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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,

It's difficult to realize that we are already over halfway through the year when it seems to me that Christmas was only five or six weeks back! But with all the rain we have had recently as well as the odd beautifully sunny days, the lawns and hedges are growing at a mile a minute and everywhere is looking extremely lush. As I write a red kite 'chick' (an enormous bird) is sitting on top of a fir tree across from our house whistling constantly, no doubt hoping his parents will come by with a tasty offering.



We are all looking forward to meeting and welcoming our new Vicar, Keith Johnson and his family to Hughenden and I am sure many will be at his Institution and Induction service (see next page). We wish Keith and his family every happiness in their new home and parish.

Well, were you 'in' or were you 'out'? By the time this edition is printed, the decision will have been made. As I write pre-referendum, I am still wrestling with the arguments put forward on both sides which all seem very valid. Soon the decision will have been made and then what? None of us knows but whatever the outcome, I trust we will all strive to remain good friends and neighbours and not just locally, but within our worldwide community. The world is and will be full of challenges; let us pray that we can meet them.

We have some very interesting items in this edition; David Tester's 'Not from the Vicarage' item, 'You have Control'; another lovely Bible story adapted so beautifully by Susan Brice; an account of the Patron's Lunch...and much more - enjoy them all.

If you are going on holiday, I hope the sun shines for you and you have a relaxing time. If you are staying at home, enjoy our beautiful countryside.

Sylvia Clark
Editor



The Institution and Induction of the Rev'd Keith Johnson
to Hughenden will be celebrated on
Wednesday, 13th July 2016 at 7.30 pm
by the Bishop of Buckingham,
the Rt Revd Dr Alan Wilson
Refreshments following the service will be in
Hughenden Village Hall.

Not from the Vicarage

“You have Control!”

“I have control.” “You have control, sir!”

Relieved of the responsibility of actually piloting the Gnat RAF advanced jet trainer I was being taught to fly in my early 20s, I relaxed and took a moment to admire the view from, quite simply, the best office in the world. From 25,000 feet over North Wales, the view was simply stunning! Down to my left was the Snowden massif and its lakes and passes, further on the resorts of north Wales, while away to my right stretched the whole of the rest of Wales from the Cader Idris mountain ridge down to the smoke-filled South Wales valleys. Beyond, I could make out the Bristol Channel



some 80 miles away. It was brilliant; I was living the dream! As I looked around, the nose of the aircraft started to drop and we started a descending turn to the left, back towards our base in Anglesey, or so I thought.

“What are you doing?” the instructor's voice from the back seat barked through my reverie. “What do you mean, what am I doing? You have control.” There followed a pantomime moment of “No I don't, you do!” while two sets of hands on the controls restored the aircraft to straight and level flight. Then two highly trained,

highly paid, and, yes, highly embarrassed pilots spent some moments working out how we had allowed one of Her Majesty's aeroplanes to fly itself for some time while we both admired the view! Somehow communication between the instructor in the back seat and the pupil, me, in the front seat, had broken down. Well, it was a minor incident; while not under control, we were far from out of control and the situation was quickly rectified. The "You have control" had not been clearly communicated.

The "I have control; You have control" procedure will not be familiar to most of you. In aviation it is absolutely fundamental; only one person can be in control of an aircraft at any one time. If two people try to put in different control inputs, it is a recipe for disaster. It has happened on occasion with great loss of life. Then again, if no-one is in control, it will be equally disastrous!

Who actually has control has to be absolutely clear in the cockpit. As you fly off on holiday or business, there will only ever be one "pilot flying", one person in control of your two-pilot airliner at any stage of a flight, even when the autopilot is doing the work. It might be either the captain or the co-pilot.

Whoever is not in control though, will be assisting, offloading the pilot flying by doing other cockpit tasks as required and monitoring, making sure that the flight is proceeding as planned and that all is well. It is all

about teamwork, but at the end of the day, only one person can be "in control"! That needs to be obvious and it needs to be acknowledged by everybody: "You have control."

What has this got to do with us and with church, you may well ask! Well, I will suggest three areas where this might actually help.

In life generally, only one person can really be in control of any one situation at any one time. Other people are there to help, to support, to advise, but if they attempt to control as well, it will be chaos! That is quite apposite as we approach the end of our vacancy. A number of us will have been quietly, and quite properly, assuming control of things happening in the church. It has worked well and many thanks again to all those superb people. However, when Keith, the new vicar arrives, he has to take control where he should. When he does, whether sooner or later, will those of us presently in control be prepared to handover responsibility and take a more supporting role, thereby contributing to making his time here a success? If we don't, we could make things messy. We have to be able to say, "You have control, Keith," step back to support him and be part of the team.

Then I might take the analogy into another area and ask, who is in control of things in your life? "I am" I expect you will say? Well much as we might like to think so, life is

actually more complicated than that. We all accept someone else having a degree of control over some aspects of our lives. For instance, we accept the rule of law (I hope!) in our lives because we hope to benefit from its protection as well. Like an aircraft following set air traffic procedures, it benefits the safety of us all if we all follow the same rules! In the field of work, we accept that we will have to do much, if not all, of what our employer requires in exchange for pay and other benefits. In our lives, we often have to say, "You have control" to others and then trust them. Perhaps topically, the EU referendum issue boiled down to where we might be willing to cede some control to others and what the benefits may, or may not, have been! I write before the referendum, but when you read this the result will be known and around half of us will be disappointed by the result! Again however, we have to be able to say to those we elect to be in charge, "You have control, now make it work!"

Finally, let's take the aircraft cockpit analogy a little further, because I find it a helpful one in explaining some of how our God works in this, sometimes, messy world. You see God is like the captain of an aircraft, he is ultimately in charge here, but he has left us, for now at least, "in



control" of much of what goes on here on Earth. We are his co-pilots if you like. He is there monitoring, helping, giving advice, if we will but read his Aircraft Manual (the Bible!) and listen to him as he speaks in many other ways. However, he does not very often step in to take control on earth, relying on us to get it right instead. Now he has promised to come back, sort things out and take charge at some point in the future. When he does, there will be huge, very nasty battles with those people and powers who do not want his control, but he will take charge (that is my summary of the Book of Revelation!). Meanwhile, instead of wondering why God seems not to be control, we have to get stuck in and do our best while using his guidance and help. Our hands are "in control" and our hands are often the only way his work here will get done. So instead of letting things drift out of control, let's get stuck in where we need to; "We have control!"

Well I hope those are helpful and not too "airy" thoughts? When *Outlook* returns in September, Keith will be "in control" of the next "From the Vicarage" article, so it only remains for me to wish you all a very happy and very blessed summer!

David Tester

Do believers need a place to worship?

'Do believers need a place to worship?' Well, I knew immediately that this was a two cup of coffee question; it would take some thinking through. However, I did not at the time realise that it would utterly invade and take over my thoughts for half a term. This was set by the Oxford diocese as a RE question for primary schools, awards given at key stage 1 and key stage 2. A series of lessons had to be planned, delivered and evaluated and then samples of work submitted. The diocesan scheme of work is enquiry based, thus each half term's topic begins with a question, including the one set for this competition.

It is deemed to be an example of good practice to define one's terms, so that is how we began. The class of 33 ten and eleven year olds took the words: believer, need, place and worship and tried to work out exactly what they meant and how we used them. 'Believer' and 'need' did not cause us too much trouble but 'place' was interesting; the children decided it has been used to avoid saying building. 'Worship' however was utterly contentious and to add to the wide ranging thoughts and opinions, I sent each child home with a postcard on which their parents were asked to give their answer to our question and their definitions of these words. This was an interesting exercise which caused discussion both at the dinner table and in the playground. Evaluating the results, several of the children felt that the adults had not distinguished clearly enough between worship and prayer. Much lesson time was spent on this tricky subject. Early on we realised that we were supposed to consider this question from the point of view of other religions, not solely Christianity, so here was the opportunity to invite in visitors. Dominic, the curate at Holy Trinity, Hazlemere, gave us the Christian standpoint (one of very, very many of course) and Sushma Sahajpal, from Connectar creative education, looked at our question from a Hindu point of view. A Muslim teacher on our staff helped us out but herself became entangled in the prayer/worship question. We realised that music was often quite fundamental to worship and as there is no music involved in Islam, when is prayer just that and when might it be called worship? At the end of each RE lesson I was beginning to feel that we were creating more questions than we were answering. However,

something quite powerful had emanated from Dominic's and Sushma's sessions: an agreement that worship could be said to be offered through how we chose to lead our lives. 'What greater worship could there be,' said Dominic, 'than leading your life as Jesus has led his, a life of service and selflessness?' Sushma left us with this powerful verse:

'If you have to, knock down temples and mosques,
Knock down any building that needs to go,
But never break a human heart,
That's where God truly lives.

(Bulleh Shah, a Pakistani Sufi poet. 1680-1758)

Then in a school assembly one morning we sang a worship song which included this verse:

May my whole life be a song of praise,
To worship God in every way.
In this song the actions praise his name,
I want my actions every day to do the same.

A small group of children from year 6 came up to me afterwards and said: 'This is it, isn't it Mrs Brice? This is what we have been talking about.'

We did spend some time going off on various tangents: looking into the 'church without walls' in Milton Keynes. It is interesting and different. Do have a look at their website. We also read the literature of the Open Doors charity that supports persecuted Christians. We prayed for Christians whose church buildings are destroyed and for whom it is dangerous to worship. Thinking around this we linked it with the Early Christians, particularly in Rome, who had to gather in disparate places in secret. We enjoyed making some very free choice art work based on the soaring towers of medieval cathedrals. The children were interested to learn that these buildings were built to the glory of God, almost an act of worship in themselves and that they were carefully decorated even in places that people would never see...because God would.

However, through much heartfelt and increasingly well informed discussion, the children felt strongly that the answer to the question

was no, believers do not need a place to worship. A sizeable group wanted to add the caveat that they understood that many believers would *want* and *like* a place to gather specifically for collective worship. We have all travelled a long way in this half term and the children's personal evaluations showed what they felt they had learnt and enjoyed, and the skills they had improved upon.

This project has been immensely worthwhile and enjoyable from my point of view although my family are probably grateful that we can now talk about something else at Sunday lunch.

P.S. We won the competition!

A poem written around this idea by one of the Year 6 children:

My heart keeps me alive
Like a steady beating drum.
It leads me through love,
Its work is never done.
This is where I worship.

My head is my computer,
Faster than any, helping me pray.
Telling what to do and think,
Telling me what to say.
This is where I worship

God lights up the world,
A candle with a steady light.
He leads us to eternal life,
His glory shining bright.
This is what I worship.

Life is a twisting kaleidoscope,
Turning us round and round.
Lifting us up, higher and higher,
Then throwing us to the ground.
This is why I worship.

Suzanna Pruszevicz

**Susan Brice
Hazlemere C of E School**

June 2016

Game Changers



The Men's Breakfast talk in April was delivered by Nick Devlin, following his visit to Spring Harvest. Nick felt that it would be really worthwhile sharing the theme and some of the key messages from this annual spiritual festival with the group.

This year's theme, *Game Changers*, was aimed at challenging all church communities to become more proactive and become purposeful, active agents for change within their church and wider community. Nick explained that the topic was divided into five sections, each starting with the letter E to make them more memorable;

- *Encounter* - Our encounter with God. How do we know what God wants us to do?
- *Enlist* - Signing up. Can we see the challenge through?
- *Everyone* - We cannot do it alone. Can we all play our part?
- *Equip* - The essential tools. What do we need to get the job done?
- *Empower* - Sharing responsibility. How do we enable others?

The text used from the Bible was the story of Moses and how, in his encounter with the burning bush, he was enlisted and empowered to take on the daunting task of bringing the Israelites out of slavery and, eventually, out of Egypt. The festival sessions highlighted the initial reluctance of Moses to take on the task but illustrated, with each objection from Moses, how God offered either his own support or that of others to help him, even in his darkest hours, to stick at it and see his mission through to the end.

Within in each of the above elements, Nick drew out some of the salient messages from the week, namely that:

- We must **make time** for an encounter with God. Our doubts and the distractions of life are real obstacles to making the meeting meaningful but, through prayer and deep reflection, we can allow God into our lives.

- There is **no age limit** to when that encounter might take place; it can happen at any time in our life. Moses, for instance, had been a shepherd living in obscurity for forty years before he was called to God and His works.
- You may not feel equipped for the challenge but **you will be given the skills and support** that you need. Moses was given the support of Aaron, Joshua, Hur and Caleb to help him succeed.
- We **must find our own gift or calling**. We must identify the talents that we can bring to any given situation and we must find the particular cause that we feel most passionate about.
- Your **gifts are not the same** thing as your calling.
- We should always **look for opportunities** to be a Game Changer. Examples were given of the plight of the refugees in the Middle East, where Open Doors was given a special mention, and a man, with an alcoholic son who was desperate for help and through a chance encounter with the husband of one of the Spring Harvest speakers, was given the support he needed and his son was given the help that he needed to fight his addiction. These examples highlighted the large and small contributions we can make if we keep ourselves open to the needs of others.
- We must **have the courage** to take our good intentions back into our daily lives and try to make a difference in our local communities. Fear and Faith are mutually exclusive.
- We must **encourage the young** to take more responsibility and to get more involved.
- God calls us to **be co-workers**.

Some interesting quotes were given:

“There is no problem we cannot solve together, and very few we can solve by ourselves.”

Lyndon Johnson

“Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.”

St Augustine

Nick highlighted one of the key messages from Spring Harvest with the disturbing statistic that the church loses 70% of its young people during their teenage years. This need to engage with and retain our

young people and young families became the central theme in a lively discussion that followed his talk.

Initially, discussion focused on what more could we do to attract new people into our church. However, during this part of the session it became apparent that many of the participants did not have a clear understanding of what our church is currently doing in this respect, though, from the anecdotal evidence offered, it is clear we are already doing many good things. This highlighted a need to conduct some research; internally, to see where our strengths lie and to see where the gaps are, and externally, to look at good practice in other successful churches.

A note of caution was given that we must not “over-sell and under deliver” which means that anything we offer through outreach must be sustainable and already up and running within our church. At the end, there was a general and genuine feeling of optimism and a desire to become more involved but also a recognition that it must be done in a measured and a structured way, engaging openly with those already active within the church.

Roger thanked Nick for preparing and leading the session which addressed some deeply challenging issues for the church today; encounter, engagement, active fellowship, growth and sustainability.

Roger Grant

Tea Party

This year's Tea Party is in aid of 'Aspire', a National Spinal Injury Charity. Our grandson, Matthew, suffered this injury five years ago.

The Tea Party will be held in Naphill Village Hall on Friday, 29th July from 2.30 pm until 4.00 pm-ish. There will be a gift stall for which donations will be gratefully received, a Big Raffle, tea and homemade cakes in abundance. The cost is only £3.50.

Those of you who have supported us in the past will know what a fun afternoon we have while, of course, raising money for this worthwhile charity.

Sheila Vesey



Tiny Tots' Teddy Bears Picnic



On a beautifully sunny day, the annual picnic in the Mothers' Union Garden was once again a great success with Mums, Grannies and Carers bringing their little ones, together with teddies, to enjoy a delicious array of food supplied and served by the Mothers' Union. There were small sandwiches, crunchy vegetables and fruit, tiny biscuits with icing, teddy-shaped crisps and cakes and chocolate bars. The mini-scones with jam and fresh cream went down very well with the adults too.

We all sang the birthday song to several children whose birthdays were in June, as well as to Helen Peters, also a 'birthday girl'. Then Helen, very ably assisted by Helen Collins who helped with the visual aids, told the story of the wedding at Cana when water was turned into wine by Jesus. The tots weren't the only ones wide-eyed with amazement when the clear water in the jug became red 'wine' when poured into a glass and tasted by Helen C who declared it 'superb'!



Everyone sang a couple of action songs and we all finished with some prayers which were enclosed in our hands and whirled around and around before being thrown up to Heaven with a great Amen! A good time was had by all, teddies included!

Sylvia Clark

FLOODLIGHTING DEDICATIONS

Floodlighting dedications received too late for the June magazine are for:

5 – 11 June

Jean Godfrey was remembering with much love her husband Roy, whose 29th anniversary fell on 10 June.

19 – 25 June

Jean Godfrey was with much love her husband Roy, especially on 25th June which would have been their 61st wedding anniversary.

If you have special occasions to mark, why don't you dedicate the floodlighting? 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

A splendid (although wet) day out

Brian and I were lucky enough to be offered two tickets to the Patron's Lunch on Sunday 12th June. Here follows a taste of what happened!



I've volunteered with Wycombe Homeless Connection for over five years, and last year we were awarded The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. As a local charity blessed with over 300 active volunteers, we were thereby brought into Her Majesty's fold, as it were. She isn't our Patron, but that link meant we were invited to join in the fun.

So off we trotted on the train up to Marylebone, and caught the tube to St James' Park station. It was spitting at that point, but we had a tiny umbrella. We'd been informed in several emails that we

were absolutely not allowed a broly, so we thought we'd throw this one away at the gate. Thank goodness we took it along; it tipped down for the hour we waited in the queue to pass through security! And they had run out of the waterproof ponchos promised to all! Never mind: we got in at last at 11.45am and we collected our picnic hamper. The main event was a can of Pimm's which went down rather well – oh and the mini pork pie with a piccalilli topping; superlative! M&S made a properly good job of providing lots of delicious goodies, made with ingredients sourced from all corners of Great Britain, which was a nice touch.

After we'd polished off lunch and tea (I'm afraid we didn't pace ourselves but just ate the lot in one go!) we were told by MC Clare Balding that members of the royal family were about to do a walkabout. We got terribly excited that we might meet Prince Harry (well I did anyway), but sadly they raced past us in their range rovers and we could see them about 100 yards to our right (Harry, William and Kate) and another group about 100 yards to our left (Princess Anne, Tim Laurence and Peter Phillips).

After about half an hour of not meeting any of them, they hopped back into their cars and drove to the Trafalgar Square end, where they waited for Her Majesty and Prince Philip, who duly drove up in a topless Range Rover, slowly so we could all get a good look. You could not miss HM in a day-glo fuchsia pink outfit. The girl on my right, a trustee of an anti-violence charity in Taunton, nearly fainted with excitement at being so close to HM!

A few speeches later, including a quip from HM that she might just get a bit bored of endless birthday cards by December, and then they all drove back down to Buckingham Palace to watch the parade.

By this time, the rain had stopped and the sun was peeping out from behind the clouds. A nice cup of tea, a sneaky extra glass of Pimm's from the bar, and the sunglasses came out. That was better! It all finished at 4pm, when we left for home with our empty hampers (yes, wicker ones, with a proper linen napkin) and a goodie bag containing a porcelain commemorative cup and saucer.

What are my abiding memories of the day? Well, Brian and I managed to post live photos on Facebook, which felt like a huge achievement! I won't forget that pork pie in a hurry, nor the glass of perfectly chilled Pimm's after a damp hour in the queue. I loved being right next to the bagpipers as they marched up The Mall – a deafening but glorious sound to my Scottish ears. And we met some amazing people involved in charities across the country.



But the highlight was most definitely to be within five yards of our wonderful, inspiring nonagenarian monarch for a few moments. As we all sang an impromptu “Happy Birthday” to her, we all felt so lucky to have her. Long indeed may she reign!

Heather Morley

Mothers Union 3rd May 2016

Joy Tobler: ‘The Bible in Brazil’

(Apologies that this was not included in the June magazine. Ed.)

Mothers Union were very pleased to welcome Joy to talk to us about the Bible in Brazil but also as a fellow member of Mothers' Union herself.

Joy started by telling us about the history of Wycliffe Bible Translators which was started by a young American in 1940 in Guatemala. Joy has worked as a Missionary for 32 years for Wycliffe both abroad and in this country. The purpose of Wycliffe is to offer the word of God in their own language and then that community choose how to worship.

Joy explained that before going abroad to work they would be given a special training on how to hear sounds, language, tones etc. There are 7000 languages in the world, 500 of these have a complete

bible and 1500 have a New Testament. More than a quarter of the world's population do not have God's word, which is the purpose of the Wycliffe Bible Translation Centre. She explained the challenges of working with an unwritten language but also languages where men's speech may be different from women's speech or a word is never repeated. In another language there were 114 ways to use the number 1 and others where they would deliberately give you the wrong word.

Joy told the group how the indigenous population of Brazil has at least 250 small tribes each with its own language, culture and art. Some of these groups of Indians came out of the jungle and had contact with invaders but gradually have had their land taken, minerals and natural resources exploited and infections introduced. They have consequently had to retreat into the jungle again. The Brazilian population is made up many different cultures that include predominantly Portuguese people but also many African people from the previous slave trade and other western people.

Joy and her husband went to Brazil to work with the Karipuna people. The area they lived in lies in part of Amazon river delta and in the past they had a Catholic priest who visited the village. When they had to go to town to buy something, it was a journey of three days. The Karipuna language is totally unique and developed as the Karipuna people went north to French Guyana and dropped their own language and adopted a Creole language. Many of the languages are not written and Joy told us about the challenges of translating the Bible into an unwritten language.

Karipuna is not a tonal language and it is difficult to work out the order of words. Joy had pictures of everything and would point to what they thought it was, but then the sounds and tones had to be all worked out before starting to translate. The next step would then be literacy as otherwise the people would be unable to read. Joy explained how it was easier to translate the stories from the bible, but for example the people would never have seen a sheep and there was no passive tense so how do you translate ' he was taken up to Heaven'?

Joy gave us a fascinating insight into the culture of the Karipuna people and the way they live. She also brought with her a number of

different objects from the Karipuna people: a Brazil nut, a fish scale which was used as a nail file, a Tipiti which is used to grate manioc as the staple food. (Manioc is cassava root which is eaten after drying and leaching.) She said one of the challenges of living in this area was that both she and her husband had a lot of illness.

The evening was really enjoyed by all the members who had lots of questions to ask. Joy ended the talk with a beautiful poem on this theme called 'And they shall be there'.

Julia Grant

In June MU had an informal meeting where members split up into small groups to talk about a Mothers' Union publicity survey. This produced some very lively discussions on what members would like to see included in our quarterly magazine, items such as sharing our global family challenges and how we manage to overcome them; Christianity – how our world is changing; worldwide country profile; features; Mothers' Union success stories, etc, etc. There was space for 'anything else' too.

We felt it was useful to have a different format for our evening meetings from time to time and some very interesting points of view were expressed.

We do not have meetings in July or August but instead have our Ploughman's Lunch on 5th July (see the notice on page 21) and a coffee morning on 2nd August from 10am to 12 noon. Please do come on both occasions. On September 6th, our speaker will be from the Wycombe Environment Centre – Church House at 7.30pm. You are very welcome to join us.

Sylvia Clark

Knit and Natter Group



Numbers are slowly increasing, with people using their skills in knitting, sewing, making toys, and various other activities to make items to sell in the South Bucks Hospice shop. People within the group are also involved in other organisations and churches with a range of interests.

The meetings take place on the first Wednesday of the month in Church House between 1.00 pm and 3 pm, but if you would like to make things at home and would like some information, please phone me, **Hazel Lowe** on 01494-564343.

Workaid – correction

Apologies that some of the information in last month's *Outlook* regarding Workaid was incorrect.

Please note that Workaid **welcomes** more contributions, particularly good quality horticultural tools. If possible, these should be taken to Workaid at The Old Boot Factory, 71 Townsend Road, Chesham, HP5 2AA during normal working hours (Mon--Fri 09.30--12.30 and 1.30--4.30) or if they require collection, please phone the Workaid office: 01494 775220. **Ed.**

Naomi's tale.

There are just two books in the Bible with women's names, both of them in the Old Testament. One is Esther and the other Ruth. However, in the latter, the main and dominant character is actually Naomi. The book of Ruth was probably written by Samuel and depicts a typical patriarchal environment, but one in which the plight of Naomi takes centre stage and drives the narrative forward, bringing eventually a resolution that she has both designed and manipulated.

Commentators have wildly differing opinions about Naomi. Is she an embittered old woman who openly blames God for her troubles or is she gracious, caring and altruistic in her actions? Is she a receiver of calamity and disaster or an agent of challenge and change. A feminist or a woman simply stripped of all identity? Here is my take on her story.

So, that was that. We had to go. We had discussed from one moon to the next but although it felt totally wrong, I had eventually agreed to leave Judah, to travel away from Bethlehem, the home of my family for time beyond memory. And as we covered the miles

towards the highlands of Moab, I tried to forget that to Hebrews, Moab meant nothingness, a wasteland. I knew that as I walked away from famine I was walking into a heathen foreignness. I was creating a distance between myself and God. I paused for

breath and felt a sinking feeling in my stomach that was different from the pains of hunger. I knew with sudden certainty that this was wrong. We had stepped out of the will of God, God who had provided food in the desert. We were showing that we were short on faith and I felt sure that punishment would be laid upon us. But Elimelech snorted with bitter laughter at the mention of Bethlehem, the house of bread. 'Not so anymore,' he said. The judges ruled but they did not have power over the weather, they couldn't make the rains come, they couldn't find bread to feed our family. What other choice did we have? So my fears and disquiet became my own and I tried to focus on Mahlon and Chilion, my boys, kicking stones and jostling, skinny legs and loud voices. We were doing this for their good I tried to convince myself.

And so it came to be. Yes, we had good harvests but our fortunes were bad. By the time my boys were men and had taken themselves Moabite wives, my man had died. I journeyed from wife to widow, too soon, too quickly. And, before my tears and wailing had ceased, Mahlon and Chilion had themselves drawn a line and stepped from life to death, without even having time to breathe new life into our family. Nothing quickened in the bellies of Ruth or



Orpah. I felt orphaned, bereft and alone. Who was I now? God, I decided, had turned against me.

My daughters in law were good girls but their ways and beliefs still felt uncomfortable. Moab did not sit well with me and if I was honest it never had. I thought back to those worries and uncertainties that had trudged alongside me those many years ago, as I came into this land of idolators. I knew what had to happen, I had to return to the old soil, not just to a land I could recognise and call home but to my God. I talked to Ruth and Orpah and told them of my plans. I said we could not live as three widows without any menfolk to lead the way and I advised them strongly to return to their own families. There, they could be useful until they found husbands again. Orpah quickly agreed and made ready to go but Ruth looked me in the eye and hesitated. She wanted not only to stay with me but to travel alongside on the road back to Bethlehem. I was shocked that she was prepared to go to a land where she would possibly be looked down upon and seem out of place in every way. But I had forgotten that she was young and to the young a problem is an adventure not a difficulty. I tried to persuade her against this plan but I could not and her sweet loyalty touched my heart. I have carried her words with me and worn them like a precious

necklace that makes me feel special and loved: 'Where you go I will go, where you live I will live. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die and there will I be buried.'

And so we left the desolation of Moab and headed back, with me determined to retrieve my past. I needed to cast aside my bitterness but my heart was as hard as the ground on which we stumbled. I didn't know where to place this heaviness of blame that I was carrying. Should it be put down at the feet of God or did it belong where it now lay, within my own thoughts. Maybe I truly knew at that point that I had brought misfortune upon myself. There was actually no one else to blame. It was my fault that there was distance between me and God.

And we arrived back as the barley harvest began. And the people looked up and said 'Naomi, can this be Naomi?' No, I thought to myself, this is no longer Naomi, whose name means joy. Call me Mara, I am now empty. But of course they called me Naomi, as they always had done and I had to answer questions about the years past and what had taken place and why I had returned with a foreign girl at my side. I had left my homeland full and with plenty, a husband by my side, two growing sons and, I had hoped, my God walking with me. I had come back filled instead with bitterness. The emptiness of my life gnawed at me and I felt alone in my pain despite

the kind ministrations of Ruth at my side.

Ruth though was young and positive, and attractive in a Moabite way, which always helps. We lived modestly and took up the widows' rights to glean in the fields after the harvest. And so it happened that Ruth came to the attention of Boaz. He was impressed by her hard work, her unassuming attitude and her care for me. I told her that Boaz was a relative by marriage of my husband's family and so was kin. And as for what came next, well yes I did advise her on ways to become closer to Boaz, I did tell her where to be and how to present herself. It was all for the good, her's clearly, but, well yes, mine also I would have to admit.

The land rights and ownership sorted out, Ruth's marriage to this godly man Boaz could take place. With the honour of Elimelech's family duly considered as befitted the situation, things seemed to be



once more in their proper place. The sun shone, the rains came, the crops ripened and in the

fullness of time a child was born to Ruth. They named him Obed, and when I held him tightly I felt his heart beat close to mine. The circle of life offers a sense of completeness, a feeling that we are where we should be. In my old age I was respected and loved

and an important part of Ruth's household. I didn't know Obed's future of course but God suggested to me that here was a lineage that

would go on to unimaginable greatness.

Susan Brice

July's Prayer Topics	
<u>3rd Christians in the Community</u>	- Thank God for the extra support offered to the plant stall at the Napfest, where we raised the most ever money!
<u>6th Schools - GKCS</u>	- For the children after the Key Stage 2 Prayer Space event - that they would gain a lot from their time in the space. - For successful organisation/recruitment of staff for September and the new children coming for their induction sessions in July.
<u>7th Valley Friends</u>	- For guidance in the choices we have to make for the future of this country and for matters that occur daily in our lives. - Thanks for the knowledge and enjoyment we have gained from the excellent speakers we have had on our programme
<u>11th Church House Teas</u>	- Thanks for all those involved especially the organisers. - That we continue to provide our outreach and for inspiration to maximise our use of resources - That we should have people coming forward to support Teas
<u>18th Task Groups</u>	- <u>Social and Outreach</u> – For more people to just try out a house group to find out what happens there. - Thanks for all those who have come forward to be part of the social and outreach house group. - That many more people will join the Summer Barbecues - <u>Youth</u> - Wisdom and discernment to know how best to meet needs of our secondary aged children. - For upcoming confirmation classes - Thanks for all our children/youth leaders - <u>Mission</u> - For the work of our Mission targets – MAF, Ebenezer, Open Doors, Wycliffe, Child and Family Aid - For more people to offer to serve on the Mission Task Group.
<u>20th Church Administrators</u>	- For continued patience and unending enthusiasm as well as effective communication, particularly as Keith is settling in.
<u>Mission Prayer – Pro-Deo</u>	- Thanks for children starting to live in the new Home opened last year and that this 8 year project will soon truly be a dream come true - For more money to become available for the support offered to families in need in Bucharest, as well as all their other work.
<u>Weekly Prayer Target – Sidesmen and Greeters</u>	- Thanks for the work of the sides people and greeters in their ministry of welcome, and that they can relate to all those attending services especially visitors. For more younger people to take on this ministry.

NB: August Prayer Topics table will be printed up by August 1st and left in the Church for collection as necessary.



Hughenden Mothers' Union
Celebratory

PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH



(with Arthur's famous breads)



on **TUESDAY, 5th JULY 2016**

from 12 noon to 2.30pm

in Church House and the MU Garden (cover if wet)
St Michael & All Angels Church, Hughenden

£8 to include Ham, Cheese & Salad Ploughman's,
delicious home-made cake and tea or coffee.

There will also be a Bring & Buy Stall



Proceeds to Mothers' Union Charities

24/7 Prayer for Wycombe



Lighthouse - News from Ale Hazelton, craft co-ordinator of the Hazlemere Lighthouse site, is that they are still looking for a Drama team leader, a Sports leader, at least one Age Group leader and teacher, a co-leader for the Site Team along with helpers everywhere. If you are interested in joining the team in Hazlemere just head over to Lighthouse Administration and fill in the application form on line. The craft list is on the table at the back of the church and there is a Sainsbury's shopping basket ready to collect any bits and pieces you could donate in the same area as the One Can Trust collecting box. Lots of cereal boxes and jam pot lids would be appreciated (no nut varieties of cereal boxes please).

The Kings Church will be running their Parenting Course again this September dealing with the Primary Years ages 5-10 and the Teenage Years ages 10-15. I don't have any specific dates yet but watch the Church Notices throughout the summer months as there won't be another Outlook until September. If you are interested in either of these courses, there is a form to fill in on the Kings Church website and if you do that someone will contact you.

Ellel Ministries' second teaching series will take place on Saturday, 30th July, at The Clare Foundation, Saunderton. This day will cover the areas **Forgive and be Forgiven**, discovering the joy of forgiveness, **Rejected No More**, overcoming rejection through God's unconditional love and **Setting the Captives Free**, how Jesus can free us from Satan's control. The cost for the day is £28 and includes a buffet type lunch and mid-morning and mid-afternoon tea/coffee. There is a poster in the Church Porch and a supply of information leaflets with booking forms in a literature holder on the table at the back of the church.

Our committed prayer days for July and August are – **Monday, 11th July**, and **Monday, 8th August**, from 8.00am to 8.00 am on Tuesday. The prayer space will be set up in Church House with all the usual facilities available and the last hour of prayer in the prayer space will be 4 – 5 pm. Please prayerfully consider committing to one hour of prayer bringing the ministries taking place in Wycombe and our town

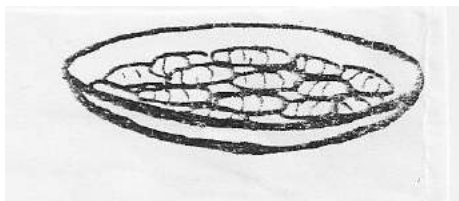
as a whole before God. The sign-up sheets will be on the table at the back of the church in plenty of time and there will be a combined July/August edition of Prayer points to pick up prior to the beginning of both months. Enjoy the summer break.

Yvonne Cook

August Recipe

Stuffed Vine Leaves (Dolmathes)

A traditional recipe given to me by the wife of a Taverna owner on the Greek Island of Cephalonia



Ingredients:

6 oz rice (quick cook Italian is best)
1 large onion
1 clove garlic
1 heaped tbsp chopped parsley

½ teasp mint

About 2 dozen medium sized vine (or cabbage) leaves

½ cup good olive oil

Pinch of cinnamon and pepper and salt

For the sauce:

1 small lemon or ½ large juicy one

1 large egg

1 tblsp water

1 level tblsp cornflour

½ oz butter

¼ pint cooking liquid from the vine leaves.



Method:

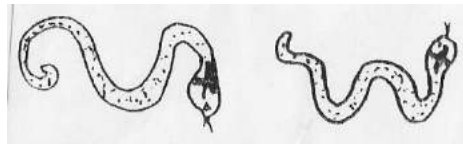
Boil some water and blanch the vine or cabbage leaves for about 2 minutes. Drain and leave to cool. Chop the onion finely, add the crushed garlic, chopped parsley and mint and the cinnamon, then the rice, oil, salt and pepper and mix together well.

Spread out the prepared vine leaves, remove the tougher stalky bits, then place a heaped teaspoon of the rice mixture at the stalk end of the underside of the leaf and roll halfway as tightly as possible. Then tuck the side bits in and continue to roll until you have a firm little sausage. Pack these closely together in a wide saucepan. Barely cover with water and press a plate down firmly on top of the rolls to

stop them unfurling. Place a lid on the saucepan and simmer gently for about an hour.

To make the sauce:

Melt the butter in a saucepan, add the cornflour and cook gently until just sizzling. Add the hot liquid slowly, stirring all the time to prevent lumps forming as it thickens. Remove from the heat. Beat the egg until light and frothy and continue beating while adding the lemon juice and 1 tblsp water. Now add the thickened stock mixture gradually and pour over the dolmathes. Shake gently to cover and draw off the heat for about 10 minutes before serving.



The area where we stayed on Cephalonia was very near a village called Markpoulo which is internationally famous for a phenomenon which is probably unique in the world and coincides with the church festivals held there. Each year around mid-August, numerous small, harmless snakes bearing small black crosses on their heads, appear around the village church of 'Our Lady'. Known as 'Our Lady Snakes', the pilgrims and villagers can pick them up without fear. The snakes wriggle into the Church and up onto the large silver icon of 'Our Lady' inside. Some believe this is a miracle but others say that the Church is on part of the snakes' migratory path to their breeding grounds.



Ann Way

'Royal' Church Teas

On 12th June, the Queen's official birthday, Kay Kennedy made a special birthday cake to be served at Church Teas for which she was the organizer that day. It was a delicious fruit cake and every last crumb was sold. Bunting decorated the outside of



Church House, although the weather wasn't the best! Kay's friend and helper in the kitchen, Jane Gloster, took the photographs.

Kay told me something of the history of Church Teas. In 1975 the idea for serving teas at Church House was put forward by the then vicar, the Rev Bullock-Flint. Kay and Fay Forster started on Saturdays and Sundays and were joined later that year by three other ladies, one being Gloria Holmes who is also still involved. Easter weekend in 1975 made



£3.33 and at the end of August the profit for the season was £307.95. Saturdays were later discontinued as when there was a wedding, there were problems with car parking. (Nothing changes!) David, Kay's late husband, made a Teas sign (see above) which is still in use today.

Over the years hundreds of cakes must have been consumed. Church Teas is now in its 41st year - long may it continue! And well done Kay and Gloria!

Sylvia Clark

Good Companions

Our May meeting featured a further return visit from Chiltern W.I. Choir. Under conductor Stephanie Young who also treated us to a flute obligato in one of the numbers with Louise Langley at the keyboard, we were treated to a programme of well known numbers, some from the shows. There followed two solos from Elaine and a humorous poem written by Pam Ayres. This was a pleasant musical afternoon with the weather heralding the approach of summer. The ladies were enthusiastically received and no doubt they will be back sometime.

Our June meeting, held in the small hall, featured a visit from Police Constable Andy Ralph, a member of the Neighbourhood Police Unit based at Princes Risborough which covers our area. He told us how the neighbourhood was policed (fortunately we are in an area with a low crime rate) and told us about the training regime. He showed us the uniform and other equipment that they carry in order to maintain contact with the control unit, record incidents and preserve

evidence. He also demonstrated the features of the police vehicle in use and answered questions about the unit's work. This was a thoroughly interesting and informative talk about 'the job'.

The meeting had begun with members present observing a minute's silence on the passing of Pam Pyle who had been a member for many years.

Our July meeting has a further return visit from Lois Crane, retired headmistress, who will no doubt give us a further test of our mental faculties, but usually with plenty of humour.

Michael Harris

Valley Friends

Viva Mexico!

Our speaker, Val Brown was an English teacher in Mexico who spent a fourteen year 'trip' moving from school to school in various areas of the country and therefore experienced the real Mexico. She said it is much bigger than we think with a 2,000 mile border with America in the north and with British Columbia and Guatemala in the south. The population of over 122,000 is a cross between descendants of native Indians and Spanish invaders. These were the first people to use the name 'Americans'. Mexico City, a Spanish Colony, was designed on the French style grid system and was established as the capital city in 1550. The cathedral, built in 1575 on unstable ground is constantly being repaired and volcanoes on the edge of the city steam continuously but rarely erupt. The economy is stable and food is easy to grow.

There is evidence that Incas, Mayas, Aztecs and nomadic tribes settled in the area 10,000 years ago. The ruins of an Aztec city with pyramids now attracts tourists and researchers. Today's inhabitants have picnics and take punts on the canals near the city. Mariachi bands with strings and brass are hired to play on these, (some good, some not!), the players wearing traditional costume.

Acapulco with its beautiful, almost circular bay, is frequented by tourists, but is extremely polluted due to the very narrow outlet for the tide. Turtles lay eggs in the sands there. Many visitors come on 3rd October for the world-famous swallow divers' festival. The divers pray at shrines to former competitors before climbing to the top of the

rocks and diving into the rocky waters far below. Val said it was a lunatic way of earning a living! Aztecs believe that life and death are the same and families visit the dead to give gifts of things liked in life. Picnics are held on graves and the ancestor is told all the family news. Children recite, read or dance for them. It is not at all gloomy; processions move through the towns with candles which are placed on the graves and all churches have bands for the processions. Schoolchildren have to make a 'befriender' which is like a set of shelves exhibiting fruit, bread and many items to please and honour the dead. Skeletons are dressed as hierarchy.



Val took a holiday to see dolphins, turtles and whales which were amazing. The train journey to the coast was spectacular and seen from the air showed the track with hundreds of hairpin bends over mountains with views 7,000 feet down into canyons. A tribe of Indians lives at the bottom of Copper Canyon, (about the size of Wales), living a traditional life and keeping goats. There are many rivers and waterfalls, some with boiling hot water. To reach the top of the canyon takes about four hours on rocky paths. There are also rich silver mines in the area and of course, some very wealthy people.

Val, her husband and many tourists loved Mexico and Val wrote a book about her travels. Norma thanked her for a really entertaining talk.

On July 1st Edwin Rye will talk about David Austin's Roses. We have a Pot Luck Supper in the Small Hall on August 5th and our next meeting after this is on 2nd September.

Joan Steel

From the Parish Registers

Holy Baptisms:

On Sunday 5th June:

Olivia Grace, daughter of Lionel Erasmus and Ester Comunello from Princes Risborough;

On Sunday 12th June:

Eleanor Harriet and Arthur John, children of Adam and Elizabeth Edwards of Green Hill High Wycombe.

Holy Matrimony:

On Friday, 10th June: Robert James Fern to Lisa Eileen Hubbard.

The Departed

Joan Sweet, aged 89

Rodney Lord, aged 95

July Calendar

Sat	2		Deep clean of Church and churchyard tidy-up, followed by barbecue
Sun	3		Thomas the Apostle
		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)
		12 noon-	
Tue	5	2.30	Mothers' Union Ploughman's Lunch (see page 21)
Wed	6	1.00 pm	Knit and Natter: Church House
Thu	7	9.30 am	Toddler Group: North Room
Fri	8	10.30 am	Visiting Bellringers: Bell Tower
		8.00-9.15	
Sat	9	am	Prayer breakfast: Church House
		11.00 am	Visiting Bellringers: Bell Tower
Sun	10		7th Sunday after Trinity
		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)
Mon	11	7.30 am	24 hours of prayer for High Wycombe: Church House
Wed	13	2.00 pm	Bellringing to welcome Rev Keith Johnson: Bell Tower
		7.30 pm	Installation of Rev Keith Johnson as Vicar of Hughenden
Thu	14	9.30 am	Toddler Group: North Room
		10.30 am	Tiny Tots' Service: Church
		3.15 pm	Messy Church: Cryers Hill Methodist Church
Sat	16	12.30 pm	Hughenden Village Day: King George V Playing Field
Sun	17		8th Sunday after Trinity
		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)
Thu	21	9.30 am	Toddler Group: North Room
Fri	22		Mary Magdalene
		10.00 am	Holy Communion (said) - 30 minutes
Sat	23	1.00 pm	Wedding: Adam Vaughan and Danielle Porter
Sun	24		9th Sunday after Trinity
		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)
Mon	25		James the Apostle

No celebration at Hughenden but we are cordially invited to join with St Francis Terriers at 8pm

Fri 29 2.30 pm Wedding: Darrel Cooper and Elizabeth Brooks
 Sat 30 Wedding: Robin Stevens and Susan Tixerant
 Sun 31

10th Sunday after Trinity

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)

August Calendar

Tue	2	10.00 am	Mothers' Union Coffee Morning: Church House
Wed	3	1.00 pm	Knit & Natter: Church House
Fri	5	6.00 pm	Visiting Ringers: Bell Tower
Sat	6		Transfiguration of our Lord
		9am am	Holy Communion: Church (30 minutes)
		1.00 pm	Wedding: Joshua Reuter and Molly Holderness
Sun	7		Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
		9.00 am	Sung Communion Common Worship
		10.45am	All Age Family Service
		2.15-5.00 pm	Church House Teas
		3.45 pm	Visiting Ringers: Bell Tower
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Mon	8	8.00 am	24 hours of prayer for High Wycombe: Church House
Sat	13	8.00 -9.15 am	Prayer breakfast: Church House
		1.00 pm	Wedding: Alexander Davis and Elizabeth Jones
Sun	14		Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.45 am	Family Communion with JC club
		2.15-5.00 pm	Church House Teas
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Mon	15		The Blessed Virgin Mary
			There is no celebration at Hughenden but we are cordially invited to St Francis Terriers at 8pm
Thu	18	10.30 am	Friendship morning: Church House
Sun	21		Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Sung Communion
		10.45 am	Service of the Word, with JC Club
		2.15.00 pm	Church House Teas
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Wed	24		Bartholomew, Apostle
			There will not be a celebration at Hughenden but there will be one at St Francis Terriers at 10am to which we are cordially invited.
Thu	25	10.30 am	Visiting Ringers: Bell Tower
Fri	26	9.30 am	Visiting Ringers: Bell Tower
Sun	28		Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.45am	Family Communion with JC club
		2.15-5.00 pm	Church House Teas
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Mon	29	2.15-5.00 pm	Church House Teas

The Lectionary – July 2016

Date	Lesson	Readers		
		8.00 am/6 pm	9.00 am	10.45 am
3rd	St Thomas, the Apostle			
	Habakkuk 2, 1 – 4	J Holmes	R or A Gee	E Godfrey
	Ephesians 2, 19 – 22	P Hynard	A Moore (check	
	John 20, 24 – 29	Priest	which NT lesson	
	Evensong Psalm 139			
	Job 42, 1 – 6	M Morgan		
	1 Peter 1, 3 - 12	S Brice		
10th	Seventh Sunday after Trinity			
	Deuteronomy 30, 9 – 14	J Wilson	A Johnson	A Sackville
	Colossians 1, 1 – 14	A Stacey	D or H Lowe (check	J Sackville
	Luke 10, 25 – 37	Priest	which NT lesson)	Priest
	Psalm at 9am: 25			
	Evensong: Psalm 77			
	Genesis 32, 9 - 30	L Smit/AJ		
	Mark 7, 1 – 23	B Brice		
17th	Eighth Sunday after Trinity			
	Genesis 18, 1 – 10a	C Carter	J Palmer	Leader
	Colossians 1, 15 – 28	J White	C or J Tyrer	
	Luke 10, 38 – 42	Priest	Priest	
	Evensong; Psalm 81			
	Genesis 41, 1 – 16 & 25 – 37	B Brice		
	1 Corinthians 4, 8 – 13	B Doran		
24th	Ninth Sunday after Trinity			
	Genesis 18, 20 – 32	J Dauncey	L Smit	H Byrne
	Colossians 2, 6 – 19	A Jaycock	L Stallwood (check	L Comley
	Luke 11, 1 – 13	Priest	which NT lesson)	Priest
	Psalm at 9 am:138			
	Evensong of St James: Psalm 144			
	Deuteronomy 30, 11 - 20	A Johnson		
	Mark 5, 21 – 43	E Bailey		
31st	Tenth Sunday after Trinity			
	Ecclesiastes 1, 2 & 12 -13 + 2, 18 - 23	S Badrick	B Brice	F Hawkins
	Colossians 3, 1 – 11	J Holmes	H Farrar-Hockley	D Hawkins
	Luke 12, 13 – 21	Priest	(chk which lesson)	Priest
	Psalm at 9am 49	:		
	Evensong: Psalm 107, 1 - 32			
	Genesis 50, 4 – 26	L Smit/AJ		
	1 Corinthians 14, 1 - 19	M Morgan		

The Lectionary – August 2016

Date	Lesson	Readers		
		8.00 am/6 pm	9.00 am	10.45 am
7th	Eleventh Sunday after Trinity			
	Genesis 15, 1 – 6	P Hynard	A Moore	P Austin
	Hebrews 11, 1 – 3 & 8 – 16	A Stacey	S Brice	
	Luke 12, 32 – 40	Priest	Priest	
	Evensong: Psalms 108 & 116			
	Isaiah 11, 10 – 12, 6	L Stallwood		
	2 Corinthians 1, 1 – 22	L Smit/AJ		
14th	Twelfth Sunday after Trinity			
	Jeremiah 23, 23 – 29	J Holmes	D or H Lowe	P Joy
	Hebrews 11, 29 – 12, 2	C Carter	H Farrar-Hockley	S Devereux
	Luke 12, 49 – 56	Priest	(check which lesson)	Priest
	Psalms at 9 am: 82			
	Evensong: Psalm 119, 17 -32			
	Isaiah 28, 9 – 22	B Brice		
	2 Corinthians 8, 1 – 9	S Brice		
21st	Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity			
	Isaiah 58, 9b - 14	J Wilson	S Badrick	Leader
	Hebrews 12, 18 – 29	A Johnson	J Palmer	
	Luke 13, 10 – 17	Priest	Priest	
	Evensong: Psalm 119, 49 - 72			
	Isaiah 30, 8 – 21	M Morgan		
	2 Corinthians 9	B Doran		
28th	Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity			
	Proverbs 25, 6 – 7	J White	B Brice	C Tyrer
	Hebrews 13, 1 – 8 & 15 – 16	J Dauncey	L Stallwood (check	R Smith
	Luke 14, 1 & 7 – 14	Priest	which lesson)	Priest
	Psalms at 9 am: 112			
	Evensong: Psalm 119, 81 – 96			
	Isaiah 33 13 – 22	L Smit/AJ		
	John 3, 22 - 36	E Bailey		

Don't Forget!

2 July – Internal cleaning of church and tidying of churchyard + barbecue.

Barbecues – 31 July, Diane & Frank Hawkins, 8 Brackenwood, Naphill.

18 September – Susi & Patrick Mackeown, 9 Wyndham Ave., High Wycombe

Regular Meetings and Organisations



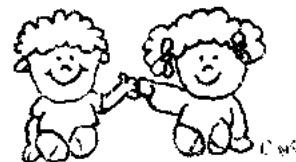
Friendship Morning

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.

Penny Austin – 01494 529596

Babies & Toddlers @ St. Michael's

Babies and Toddlers @ St. Michael's meets every Thursday in term time from 09.30 - 11.30 in the North Room. Come for chat, play, craft and refreshments.



Included, every second Thursday of the month, will be 'Tiny Tots', a time of fun worship in Church.

For details contact Helen Peters – helen.peters@peters-research.com

House Groups

A variety of house groups meet throughout the week: for days and times, or for **further information contact Helen Byrne - helenbyrne67@googlemail.com or 01494 564342.**

Young People's Groups @ St Michael's

CYFA (School years 10+) Alternate Sunday evenings in term time.

FLASH (School years 7-9) Monthly Sunday evening in term time.

AWESOME AND ACTIVE

(AAA) (School years 4-6) Monthly Sunday: teatime in term time.

For dates of meetings for all groups and further details contact Rebecca Hawes - rebecca@wycombeyfc.org.uk

September Issue of Outlook

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PLEASE: ALL contributions to be received by 15th August PLEASE

Who's Who at St Michael & All Angels

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Our Mission is

“To enable all to follow Jesus Christ”

We shall live out this mission through Prayer, Presence,

Persuasion and Proclamation by:

i) Leading lives centred on Jesus Christ –

- *That is steadfastly based on the Bible and prayer*
- *That is based on Jesus' example*
- *By being ambassadors of Christ to our friends, families, neighbours and work and school colleagues.*

ii) Being seen and known in the wider Community by

- *Understanding the communities in which we live and seeking to be fully involved in those communities*
- *Building appropriate bridges between our Church and our community*
- *Taking every opportunity to share the Good news about Jesus Christ*

iii) Offering and receiving spiritual and practical support and development –

- *That is appropriate to wherever people are on their spiritual journey*
- *That is based on worship that is honouring to God and accessible and relevant to all*
- *And that is led by prayer that engages with the will of God and his purposes*

Loving Father – we ask your blessing on our new Vicar, the Revd Keith Johnson at his Institution and Induction service on 13th July. As he and his family move to Hughenden, grant that they will find peace, happiness and fulfilment. We give thanks to you for guiding all those who have led us during the Vacancy. Amen.