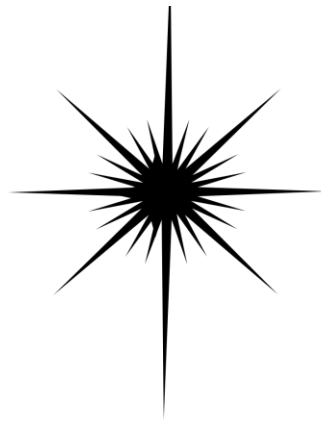




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# *Outlook*



**December 2016/January 2017**

## 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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## Outlook

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**December 2016-January 2017**

**Dear Readers,**



We recently made an unexpected visit to a church in Kent, which we would urge you to call in to (open in day light hours) if you are near Tunbridge Wells.

The Church is at Tudeley and is the only Church to have all its windows designed by Marc Chagall. The first window was commissioned by the parents of Sarah d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, who died aged just 21, in a sailing accident off Rye. The remainder were Chagall's response to seeing the first in situ and being impressed with his own work! All the windows are predominantly a startling blue and the effect in a simple, fairly

plain village church is breath-taking. The windows tell the story of the goodness of creation, of the fall, the redemption of Christ and the promise of restoration and recreation. Although the reason for the installation of the windows was a tragic event, the beauty and complex symbolism within them is a source of great spiritual resonance and of hope. Susan Brice's full appreciation can be found in a previous Outlook.

This year has been one of great political upheaval, and of man-made and natural tragedies. Renewed hope and confidence in the future is what we all are praying for as we bring ourselves into a state of preparedness for our celebrations of the birth of Christ.

We wish you all a joyous and peaceful Christmastide and a blessed New Year.

**Jane and Christopher Tyrer, Editors**

# From the Vicarage

## A remarkable birth

Where did the last twelve months go so quickly? It only seems like a few weeks ago that we were packing up the Christmas tree lights, taking down the Christmas cards, promising to get back in touch with long lost friends soon, and bracing ourselves for a weighty credit card statement hitting the doormat in January. Here we are braced to do it all again!

I wonder, does Christmas fill you with joy, anticipation and a child-like wonder, or are you more likely to batten down the hatches and hope that it all passes without incident? Does the festive season mean getting together with extended family, sociable neighbours and good friends, to celebrate life, to overindulge, and to exchange gifts, or does it bring to mind sad memories, perhaps of those we have loved and lost?

At this point in my musings, I must offer a confession - I love Christmas! I count myself as enormously privileged to be able to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas for several weeks in my vocation as

a Vicar - from carol singing in pubs and care homes, hosting joyful school carol services in our church, to leading and speaking at a wide range of contemporary and traditional Christmas services - and especially having the opportunity to welcome all into our wonderful Church building, to join together in song, in prayer and in wonder, as we hear again the remarkable story of the birth of the Saviour of the World - Jesus Christ incarnate - God our heavenly Father sending his one and only Son to be born on earth to a human mother.

Why not read through the remarkable account of the Nativity story sometime soon - and you will be reminded just how extraordinary it was. The lead character is obviously a baby - but there are many other characters whose contribution to that final nativity tableau scene, makes it a unique encounter between humanity and the divine. The divine - a vulnerable new born baby, entirely reliant upon its mother for milk, and sitting at his feet we imagine awestruck shepherds who have left behind their sheep in obedience to an

angelic visitation - they became one of the privileged few who gazed at this infant with wonder, uncertain why that moment was so important, but utterly convinced that this baby was special.

We mustn't forget the wise men either. Their trip which ended in Bethlehem would have taken several weeks and was a remarkable journey of spiritual discovery. Their generosity in gifting gold, frankincense and myrrh for the child was further evidence that this birth was considered remarkable.

I invite you to join us gathering together around the manger, and gazing in wonder at the baby, born to a remarkably brave and God-fearing mother, a loyal husband, and all those who found themselves in that same location, some 2,000 years ago. As we gather together, we will hear the story of the birth of the Christ-child - Jesus Christ, the light of the world, in whom is found the hope of all humanity, for all those who put their faith in His life, death and resurrection.

I love sharing the Good News of the birth of Jesus, because we can always find hope in Jesus. His life was one characterised by love and sacrificial service, and his example is one which is followed to this day by millions whose lives have been transformed in choosing to follow in his footsteps.

Whether your Christmas will be busy or quiet, I wish you the joy and the peace of Christ. To those who have the opportunity to open their doors and to welcome in others, I encourage



you to do so as we share that wonderful community spirit which exists in our parish.

Happy Christmas and go easy on the sprouts!



**Keith**

## Red Admiral

I was brought up in Hughenden Valley fifty years ago. My father, Jim Mullett, ran the A1 School of Motoring and was the first driving instructor in High Wycombe. When I was 17, we moved to The Old Vicarage, Cadmore End.



After retirement my parents moved to Watlington. Last year my father passed away on 29<sup>th</sup> September and a few weeks later my wife and I visited Hughenden Church. Whilst we were there we noticed a Red Admiral butterfly flying around the church (this was November). After the service we were having coffee when the butterfly flew above our heads. I put my arm out and it landed on my hand. I feel this was a sign that my dad was happy. A few weeks later we returned to the church and the Red Admiral was still flying around.

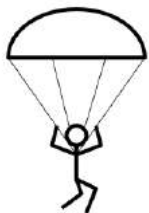
**Phil Mullett**

## Up, up and away

I was lucky enough to be given a voucher for two 'winch glider flights' for my recent 'special' birthday.

On the agreed day, thankfully beautifully sunny, Bob drove us out to an airfield just outside Bicester. Luckily our youngest son Neal was off duty that afternoon and 5 year old grandson, Jack, was off school for an Inset Day so they were both able to join us.

I had to start by watching a short film on emergency procedures in the event of need to bail out and descend by parachute - not the most reassuring start! Anyway once that was over and the necessary documents signed, I was picked up by car and driven out to the centre of the airfield. Here I was greeted by a very cheerful man and told to wait and watch as the person before me finished their flight.



Finally it was time to start!! – I was introduced to my Pilot and helped to get the parachute strapped on and then it was time to get into the very tiny glider. It had a transparent dome, which I was advised not to pull on as I got in. "It's just like getting into the bath" said pilot Brian: but I don't usually get into the bath with a great weighty parachute strapped on my back! However I eventually managed to

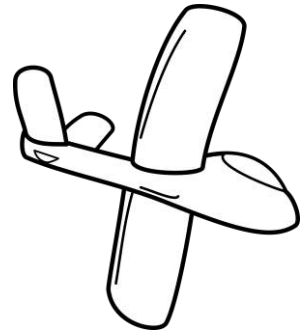
get into the front seat with my feet reaching right into the nose. Brian got into the back and assured me he would be doing the flying 90% of the time but I would get a chance to take the controls. He took me through all the different controls within the cockpit, and I promised I would not be touching ANY of them until told to do so.

We were going to be projected into the air by a mechanical winch connected to the nose of the glider by a wire; once in the air Brian would uncouple the wire and we would be gliding.

There was a really sudden start as the winch started up, and we climbed very steeply. I felt dragged down into my seat; all I could see was the sky and I had forgotten all about waving goodbye to Jack. Then there was a slight jerk when the wire was uncoupled and we were gliding.

It wasn't silent as I had supposed as there was the rush of the wind around us. Brian tilted us to left and right, put the nose down and pulled it back up again. He explained that, ideally, we should have 50% sky and 50% land in our view, with the horizon level with a line inscribed on the cockpit cover. Brian pointed out things that we could see around us on the ground; then he told me I could take hold of the 'joy-stick' which was between my knees. I could hear him clap his hands in the seat behind me indicating that he wasn't holding his joystick any more – I was in control! He told me how to move the joystick and I raised and lowered the nose on my own. I quickly suggested he should take control again!

After a few minutes of gently gliding around we came into land again and were immediately re-coupled to the winch ready for the second go. The ascent wasn't as much of a shock this time, but I told Brian I was happy to let him do all the flying now, whilst I took pictures of all I could see below me. All too soon it was time to come down to land again and try getting out of that 'bath', again without pulling on the cockpit cover! I finally managed to get out and unclipped all the straps for the parachute. Brian presented me with a certificate to mark the event and I was able to walk proudly back to Bob, Neal and Jack, who showed me all the photos they had taken of my adventure. Would I recommend it to others as something worth doing – **Oh YES without a doubt!**



**Jane Tucker**

## **What's it all about.....?**

We are going to include in the magazine a series of short articles about aspects of national and local governance of the Church of England so that you can understand how we operate as a national Church and how we operate within our own Church here at St Michael and All Angels. The purpose is for us all to understand better our workings and for us all to be able to take a closer part in both the worship and the workings of our Church and thus to enable us all to fulfil our Mission Statement to "enable all to follow JESUS CHRIST."

Firstly: within St Michael's, we briefly look at the work of the task groups. These groups are: communications, briefly reported on below, prayer; youth, mission, and social and outreach. Each group will briefly explain their doings (though we suspect the activities of the last are the most well-known).

### **Communications**

The communications task group has the remit to enhance communications within and outside the Church. In particular we were initially asked by PCC to develop a consistent and appropriate style for such things as notices. We have concentrated on developing, not quite a house style, but the use of an overarching logo, better display of information and removal of out of date or scruffy notices. We hope that you have noticed an improvement in the noticeboards and on the table at the rear of the church. Ben Brice continually has the website (our public face) under review and enhancement and notes how and when it is accessed. By the time you read this, the new front gate notice board will be on display and the final stage of refurbishment of the pin board area will soon follow. We are now moving to improve some of the methods by which long term information can be stored more effectively and updated as appropriate. Our next tasks will be to look at ways of enhancing external communication. We report to PCC. If you have ideas to improve what we do, or queries, please contact me.

**Jane Tyrer (group leader)**



## **And now, about the wider Church governance:**

### **1. The General Synod.**

The Church of England is part of the worldwide Anglican Communion. In England it is divided into three provinces – the Archdiocese of Canterbury, led by Archbishop Justin Welby, the Archdiocese of York, led by Archbishop John Sentamu and the Church in Wales, led by Archbishop Barry Morgan. There are separate arrangements for Scotland, dating from the Act of Union in 1707. The Scottish Episcopal Church is a member of the Anglican Communion but separate from both the Church of England and the Church in Wales. Its “Primus” is Bishop David Chillingworth, Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane.

**General Synod** is the senior governing body of the Church of England: both Provinces meet together to preside over the governance of our part of the Anglican Communion. The General Synod is the national assembly of the Church of England. It came into being in 1970 under the Synodical Government Measure 1969, replacing an earlier body known as the Church Assembly. It has powers in the following areas:

Legislation by Measure, to pass Measures which, if approved by resolution of each House of Parliament, receive Royal Assent and thereby become part of the law of England; legislation by Canon, subject to Royal Licence and Assent.

Relations with other Churches: to regulate the Church of England's relations with other churches and to make provisions for matters relating to worship and doctrine. It can make provision by Act of Synod, regulation or other instrument in cases where legislation by or under a Measure or Canon is not necessary.

Liturgy and Doctrinal Assent: to approve, amend, continue or discontinue liturgies and make provision for any matter (except the publication of banns of marriage) to which rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer relate and to ensure that the forms of service contained in the Book of Common Prayer continue to be available for use in the Church of England. The Synod also decides the form in which ministers and officers of the Church of England are required to assent to the doctrine of the Church of England (the Declaration of Assent).

Deliberation: to consider any other matters of religious or public interest.

Finance: to approve (or reject) the central Church budget each year.

**Next time: Diocesan synod**

**Christopher Tyrer**

## **A letter from Ebenezer**

*(edited slightly for length, but otherwise as received)*

Dear sponsors of Ebenezer Orphanage Home.

I am called Enos Birusu a former student of the above institution. I would like to tell you my sad story before I went to Ebenezer.

First of all I did never saw my father! He died when I was only few months born. The most worst was when my uncles sent away our mother and took our father's house and land away in the name of caring for us. Our mother ran away and left us alone.

I was desperately lost in my sorrows without any one to care for me. I could not go to school, had no clothes on me and very sick. My salvation came when I heard of Ebenezer and decided to take myself there. That was the Genesis of my victory. I would like to give thanks to God for enabling me to get this far through Ebenezer by your help. I was one of the very first orphan children admitted at Ebenezer Orphanage Home and managed to get through the Ebenezer Primary and Secondary schools respectively up to university and up to my graduation with a degree of Applied Biological Sciences at Kampala International University (KIU). My story is a miracle and a testimony to tell everyone.

.....  
I am very happy to reach this time of my graduation under the care of Ebenezer but much more with the support of mama Rita and the many other supportive members of the Hughenden Church in the UK.

... I never got a chance to have a direct sponsor from the UK but Rev. Samson ... allowed me and many others the opportunity to study and equally benefit like all other orphans at Ebenezer. ...4 of us were selected to be allowed to continue our education up to university. That is when my miracle started. Ebenezer managed to pay all my university tuition including the very last graduate fee. What more should I say??

I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO GOD, TO EBENEZER ORPHANAGE HOME AND THE EBENEZER SCHOOLS FOR ALLOWING TO EXCELL THIS FAR. I AM SO HAPPY FOR THE UK SUPPORT THROUGH MAMA RITA JOY PULLY, REV. CHRIS VIVIAN. ON A VERY SPECIAL NOTE, THE HUGHENDEN CHURCH AND THE URC CHURCHES.

Please, allow me to share with you my extra joys

1. I have already found a job which is paying well.
2. I ... (am) to be married to on November 12, 2016 ...
3. After the wedding ceremony just before the reception, we shall have my graduation party and;
4. On the next day a Sunday, all students who ever passed through the hands of Ebenezer Schools will accompany me to a thanks giving service at the Bugoye Church.

...**God bless you so much. Your son in faith, BIRUSU ENOS**

## **Situations Vacant!**

### **Diocese of Oxford School Admission Appeals Panels**

Are you employed as a teacher or within the education service?

Do you know about schools and how they operate?

Are you legally trained?

If you can answer **No** to all those questions, **GOOD!** Oxford Diocese is looking for new lay members to sit on their appeals panels for Church Schools and Academies.

You would be part of a team of three people hearing appeals by parents against refusals by schools to admit their children, together with the schools' reasons why they could not admit.

It follows a structured process but you would not be 'judge and jury' although the decision made by the panel is binding on both sides.

All panel members are trained before being let loose on hearing appeals and there are always people to help and guide you – particularly on the day of an appeal when you will be supported by a clerk.

There's no salary attached but you will get travel expenses and refreshments. There are no set hours and no set number of days – you volunteer to do as much or as little as you wish.

Admission appeals are a very necessary part of the service provided by the Diocese for its Church Schools and Academies and if you are

willing to join the existing panel members you will find a warm and friendly welcome awaiting you.

If you would like to know more about being a Lay Panel member, please contact [Christine.jones@oxford.anglican.org](mailto:Christine.jones@oxford.anglican.org) (01865 208279).

## **And Outlook editing!**

The Outlook editorial team will be somewhat depleted in the New Year, and we are looking for individuals to assist. If you are interested please contact Sylvia Clark or Jane Tyrer.

Wages: nil, but coffee and biscuits provided regularly by editor in chief (SC).

Hours: approx. one and a half days 3-4 times per year.

Skills required: modest computing skills, some ability in grammar and spelling....

## **News from Christians in the Community**

We look forward to the exciting Christmas period, with Keith and the Methodist Minister John Ritchie joining in and supporting us for carol singing in the Wheel and the Harrow and for Naphill's "Carols by Candlelight".

The **carol singing** will be Tuesday 13th and/or Thursday 15th December, but please check the local press for the actual details.

**The Carols by Candlelight** will take place in the Naphill Village Hall on Sunday 11th December at 4 pm. The offering will be for the Wycombe Homeless Connection and, of course, there will be mulled wine and mince pies at the end! Soon you should have the **2016 Christmas card** dropping through your letter box – giving times of both sets of services over Christmas - but if our army of volunteers has missed you, just give me a ring!

I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

**Norma Clarke, HW 563116**



## **St Michael & All Angels Services**

### **Thursday 8 December**

10.30 am Christmas themed Tiny Tots

### **Sunday 18 December**

10.45 am Christingle Service

6 pm Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

### **Christmas Eve**

9 am Said Service of Holy Communion

3 pm Crib Service

11.15 pm Midnight Holy Communion

### **Christmas Day**

8 am Said service of Holy Communion

9 am Choral Holy Communion

11am Family All Age Holy Communion

5 pm Christmas Carols & Lessons

**May you know the peace & light of Jesus Christ this Christmastide!**

## **Letter from The Hughenden Community shop**

We are delighted to advise that we received planning permission from WDC today for the new shop and part cabin. The committee would like to sincerely thank all our supporters for their words of support and encouragement over the last few months. We would also like to pass on our thanks and huge appreciation to all the local residents and trades people who have helped us with the works so far - Harry, Neil, Aaron, Steve, Barry, Scott, Sam, Martin, Steve Morris builder, Robin of Robin's Retreat, Jason Woods of Applewood's Surveying, the team at Buildbase, Hughenden Village Hall, Darren at Grant and Stone, and Hughenden Residents' Association. Please be assured of our best efforts to reinstate the shop as soon as possible and we will keep you updated with all the progress and estimated opening date over the coming weeks.

Thank you again & best regards

**Louise Jones, on behalf of the shop committee**

# Christmas, Shaken, not Stirred

As if in a glass ball,  
figures skating,  
shaken, not stirred.,  
in some Christmas time scenario,  
acting out a roll call,  
placed upon the shelf of life,  
dusted down,  
until December dawns,  
not a sound is heard.

Snowflakes softly, suddenly  
fall inside our materialistic mirage,  
running wild,  
we crunch the crisp cold sleigh ride.

Inside a lonely figure weeps  
amidst the poignant Christmas scene.  
In her hand is a gift, a child;  
she holds the gift of life.

Gold stars cascade  
to cut the morning air.  
The figures in the ball  
skate on shaken, not stirred.  
Hush, do not waken  
the sleeping children;  
it's Christmas morning.



Mary Mullett

## The power of prayer

Having shared this with the prayer team at one of our meetings, I was asked if I would write about it for the magazine.

First, the background: I've always had sinus problems. In my early twenties I had an operation on my nose. The results were wonderful. For the first time ever I could breathe through my nose. Speaking, eating and sleeping became a pleasure. I was told it wouldn't last forever and it would need doing again eventually.

I had another operation, years later, not quite as successful, after the effects of the first operation wore off. It got to the stage a couple of years ago when I decided I couldn't fly abroad any more. The descent always caused agony in my ears. I took painkillers before the descent and a sinus spray during the flight but I was often deaf for about three days after the flight, not to mention the pain and stress I was having. I even had problems in the car going up and down hills.

Then last year I went to Spring Harvest. Each evening there is a guest speaker at the main event. This particular evening there was a woman who had flown in, just for that evening, and was flying back the next morning. From the beginning, I am ashamed to say, I thought she was scruffy. The speakers are usually quite smart and she had combat trousers on and looked as if she had just got off a plane on which she had been trying to sleep for hours - as she obviously had. She was full of energy and paced about the stage talking about God. Then she asked the Holy Spirit to be with us. "He's here" she said. "The Holy Spirit is here with us." I wondered how she knew, since I didn't feel aware of it. Then she said, "the Holy Spirit is here in this part of the auditorium now," and indicated an area to her right. Surely, I thought, the Holy Spirit can be everywhere and not confined to one particular place.

She then said there were people in the audience with particular ailments and invited them down to the front for prayer. She named a few ailments and a lot of people started going down to the front. I assured myself that if it were me, I would never go to the front as she was obviously a fake. Then she said "there's someone here with a sinus problem - come down to the front to be prayed for."

I reminded myself how many people had sinus problems and sat tight. "It's a chronic condition," she said. "Ongoing. You've had it a



long time." I stayed in my seat and thought: I'm not going down.

"You don't have to come down," she said. "Ask the person next to you to pray for you." I did nothing. But I was beginning to wonder. Just before the end of the service, just in case she was genuine and I was mistaken, I asked Ann Long, who was sitting beside me, to pray for my sinuses. She did, the service ended and there was no change. There you are I thought, as I walked out. What did you expect? But over the next two weeks it gradually cleared up. No more pain in the ears, no more sinus headaches: all clear. I was grateful to God and ashamed of my unbelief and my attitude to the speaker. Recently, I caught a cold: the first since Spring Harvest. I dread colds because they often lead to severe complications. The cold appeared to go but I could feel my lungs were starting to get congested so I was worried. Sunday came and I had said I would be there for the prayer team, a trained and confidential group available for those who would like prayer after Communion. I woke up feeling poorly but I had the feeling I should go and ask the prayer team, to pray for my health, particularly my lungs.

The path up to church took it out of me. It's steep if your lungs aren't working properly. I asked for prayer but said I couldn't be part of the team that day. They prayed for me and for health for my lungs and I then sat at the back of church in case I needed to go home. I was so breathless I couldn't sing the first hymn but then it eased. I sang the remaining hymns and stayed to the end.

Over the next few days it cleared. I can't remember when a cold previously hasn't led to one or two lots of antibiotics, more asthma Inhalers and general debility.

So this is to say: how great is our God! He knows us individually and knows what our problems are. He can heal us. There are times when he doesn't. I have no idea why. I don't know why someone else had to pray for me. Why didn't my prayers for myself work? But why should I know everything. I am not the creator.

**Elaine Morley**

## Valley Friends

### Forty Years catching smugglers!

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November, Malcolm Nelson gave a very interesting talk about his career as a Customs and Excise Officer. He described it as 40 years of excitement, comedy and tragedy, working with and meeting amazing people. During his talk, Malcolm outlined what makes a good Customs Officer. It is mainly experience gained on the job, but initial training programmes have to be attended. Malcolm joined the trainees at the Waterguard Training Centre in Southend where he learned that customs officers have to have inquiring minds. They have to cope with a range of communication techniques and soon realise that catching smugglers is a quite scientific operation. The trainees were warned never to trust anyone in a suit, but also never to under-estimate them.

Drug smugglers often work in teams and, shockingly, 80% of all drugs entering Britain come via Heathrow: the reason being that the turn-round time there can be as little as 30 minutes, and "time is money". The passenger lists are examined and those who are travelling from countries where drugs are more commonplace, e.g. Bolivia, Islamabad, Mombasa, the Caribbean etc, are tracked. Tarmac officers feel for double skins on cases where things can be hidden. The smell of drugs can be disguised but sniffer dogs can detect drugs, even if swallowed.

The experienced smuggler will always act calmly when stopped and sometimes is too calm which raises suspicion. Some drugs are carried under wigs and, amazingly, some wigs are sewn to the scalp making detection difficult. Some businessmen may be carrying many clothes in their luggage but look shabby. Malcolm told us many other interesting stories and ways in which smugglers disguise what they are carrying: like the lady carrying a very heavy case, which was full of stitched up bananas. Malcolm has written a book about his experiences, copies of which were on sale. Malcolm was thanked and applauded for a very Interesting evening.

**On December 2nd** we have an evening of "Entertainment by Aca Holics Barbershop Quartet" .

With Best Wishes to you all for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Joan Steel**

## 24/7 Prayer for Wycombe



Praying for a world in need, a nation in need, a town in need and communities in need – all these areas are covered in the monthly Prayer Points. I wonder if, like me, you try to **24/7 Prayer for Wycombe**

We are now into the Advent season, a time of expectant waiting and preparation, when we look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus as a Fellowship and with our family and friends but we have to remember that it won't be a joyous period for everyone. With this in mind there are some events planned or suggested by one or two of the ministries in Wycombe as they work to alleviate the stress on those who are struggling to provide for themselves and/or families not only at Christmas but at other times of the year too.

The One Can Trust is invited to collect non-perishable food at Tesco in High Wycombe from Thursday to Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 9 am to 7 pm. If you feel you would like to be involved in this venture and are able to spare an hour or two, please contact Steph, Project Manager at One Can Foodbank, on 01494 512177 or at [www.onecantrust.org.uk](http://www.onecantrust.org.uk) She will be delighted to hear from you. If you go in for traditional Advent Calendars they have another suggestion on their website whereby you put aside a box and on each day of Advent you pop a can or coin in the box. You can find out all about it on the above website together with a list of items they would appreciate. Failing that their urgent needs as of 8<sup>th</sup> November are – Long life milk, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Spaghetti, Tinned meats (pies, curry, chilli, chicken), Rice (500g or more), Pasta, pasta sauces, Toiletries (shampoo/soap), Washing up Liquid, Loo rolls and Bags for life).

If you would like to volunteer for the Wycombe Homeless Connection, there's still time to sign up to help at the Night Shelter from January 2<sup>nd</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2017 season. If you are not able to make yourself available onsite, there may be something you can do offsite such as laundry, baking cakes, praying etc. There are training sessions available and all the information you need is on their

website. If you feel you would like to support them in another way by giving, there is an updated list, of their needs as of November 14<sup>th</sup> but do call the office ahead to check any changes and to arrange drop off. As I write this the '**Big Sleep Out**' is just three days away when those brave and stoic volunteers will sleep rough around All Saints Church in Wycombe thus experiencing what it's like to be homeless for just one night. You will be able to see the results for yourself on their website well before the next copy of Outlook in February. Let's pray that it will be a huge success bringing in funds for Wycombe Homeless Connection to help many homeless people throughout the year to move on with their lives.

I would like to thank the ladies of the Dorcas Laundry Team at St Michael's and the Methodist Church for all their hard work during the year. Collectively we have prepared a huge amount of clothing which is then packed into Dorcas' handmade carriers and given to families in great need. I would also like to thank all of you who have dropped bags of clothes on my doorstep and knitted and assembled baby blankets; Jo Preston is delighted with all that you have donated and our input has made many struggling Mums very happy.

Do remember street ministries over the Christmas and New Year period – Street Angels who are out at very unsociable hours offering a helping hand, companionship and good conversations with those out on the street very early on a Saturday morning, the Healing on the Streets Team who you can find in Wycombe, close to Millets, on a Saturday afternoon offering healing prayer to members of the public and Chefs for Jesus situated just outside the Parish Church in Wycombe every Saturday morning serving soup with bread, hot drinks and cakes to members of the public; each ministry evident in all weathers.

Lastly, the Christmas Service Card will be in both St Michael's and the Methodist Church early in December. Long before it gets laid out on a table at the back of the church, a huge amount of work takes place preparing it for printing and then a small group of willing helpers pack the cards into streets ready for delivery so that every home in the parish has one. Around 2,500 cards are distributed through letterboxes in the run up to Christmas taking our Ministers' message into every home. Some years ago we had a prayer to say

as we delivered the cards and this year Keith has composed one for us to say before we leave on our travels, which will be included with each pack of cards. We do rely heavily on you all to help with the deliveries and we ask for your support again this year so that all the cards are delivered by the Sunday before Christmas.

Our committed prayer days for this month and next month are Monday December 12<sup>th</sup> and Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. The prayer space will be set up in Church House from 8.00 am to Tuesday 8.00 am with all the usual facilities available. Prayerfully consider signing up for one hour, or part of an hour, bringing before God all the ministries working to help those less fortunate achieve a better life. The signup sheet will be found on the table at the back of the church, around the same time as the Outlook magazine, together with the Prayer Points. I pray that you will all have a blessed Christmas.

**Yvonne Cook**

## **One Can Trust**

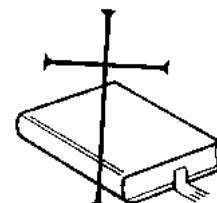
Thanks you for the tremendous support for the Harvest collection. Please look at the website to see a great idea for Advent giving. The current urgent needs are: Longlife milk; tinned tomatoes and spaghetti; Meats suitable for serving hot and cold; rice 500g or 1kg bags; pasta and pasta sauces; shampoo and soap; washing up liquid; loo rolls. Thank you.

**Barbara Willson**

## **From the Parish Registers**

### **Holy Baptisms:**

On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November  
Penelope Grace, daughter of Matthew and Bonnie Larcombe from  
Terriers



## The Departed

Barbara Ethel Chambers, died 2012 aged 85

Eileen Alice Howes, aged 85

Thomas Gerard Sloan, died 1976 aged 69

Kathleen Elva Sloan, died 2013 aged 102

## Communicants - October

### Sundays

2<sup>nd</sup> 22 + 36 = 58

9<sup>th</sup> 25 + 65 = 90

16<sup>th</sup> 20 + 32 = 52

23<sup>rd</sup> 20 + 68 = 88

30<sup>th</sup> 24 + 68 = 92

### Weekdays

18<sup>th</sup> St Luke 7

28<sup>th</sup> Ss Simon and Jude 3

It should be noted that the figures above are communicants *only*, and do not reflect the average 140 adults who attend worship on ordinary Sundays at our usual four services.

## **What is Mothers' Union all about – part 2**

You will probably have seen that last month's Outlook had multiple articles related to Mothers' Union, including one just telling you the basics about Mothers' Union as an organisation.

This month I'd like to tell you what Hughenden Branch Mothers' Union does in support of the life and activities of St. Michael and all Angels. Many activities are initiated and run by Mothers' Union and many others receive a significant level of support from people who just happen to be MU members!

Gosh where do I start?

If we start with the youngest members of our community and church family; MU members ensure that the monthly Tiny Tots service runs smoothly by arriving early and setting out delicious homemade refreshments for both the children and their Mum/Dads/Carers etc. Of course MU also mastermind the very popular Teddy Bears Picnic for pre-school children and their carers, which takes place in June. The Mothers' Union garden is set out with a tables groaning under the weight of child-friendly food and the grass bedecked in picnic

blankets ready for families to occupy as they chat and eat, before enjoying a Bible story and popular activity songs.

The Creche rota for 10.45 services contains the names of many MU members, who want to allow parents of young children to enjoy the service in peace, and so help out with caring for their children in the Creche.

As we go up the age groups, MU members are also a significant part of the support team for our Christmas Unwrapped and Easter Eggsplained sessions, whereby we welcome the Year 6 children from two local schools to partake in activities organised by Wycombe Youth For Christ. MU members provide and serve squash and biscuits to the children when they arrive (including awareness of diabetics and allergy sufferers when necessary). We also offer the teachers and helpers the opportunity to sit and enjoy home-made goodies and coffee in the Vestry, whilst the children are engaged in activities in the Church and North Room. MU members are also the backbone of support for the craft activities in North Room that form a regular part of these sessions.

The coffee after the 10.45 service is regularly served by MU members, whilst Keith and the Ministry Team know that if refreshments are required for any special event such as All Souls Service, certain funerals, Deanery Synod meetings etc. they can always rely on Mothers' Union to step up, supply and serve them with a welcoming smile, and a listening ear if necessary.

But MU does not just do coffee, refreshments and child care. MU Members can regularly be found visiting those of our congregations who are in hospital or housebound and need someone to pop in for a chat. MU also masterminds the Advent Service at the beginning of December, during which a collection is taken to fund a small Christmas gift (plant or biscuits) for up to 30+ residents from the Parish who live alone, or are house-bound. MU members then go on to deliver every single one in the run up to Christmas. The Thank You letters and cards that are regularly received are testimony to the fact that these little gestures mean so much to those who are in receipt of them.

Finally (and it may be that there are still more areas of MU service that I have temporarily forgotten!) MU members can often be seen carrying casserole dishes and containers up to the front doors of

members of our community who are ill or infirm, so that they are relieved of the need to cook a meal that day.

I remember Simon Cronk, when he first arrived as Vicar, commented that on so many occasions, whatever was going on he could turn around and there would be members of the MU Branch serving the congregations and community of St. Michael and All Angels – I am sure that Keith is now feeling the same.

As I said last month if you think that you would like to get involved with any of this, or at least meet the people who are, then check the Church Calendar in Outlook for the first Tuesday of the month and pop along; we will be delighted to welcome you if only just for a chat.

**Jane Tucker**

## **Mothers' Union: November I am Justin – I am a Christian**

At our November meeting Justin Montague was our speaker. He told us about his journey from being a young boy to where he is today, an Ordinand training for the Ministry at Wycliffe Hall, University of Oxford.



Justin was born in a council house in Swindon where he lived with his mother and two brothers. He attended Sunday School and Cub Scouts but was a very restless lad, always wanting to be doing something. Physical activities gave him that release and he threw himself into all sorts of sports. However, he suffered badly from nightmares and he told a friend this. Justin had been to his friend's house on several occasions and noticed that his mother seemed to be talking to herself or singing. He later realized that she was, in fact, praying. His friend asked her to pray for Justin and following this, the nightmares vanished and he felt a sense of peace. Justin had a thirst to know more about Jesus but unfortunately at that time he had no real direction. He did not know what it meant to be a Christian and felt he was walking on the south side of the road but Jesus was on the other side. Through school and university, he did a lot of sport but



felt his faith was part time – he was a plastic Christian with no conviction. He knew there was more, but he put it to the back of his mind as there was always something else he wanted to do first. However, he knew that something was missing. He felt that he was putting faith into his life and not life into his faith.

Following university, where he attained a degree in Sports Science, he received wise words from a priest which led to Justin strongly questioning his lifestyle. 'The Lord was giving me a push', he said. He went to church, studied the Lord's word and crossed back over the road where he felt 'God called me to serve Him'. He did various jobs with the disabled, the elderly, disabled children, etc. He thought the Lord had something for him but he was still not willing. He decided the Military would be the answer so, following very arduous training, he joined the Royal Marines Commandos. He was not a typical Marine; he did not like guns and fighting but in the main he thoroughly enjoyed his eleven years with the Marines, despite the highs and lows. He would go to church at the base in order to find some peace. He had a small bible which went with him to Afghanistan where they were surrounded by insurgents on the front. He saw many upsetting things during this time and also lost several comrades. There were no quiet moments there so Justin just read his bible. He experienced some name-calling and teasing from some of the servicemen but managed to engage with others and had great discussions. Several had a very positive response to his faith and as he put his trust and faith in God, he felt at peace with Him.

After Justin returned from Afghanistan he felt the first call to ministry and chaplaincy. He was very ill for some time with post-traumatic stress syndrome and had eight operations, after which there followed intense rehabilitation. He felt physically at his weakest but strong in the Lord. As many in the bible were called to make big changes in their lives Justin knew he had to make the Lord his priority and be still to let his body heal and give it to God.

The last eighteen months had been incredible and he still has that wonderful sense of peace. He is now engaged to Melissa and they will be married next June. He finished with a few words from St Paul to the Hebrews: *'Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin*

*that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith....'.*

Justin left the Marines in July of this year and began his training for the Ministry in October. We all felt he was an inspiring young man who would one day make a wonderful vicar.

On December 6<sup>th</sup> in Church House we have our annual Advent Service at 7.30 pm, followed by coffee and mince pies. At this time we will also be collecting items for Wycombe Women's Aid - as well as the usual toiletries, underwear, pyjamas, gift vouchers, towels and single duvet covers are always needed. There is no MU meeting in January and the AGM is on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.30 pm in Church House.

**Sylvia Clark**

## **Floodlighting Dedications**

A floodlighting dedication received too late for the **November** magazine was for:

27 November – 3 December: Alison Stacey and family are remembering Rod with much love, especially on 29<sup>th</sup>, his eighth anniversary.

Floodlighting dedications received for **December** are for:

11 – 17 December: Susan and David Jennings and family are remembering with much love their dear daughter Elizabeth Cherry, particularly on 16<sup>th</sup> December, her third anniversary.

There are no dedications for January yet.

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**

## December's Prayer Topics

<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Christians in the Community</u>	- Pray that God will continue with his blessings on us as we plan carol singing in two pubs and the Carols by Candlelight service in Naphill Village Hall.
<u>6<sup>th</sup> Schools - Walters Ash</u>	- For all the hectic activities in the run up to the end of the term to be accomplished within minimal stress for everyone. - That everyone gets an enjoyable Christmas celebration and can return in January with new enthusiasm for the term ahead.
<u>7<sup>th</sup> Valley Friends</u>	- On our 50th anniversary we give thanks for our leader Jill who has served us for 26years, also our committee and every member of V.F. - For having new members to share our friendship. - For comfort for the bereaved family of Marjory Jenkins and comfort for Margaret and family Wallen as they mourn
<u>18<sup>th</sup> Task Groups</u>	- <u>Social and Outreach</u> – Prayers that outreach may become the norm for every single person in our church. What greater gift can we give anyone than helping them to find Jesus Christ.  <u>Youth</u> - Thanks for the year 7-10 youth group (a joint St. Michael's and Speen Baptist initiative), for leaders and young people who attend, wisdom to discern how to encourage development.  - Thanks for all the children/youth and families we will have contact with over the Christmas season via carol services, Christmas unwrapped, Tiny Tots, Christingle and Crib service.  - That all would feel welcomed and catch a fresh glimpse of the importance of Jesus' birth.
<u>20<sup>th</sup> Church Administrators</u>	- For an awareness of the need for clear and effective communication across all the activities, and roles within St. Michael's.
<u>Mission Prayer – Wycliffe</u>	- Prayer for more financial support, as the drop in the value of the pound, combined with regular fluctuations in support from supporters having to decrease or discontinue their financial contributions for example, means many members have recently taken a big hit.
<u>Weekly Prayer Target – Bell Ringers</u>	- Pray that shortage of ringers, who are getting older. They would welcome any person who has rung bells anywhere before or would like to learn to ring to contact us.

## January's Prayer Topics

<p><u>2<sup>nd</sup> Church Wardens/ PCC/ Leadership Team</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pray for a fresh approach in fundraising ideas and new social events to take place</li> <li>- Pray that PCC members can set aside next year's dates to commit to our meetings</li> <li>- Pray for the new members of this year's PCC</li> <li>- Pray for Keith's leadership and vision.</li> </ul>
<p><u>13<sup>th</sup> Gardeners / Grave Diggers</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- That the tasks of the gardeners and the grave diggers are not adversely affected by the weather</li> <li>- That the gardens can always be welcoming to visitors</li> </ul>
<p><u>17<sup>th</sup> Bookstall all who run it and use it</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thanks to God for encouragement. A few people have mentioned recently that they enjoy using the library.</li> <li>- Pray that the books in there will continue to change as the library is used.</li> </ul>
<p><u>23<sup>rd</sup> Men's Breakfast</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For those within and beyond the bounds of our church who are challenged by and struggle with their faith, that they can come along</li> <li>- For those who suffer for or are persecuted for their faith</li> <li>- Thanks for the continuing Christian fellowship of Men's Breakfast</li> </ul>
<p><u>24<sup>th</sup> National Trust</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For all our valuable volunteers for their time and dedication in helping us.</li> <li>- As the new year begins pray for another successful year to protect the manor and land we care for.</li> </ul>
<p><u>31<sup>st</sup> Spring Valley Centre</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For honest and trustworthy management which is client focused and supportive of their staff teams.</li> <li>- For staff morale as their wages are being cut and there are continual changes.</li> <li>- For patience and understanding for staff and clients, and that the new clients settle well into Spring Valley Day Centre.</li> </ul>
<p><u>Mission Prayer – Open Doors</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We need prayer, every day, said a displaced church leader from Iraq told us, when we see pictures of IS (Islamic State) on the television, we're afraid. When we hear that IS has been driven back, we regain hope, so we need prayer every day</li> </ul>
<p><u>Weekly Prayer Target Choir</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- That church members who have musical talents will offer those talents to the Lord.</li> <li>- That the choir and music group will pursue excellence in their musical talents, offering their best to the Lord.</li> <li>- Pray for music leaders to receive guidance and wisdom.</li> </ul>

## THE OLD REMEMBERED FLIGHT

It was the sun's light  
On the bird's breast  
That did it!

Burnished bright in the cold clear light,  
White flashes out from blue,  
And the blue drapes down all dazzling onto green, dowdy green,  
Where pin-head cattle graze and feed on hay.  
And all about the mound above the farm  
Grey trees sway, dead to other worlds,  
Bereft but calm.

And I at year's end  
Watch the bird ascend above the hill  
Higher soon than sun  
Which, just begun,  
Takes its weary turn across the sky.  
Weighted it seems  
Tired of spinning time.  
Yet now, after rain,  
Before approaching showers fall again,  
The sun, new washed, has summoned up brief power  
And in this hour I touch a distant yesterday.  
Now let the old remembered flight begin.  
Be quick!  
The kill-joy clouds are gathering westerly.

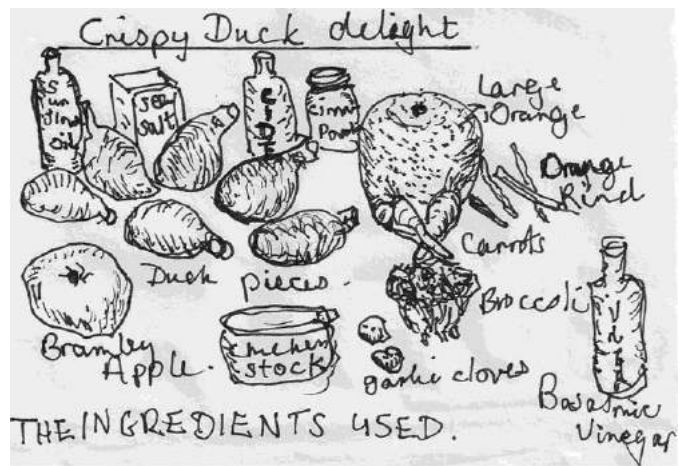
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*Ron Cretchley 20.12.1980*  
*[www.thinkingpoet.co.uk](http://www.thinkingpoet.co.uk)*

# December Recipe

## Crispy Duck Delight

One of my favourite meals around the happy time of Christmas is duck. I love to make an orange sauce and Bramley apple chunks as an accompaniment with a little chopped ginger, either fresh grated or from a jar of ginger in syrup. I also like a little chopped garlic – you could use a small spoonful of ready chopped garlic or two cloves of fresh garlic chopped which makes a good flavour. In addition I use some brown sugar to balance the flavours and some cider.



### Ingredients

6 plump duck thighs or legs

8 tbsps brown sugar (Muscovada if possible)

1 large Bramley apple, peeled, cored and chopped

Some root ginger coarsely grated or some finely chopped ginger in syrup from a jar.

A large pinch of ground cinnamon

½ pt medium dry cider

½ pt chicken or vegetable stock

The thinly pared skin of 1 large orange plus the juice

2 garlic cloves or a tsp of ready chopped

3 tbsps Balsamic vinegar

1 tbsp coarse sea salt

3 tbsps sunflower oil

### Method

Preheat the oven to 170C/150C fan oven or Gas Mark 3. Place the duck in a flameproof dish just large enough to hold it in one layer. Add 6 tbsps of the sugar and the other ingredients, bring it to the boil on the hob and cook for 3 minutes over a medium heat. Then cover the dish with a double layer of tinfoil and transfer to the pre-heated oven for 2½ hrs. After this brush the duck pieces with the Balsamic vinegar, the coarse sea salt and the remaining sugar and put back into the oven for about 15 minutes until everything is hot. Serve the sauce with the duck. Roast potatoes, broccoli and chopped carrots go well with this dish.

**Ann Way**

## December Calendar

Thur	1	9:30 am	Toddler Group: Church
		3:30 pm	Messy Church: Cryers Hill Methodist Church
		7:00 pm	Hughenden Scout & Cub Carol Service
Sun	4		<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
		9.00 am	Sung Communion
		10.45 am	Informal Family Service with JC Club
		6.00 pm	Service of readings and music for Advent
Mon	5	1:00 pm	Visit by St George's CE Infant School
Tues	6	7:30 pm	Mothers' Union: Church House
Wed	7	1:00 pm	Knit and Natter: Church House
		6:00 pm	Hughenden Guides and Brownies Carol Concert
Thur	8	9:30 am	Toddler Group: Church
		10:30 am	Tiny Tots' Service: Church
Fri	9	10:30 am	Visiting Bellringers
Sun	11		<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.45 am	Family Communion with JC Club
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Mon	12	8:00 am	24 hours of prayer for High Wycombe: Church House
		7:30 pm	Visiting Bellringers
Tues	13	10:00 am	Visiting Bellringers
Wed	14	9:30 am	Christmas Unwrapped: Church
		12:30 pm	Hughenden Primary Christmas Presentation: Church
		7:30 pm	Alpha Christmas Party: Vicarage
Thur	15	9:30 am	Christmas Unwrapped: Church
		10:30 am	Friendship Morning: Church House
		1:00 pm	Christmas Unwrapped: Church
Sun	18		<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Sung Communion
		10.45 am	Informal Family Service with JC Club
		6:00 pm	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
Mon	19	2:00 pm	Great Kingshill CE Primary School Christmas Service: Church
Sat	24		<b>Christmas Eve</b>
		9:00 pm	Holy Communion
		3:00 pm	Crib Service
		11:15 pm	Midnight Mass
Sun	25		<b>Christmas Day</b>
		8:00 am	Holy Communion (Said)
		9:00 am	Choral Communion
		11:00 am	Family Communion
		5:00 pm	Carols by Candlelight followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Mon	26		<b>Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr</b> No service at St Michael's but we are warmly invited to join our friends at St Francis Terriers for their communion service at 10 am
Tues	27		<b>John, Apostle and Evangelist</b>
		10:00 am	Holy Communion (30 minutes)
Wed	28		<b>The Holy Innocents</b> No service at St Michael's but we are warmly invited to join our friends at St Francis Terriers for their communion service at 10 am

## January Calendar

Sun	1		<b>Naming and Circumcision of Jesus</b>
		10:00 am	Sung Communion. NB This will be the only service in our church today.
Wed	4	1:00 pm	Knit and Natter: Church House
Fri	6		<b>Epiphany</b>
		10:30 am	Visiting Bellringers
		7:30 pm	Sung Eucharist
Sun	8		<b>Baptism of Christ</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.45 am	Family Communion with JC Club
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Mon	9	8:00 am	24 hours of prayer for High Wycombe: Church House
Thur	12	9:30 am	Toddler Group: Church
		10:30 am	Tiny Tots' Service: Church
Sun	15		<b>Second Sunday of Epiphany</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Sung Communion
		10.45 am	Informal Family Service with JC Club
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Thur	19	9:30 am	Toddler Group: Church
		10:30 am	Friendship Morning: Church House
Sun	22		<b>Third Sunday of Epiphany</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.45 am	Family Communion with JC Club
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Wed	25		<b>Conversion of Paul</b>
		10:00 am	Holy Communion (30 minutes)
Sat	28	10:00 am	Wedding preparation morning: Church House
Sun	29		<b>Fourth Sunday of Epiphany</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.45 am	Family Communion with JC Club
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)



# The Lectionary – December 2016

Date	Lesson	Readers		
		8.00 am/6 pm	9.00 am	10.45 am
<b>4th</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>			
	Isaiah 11, 1 – 10	J White	A Johnson	S Clark
	Romans 15, 4 – 13	P Hynard	H Farrar-Hockley	
	Matthew 3, 1 – 12	Priest	Priest	
	Evensong: Psalms 11 & 28			
	1 Kings 18, 17 – 39	B Brice		
	John 1, 19 - 28	S Brice		
<b>11th</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>			
	Isaiah 35, 1 – 10	J Wilson	D or H Lowe	J Steel
	James 5, 7 – 10	L Smit	R or A Gee (check	S Devereux
	Matthew 11, 2 – 11	Priest	which lesson)	Priest
	Psalm at 9am: 146			
	Evensong: Psalms 12 & 14			
	Isaiah 5, 8 – 30	L Stallwood		
	Acts 13, 13 – 41	E Bailey		
<b>18th</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>			
	Isaiah 7, 10 – 16	C Carter	J Palmer	Leader
	Romans 1, 1 – 7	J Holmes	J or C Tyrer	
	Matthew 1, 18 – 25	Priest	Priest	
	No Evensong : Festival of Nine			
	Lessons and Carols			
<b>24th</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	9 am		
	2 Samuel 7, 1 – 5, 8 -11 & 16	L Smit		
	Acts 13 16 – 26	L Stallwood		
	Luke 1, 67 - 79	Priest		
<b>25th</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>			
	Midnight (11-15pm)	8 am	9 am	<b>11 am</b>
OT:	F Hawkins	J Dauncey	A Moore	R Smith (check
NT:	S Brice	A Johnson	A Jaycock	Which lesson)
	There are three groups of readings. Readers will be advised which group is to be used at each service by the celebrant	<b>Group I</b> Isaiah 9, 2 - 7 Titus 2, 11 – 14 Luke 2, 1 – 14[15 – 20]	<b>Group II</b> Isaiah 62, 6 – 12 Titus 3, 4 - 7 Luke 2 [1 – 7] 8 - 20	<b>Group III</b> Isaiah 52, 7 – 10 Hebrews 1,1-4 [5 – 12] John 1, 1 - 14
<b>27th</b>	<b>John, Apostle and Evangelist</b>	10 am		
	Exodus 33, 7 – 11a	I Cretchley		
	1 John 1	B Doran		
	John 21, 19b - 25	Priest		

# The Lectionary – January 2017

Date	Lesson	Readers		
		8.00 am/6.00pm	9.00 am	10.45 am
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Naming and Circumcision of Jesus</b>			
	Numbers 6, 22 – 27		S Badrick	
	Galatians 4, 4 – 7		S Brice	
	Luke 2, 15 – 21		Priest	
	<b>NB: There is only one service today: at <u>10 am</u></b>			
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Epiphany</b>	7-30pm		
	Isaiah 60, 1 - 6	S Brice		
	Ephesians 3, 1 – 12	A Jaycock		
	Matthew 2, 1 - 12	Priest		
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Baptism of Christ</b>			
	Isaiah 42, 1 – 9	J Wilson	E Sadler	P Joy
	Acts 10, 34 – 43	J Holmes	L Stallwood (check	S Devereux
	Matthew 3, 13 – 17	Priest	which lesson)	Priest
	Psalm at 9 am: 29			
	Evensong: Psalms 46 & 47			
	Joshua 3, 1 – 8 & 14 - 17	M Morgan		
	Hebrews 1, 1 – 12	B Brice		
<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Second Sunday of Epiphany</b>			
	Isaiah 49, 1 – 7	J Dauncey	J Palmer	Leader
	1 Corinthians 1, 1 – 9	J White	B Brice	
	John 1, 29 – 42	Priest	Priest	
	Evensong: Psalm 96			
	Ezekiel 2, 1 - 3, 4	AJ/L Smit		
	Galatians 1, 11 – 24	E Bailey		
<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Third Sunday of Epiphany</b>			
	Isaiah 9, 1 – 4	A Stacey	H or D Lowe	H Byrne
	1 Corinthians 1, 10 – 18	C Carter	A Moore (check	L Comley
	Matthew 4, 12 – 23	Priest	which lesson)	Priest
	Psalm at 9am: 27			
	Evensong: Psalm 33			
	Ecclesiastes 3, 1 - 11	L Stallwood		
	1 Peter 1, 3 – 12	B Doran		
<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Conversion of Paul</b>	<b>10 am</b>		
	Jeremiah 1, 4 - 10	L Smit		
	Acts 9, 1 – 22	TBA		
	Matthew 19, 27 - 30	Priest		
<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Epiphany</b>			
	1 Kings 17, 8 – 16	A Johnson	H Farrar-Hockley	F Hawkins
	1 Corinthians 1, 18 – 31	J Holmes	R or A Gee (check	D Hawkins
	John 2, 1 - 11	Priest	which lesson)	Priest
	Psalm at 9am 36			
	Evensong: Psalm 34			
	Genesis 28, 10 – 22	B Brice		
	Philemon 1 - 16	S Brice		

# Regular Meetings and Organisations



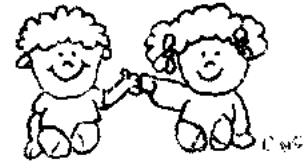
## Friendship Morning

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.

**Penny Austin – 01494 529596**

## Babies & Toddlers @ St. Michael's

Babies and Toddlers @ St. Michael's meets every Thursday in term time from 0930 -1130 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:rebecca@wycombeyfc.org.uk)

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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*

*Peace on earth, goodwill to all.*