of Easter			
	Acts 4, 32 – 35	J Holmes	E Sadler	C Cronk
	1 John 1, 1 – 2,2	J Wilson	B Brice (check which lesson)	J Camplisson
	John 20, 19 - end	Priest		Priest
	Psalm at 9 am: 133			
	Evensong: Psalm 143			
	Isaiah 26, 1 – 9 & 19	L Smit		
	Luke 24, 1 – 12	E Bailey		
19th	3rd Sunday of Easter			
	Acts 3, 12 – 19	J Dauncey	D or H Lowe	Leader
	1 John 3, 1 – 7	C Carter	S Badrick	
	Luke 24, 36b – 48	Priest	Priest	
	Evensong: Psalm 142			
	Deuteronomy 7, 7 – 13	L Stallwood		
	Revelation 2, 1 – 11	B Brice		
26th	4th Sunday of Easter			
	Acts 4, 5 – 12	A Stacey	L Stallwood	Tony Sackville
	1 John 3, 16 – end	A Jaycock	A Johnson	Jacky Sackville
	John 10, 11 – 18	Priest		Priest
	Psalm at 9 am: 23			
	Evensong: Psalm 81			
	Exodus 16, 4 – 15	L Smit		
	Revelation 2, 12 - 17	S Brice		

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.

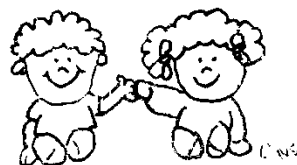
Judith Camplisson – 01494 565108

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

Father, we pray for the people of Vanuatu whose lives have been devastated by the cyclone. May they receive the help they need and may they never lose hope .We also pray for people everywhere whose lives have been affected by war and conflict.