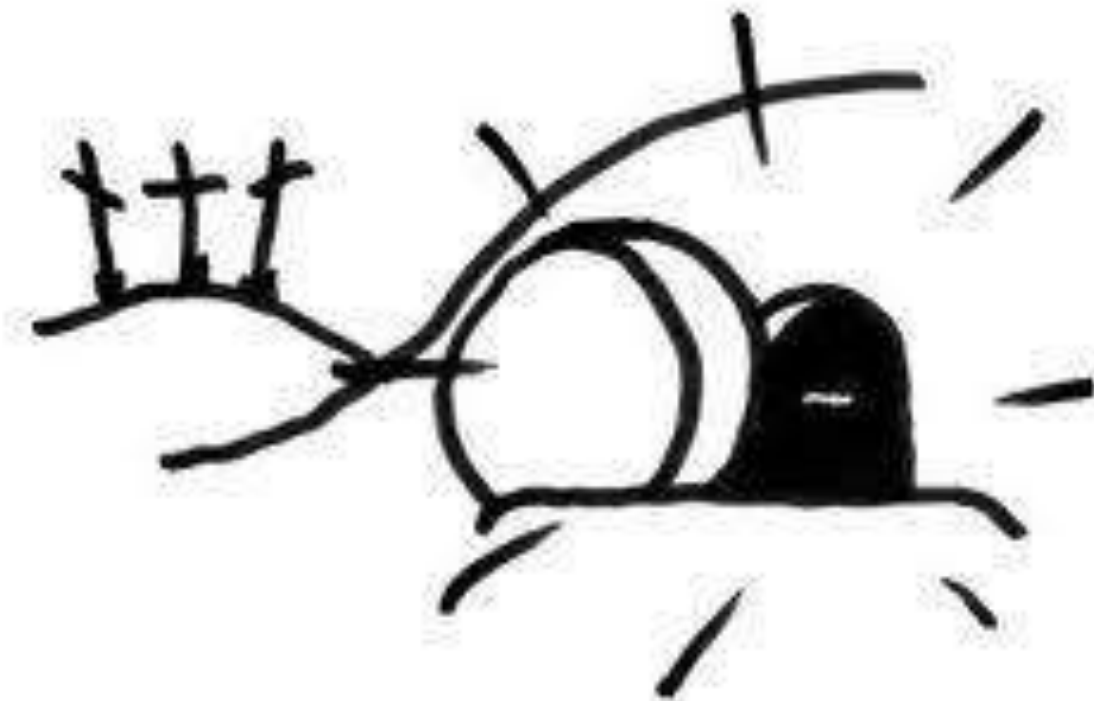




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Welcome to Your Church

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,

This Easter edition of Outlook contains much that is challenging about our troubled worlds: an explanation of the Eagle project from the Mothers' Union, an account of the work that the Santanas are to do in Brazil, and a report of the talk to the Men's Breakfast on life in Gaza.

Nearer to home, we include details of the Marriage Course being offered, and the work of the PCC. Both of these provide challenges of a different sort.

Easter is a time for all Christian's to reassess - perhaps after a period of abstinence of reflection during Lent - an approach to Faith, to life, or to relationships, as we reflect of the sacrifice and suffering borne for us.

The wonder of that first Easter and what it might have meant for 'ordinary' people is described in Keith's forward which captures the impact it must have had on the witnesses to those world changing events.

Whatever challenges faced by you and those whom you love this Easter tide, may you be strengthened and supported by the Love of Our Saviour.

**Jane and Christopher Tyrer
Editors**

From the Vicarage April

Last month I wrote about discipleship – what it means to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, and how such a pursuit might impact different areas of our lives. Lent is a perfect time to take time aside for personal reflection, and indeed I am writing these words whilst on retreat in the beautiful Oxfordshire countryside, looking out of my bedroom window at daffodils blooming in the garden, birds in full song, getting ready for Spring, and idyllic rolling countryside as far as the eye can see.

We can each find different ways to recharge. For me,



going somewhere quiet: be it on retreat, or onto a pebble beach to throw stones in the foaming sea - or finding a quiet corner of Hughenden works for me.

I do not consider that I always set a good example when it comes to work and rest, but I try to. Whenever I am still in God's presence, having turned off my phone, put aside all distractions, and turned my

focus entirely upon him – perhaps by lighting a candle, playing some quiet reflective music, or reading an inspiring passage from the Bible, time can fly by and I can find it liberating on occasions. What a great idea, I say to myself: I must do this more often – and then life takes over, and my next extended time of prayer and reflection is far more distant than it ought to be.

Have you ever thought about writing a day of rest and prayer into your diary? Why not go for a ramble in the countryside, or invite friends around to pray together, if you find that more helpful and, especially, if getting out is not so easy for you.

Holy Week will soon be upon us. If you are part of our worshipping community, or indeed another worshipping community, then Holy Week might well hold special significance for you, as together we relive those final few days of the earthly life of Christ: from the adulation and joy of Palm Sunday, to the powerful and hugely significant Last Supper on Maundy

Thursday, the despair and desolation of Good Friday, before the disbelief of Holy Saturday leading to sheer jubilation of Easter Sunday.

Even if you do not attend a Church regularly, no doubt you will be familiar with the Gospel accounts of that last week – and especially of the final words and deeds of the Son of God. But have you ever thought how it must have been for those who were not necessarily part of Jesus' inner circle of disciples, and yet became eyewitnesses of all that came to pass?

Imagine you are a Jewish resident of Jerusalem, and you find yourself present on Palm Sunday, as the prophet they call Jesus of Nazareth is hailed as a King and Son of David, as He enters Jerusalem on a baby donkey. You are familiar with the prophecies with which you have been brought up, and you join with the crowd in welcoming him in, and waving palm leaves. You are curious about this rabbi – and you know that he is a powerful speaker and is quite a charismatic personality -but some are saying that he is the Messiah – could this be true?

Having shared in the Passover meal with your family a few

nights later, you hear the following morning that Jesus has been arrested and sentenced to death. You weren't present when Pilate washed his hands of all responsibility, but you hear that many in the crowd turned against Jesus, egged on by the Temple leaders.

The next day or two is all a bit of a blur, you catch a glimpse of Jesus carrying His cross to the place of shame and crucifixion, and yet you stay away, for fear of reprisal from the Roman soldiers. Many of Jesus' disciples have gone into hiding, and look broken men and women.

But then everything changes overnight – the news of Jesus' resurrection spreads like wildfire around Jerusalem, and the surrounding area. At first you are sceptical – but when you hear it from those who have seen Jesus for themselves, your doubts dissolve.

That anonymous bystander joins the Christian Church on its birthday, the Day of Pentecost, and your life is never the same again. Your name isn't recorded in any holy books for posterity, but you live out your new life with gratitude and enthusiasm, telling all who were listen that you were

around at the time of Jesus Christ – He really did walk the earth and live and breathe, and spoke words with such power and sincerity, and through faith in Him you too can share in the inheritance that comes from His death and resurrection.

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed – Hallelujah!



Keith

Date Change: Tiny Tots

Please note in April: The Tiny tots service will be on third Thursday 20th April, not the usual second Thursday, due to the school Easter holidays.

Rev. Helen Peters

Communicants February

Sundays:

5th 19 + 37 = 56

12th 20 + 71 = 91

19th 16 + 32 = 58

26th 27 + 84 = 111

There were no weekday celebrations this month

From the Parish Registers

The Departed:

Peter Charles Stone, died 2012, aged 81

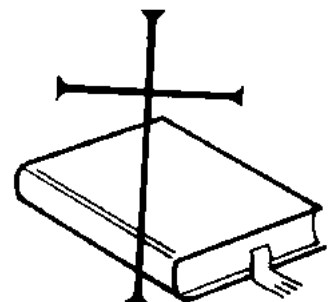
Sylvia May Anne Stone, aged 84

Aubrey John Honour, aged 88

Annie Brown, aged 87

Sheila Collins, aged 83

Rita Mary Williamson, aged 83



The Best Investment Tip for 2017

“Surely not!” we hear you cry. “Has Outlook really turning its hand to providing investment advice?” Well, we’re only continuing a Church tradition that is now almost 2,000 years old!

When we married, we chose an excerpt from Colossians as an alternative to the 1 Corinthians 13 reading often used during wedding services. Colossians 3:12-14 reads:

As God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

We strove to bear this passage in mind as we embarked on married life. However, eleven years on, we had the opportunity to pause and reflect when some friends invited us to attend The Marriage Course. Their offer was to help us make perhaps the most important investment decision of our lives: to invest in our marriage.

The course helped us recognise that as much as our love had grown, we had started to become more insular with some of our thoughts and feelings. We were both working hard and had settled into a daily rhythm of going to and from work, eating dinner, settling the children and then doing our own activities. We were happy but we realised we weren’t being as open with each other as we could be and weren’t sharing our frustrations, preventing those crucial acts of forgiveness. It was as if life was starting getting in the way of our marriage. The Marriage Course gave us time, space and strength to focus on each other and our relationship. It also provided practical ideas on how to continue the new found momentum when the course had finished. Since then, we’ve been able to talk (and listen!) more openly about our feelings, we’ve learnt not to take our marriage for granted and we’ve seen that our marriage takes dedication and effort to keep the fun and romance alive.

Ben and Jo Sharp



Navigate life together

Seven sessions to help couples
strengthen their relationship

The
Marriage
Course

themarriagecourse.org

The Marriage Course - from Thursday 4th May 2017

The Marriage Course consists of 7 'date nights', set in a romantic atmosphere, and is for couples of any faith who are in a married or cohabiting relationship, no matter how long or short a time they have been together. Some couples do the course to invest in their relationship, others come for help. Either way, the course offers a lifetime of practical ideas and tools to help keep your relationship strong.

A different topic will be covered each week, with all discussions totally private between each couple: background music is played so you can't hear couples on other tables and they can't hear you. After we welcome you for the evening, you'll be shown to a candlelit table and served a meal. You'll then listen to practical talks that are informative, fun and include video clips of couples sharing



their own experiences. There is no group work and you will never be asked to share anything about your relationship with anyone other than your partner.

Testimonies about The Marriage Course (from www.htb.org):

We nearly didn't come... this year has been extremely hard... we came to a brick wall and didn't know how to get through it. It has totally changed things around. We are going to get our marriage blessed next and have a fresh start.

It was a fantastic atmosphere. Although we were amongst all these people I felt we were on a tropical island just the two of us. It was a great feeling just to spend time together.

Practical information:

The course will run every Thursday from 4th May, except for 1st June (half-term break). The last session will be on 22nd June.

The course will be held at Church House.

Each session starts with a meal, served from 7.00 pm. About half an hour later, the evening's topic is introduced. The sessions will end at 9.30 pm.

Donations of £10 per couple per week will be requested to help cover the costs of the meal and running the course. However, we don't want anyone to miss out because they cannot afford it so please get in touch if the cost is an issue.

If you would like to book a table, please call us on 01494 569483 or email course@hughendenparishchurch.org.uk

For further information, FAQs and testimonies, please visit: www.themarriagecourses.org

Ben and Jo Sharp

What's it all about? – 4

This is the fourth in a series of articles about governance in the Church of England, with reference to St Michael and All Angels.

What's it all about? – 4. The PCC

The Parochial Church Council is the Parliament of the Parish Church. Before 1919, matters of administration and finance were the exclusive province of the



Incumbent and the Churchwardens, but then gave way to the desirability of both to have a wider involvement by the laity in how a Church was administered. The current rules of engagement are set out in the Church Representation Rules 2017 which have just come into force.

The PCC is elected annually at the AVM [Annual Vestry Meeting] and the APCM [Annual Parish Church Meeting]. All members, including the Churchwardens are elected every year. In the case of Churchwardens, the advisory rule is that, if annually re-elected, a total term of six years should be regarded as the maximum in order to give more people the opportunity of serving in this way. For members of the PCC, they may serve for a continuous period of three years, if annually re-elected, but may stand again if they so desire for a further term. There is a power to limit the number of re-elections, if the

PCC so desires. St
Angels PCC has
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Electoral Roll. Individuals may apply to be entered on to the Roll if they are communicant members of the Church of England or a Church in Communion with the Church of England, living within the Parish and regularly attending Church or, if living outside the Parish, habitually attending Church during the six months immediately prior to enrolment or someone who declares him or herself to be a member of the Church and again has habitually attended the Church for six months prior to application for enrolment. There is a form to be completed, of which there are always copies in Church, which sets out all the conditions.

The Electoral Roll fulfils a number of uses. It identifies those who are willing to undertake responsibility for the Church and its affairs; it is used to calculate entitlement to vote at the AVM and APCM and to participate in elections for the PCC and the Deanery Synod and, indeed, the number of people who can be elected for both.

There should be no doubt the importance of the commitment. In addition to being a member of the PCC: successful candidates are expected, obviously, to attend formal PCC Meetings about five times a year [very occasionally there are Extraordinary Meetings to decide discrete matters that cannot wait] and, additionally, to join sub groups and task groups of the PCC. Every member of the PCC is linked to a particular activity within the Church and reports to PCC upon that activity so that PCC is kept abreast of what is going on across the Church functions and, in turn, the particular activity is informed of any decisions made by the PCC affecting them.

At the back of the Parish magazine and in the Annual Report booklet, there are lists of all the activities that are carried out by and within the Church family. Most also require assistance and membership by those who are not members of the PCC and, every year, there are calls for more volunteers to help them. There are never enough volunteers and there is always room for more people to come forward and offer themselves for service within the family.

The “job description” for members of the PCC is:

- For consultation between themselves and the Incumbent on matters of general concern and importance to the parish;
- To cooperate with the Incumbent in promoting within the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical;
- To consider and discuss matter concerning the Church of England, excluding doctrinal matters;
- To put into effect decisions of the Diocesan and Deanery Synods;
- Giving advice to the Diocesan and Deanery Synods;
- Raising appropriate matters with the Diocesan and Deanery Synods.

The main rights and responsibilities of the PCC include:

- To be consulted on all matters of importance within the Parish;
- To decide, with the Incumbent, on how PCC money is spent;
- To be responsible for maintaining and repairing all Church buildings and the contents, the churchyard and walls, fences and hedges; to raise money for these purposes and to make sure that work is done properly;
- To receive a copy of the Quinquennial Report, made every five years, under the Inspection of Churches Measures and to carry out necessary work;
- To provide adequate insurance for public and private liability claims;
- To be responsible for legal obligations under Health and Safety, Data Protection, Food and Copyright legislation;
- To be responsible for Child Protection legislation.
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In practice it will be apparent already how the responsibilities, in the first instance, are covered, for instance, by the Churchwardens but anyone thinking of offering for membership of the PCC should be fully acquainted with the obligations that membership brings.

Next time... Task Groups and Sub Groups.

Christopher Tyrer

Mothers' Union News: Excerpt from news letter

The Eagle project

Church and Community Mobilisation (CCM) is an approach adopted by Mothers' Union in developing countries to help communities break free from dependency and self-solve issues such as poverty – both spiritually and physically. A key step for developing CCM is to ensure the local community takes ownership of the process. This means Mothers' Union at the local level will name their own adaptation. "Eagle" is the name Mothers' Union Uganda members have chosen for their own process of CCM.



Started in 2014, Eagle has helped around 15,000 people so far using a three-step process:

- Envisioning the church: Bible studies help congregations realise that, with God's help, they can be the masters of their own change rather than always relying on outside agencies to help. Eagle groups then start their own projects to test and apply the learning.
- Envisioning the community: the church takes what they have learnt to community leaders. Together they identify the needs of the community and 'dream dreams.'
- to come up with solutions.
- Taking action and working together: A committee of members from both the church and wider community oversee these dreams being put into action and monitor its progress.

Eagle really brings tangible and holistic change particularly in the following areas:

Relationships with God, others (including the vulnerable) and the environment

Eagle helps people develop a more active prayer life, and learn not just to read the Bible but how to actually apply it to their lives. As a result, people spoke of having a real relationship with God for the first time.

People also start to look outwards to their community. For example, in South Ankole, people now take more time to care for the vulnerable.

Eagle has helped people in Madi, West Nile, to realise the impact they have on the environment. As a result they have stopped cutting down trees and are using compost, removing plastic bags and cleaning up their communities. Farming communities who have been seriously affected by drought caused by climate change have learnt new techniques to overcome this and improve the amount and quality of the food they eat across the year.

Local initiative and use of resources

In South Ankole, Eagle has helped people start businesses such as a banana plantation, piggeries, chicken-rearing, soap production, crafts and brick-making. Groups have learnt to share expertise instead of competing and the income they make supports their family's needs, such as buying a bicycle and sending their children to school.

Improved health and sanitation

Eagle has helped people construct new latrines, bathing shelters and drying racks. Families have also learnt the importance of keeping their homes clean and well maintained.

Some dioceses have also successfully helped their communities to access health screening. For example, in Madi, West Nile, the Eagle clean-up of the community football ground and road clearing paved the way for the government to immunise children.

Improved gender relations

Another important outcome of Eagle has been that women gain more of a say in family decision-making. For example, traditionally the husband decided how money was spent but many couples now work together to form a family budget and ensure there is enough to cover everyone's needs. We have also seen that women are taking on more leadership roles in the church.

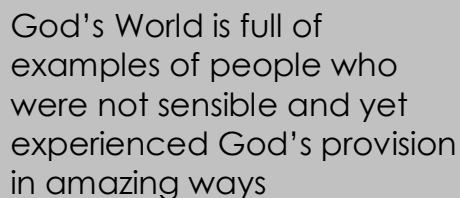
You can read more about Mothers' Union's Eagle programme and other CCM programmes at <http://www.mothersunion.org/our-focus/supporting-family-life/community-development/church-community-mobilisation-process>

Levi and Debora Santana

The following is a letter from Levi and Deborah Santana. Levi is preaching to us in May. The sponsored diets being undertaken in Church are in aid of the family's future work, here described.

Because we can... and we must!

In recent months asked us why we Goiania, Brazil. as to why we leave our life in



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many people have are going to Many are puzzled would want to England to live in

an unfair, increasingly violent and economically broken nation. Many others are shocked to hear that we are leaving the "security" provided by having a salary, with two young children, to live from gift income. Some are surprised to hear that we have no Plan B. And, in many ways, we agree with them! We agree that it is not sensible to exchange what seems certain for the uncertain, that which we know for the unknown. But we also know that God's plans are not always "sensible". The cross is not sensible. God's choice to partner with us to fulfil His mission on earth is not sensible. God's World is full of examples of people who were not sensible and yet experienced God's provision in amazing ways. So we have decided that we will not live a "sensible" life, if that means we will fulfil God's purpose for our lives.

In January 2015, during a short visit to Goiania, we were struck by the huge number of people (many children) who were living on the streets of the city centre. In Goiania, formerly known as a sleepy city with a countryside atmosphere, people are now using and dealing drugs in broad daylight. We talked to a local pastor about it all and he described the situation as a "crack epidemic" and a "pest" that was out of control. It was also clear that, although there are many churches in the city centre, and in fact all over the city, very few organisations or churches are doing work to support people who are living on street or struggling with addiction.

When we remember all those men, women and children who are considered to be a sort of pest in society, we are reminded of when Jesus looks at the crowds and has compassion on them, 'because

they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd' (Matt 9:36). When confronted with such brokenness Jesus tells his disciples to pray for more workers to help in the harvest. We find this fascinating: Jesus did not see the crowds as a pest: he saw them as a harvest in waiting... This how we feel about the people we saw in Goiania. They are precious to God and we have a heart to see many of them set free from addiction and given new dignity by the Good News of Jesus. So we said yes to that challenge not just because we can, but because we must!

In saying yes to this challenge we will have the opportunity to return to the country we both grew up in. The place is familiar, we speak the language, and we will be near family and friends, but we do not feel we are going home. We have changed. We are less Brazilian than we were when we first arrived in England... we are a hybrid version of our former selves. So we are aware we will have many challenges in adapting to the Brazilian way of living, but we are excited to recover the good elements of our first culture. Having said that we shall look forward to seasons of rest at "home" in England, an opportunity to see our friends and family, and to reconnect.

So what is it we hope to do in Brazil?

Our aim is to reach out to the most marginalised living on the streets of the city centre (particularly crack-cocaine addicts and children), support and train local leadership and equip the church for local mission. In partnership with a local church we hope to set up a food bank and to form and train a team to work on the streets looking for ways to share the Gospel of Jesus with them (Street Church), as well as providing food, clothes and dignity through to haircuts and other small treatments (Social Bank).

Debora wants to serve through her work as a beautician: by showing love to women through beauty treatments. She also wants to teach girls how to work as beauticians, which may give them an alternative to drug dealing or prostitution. Levi hopes to train people for local mission, teach English to disadvantaged kids, and to set up a network of organisations and professionals who can offer different services and skills to those who most need them. But his focus will be to walk

the streets to get to know people, offering opportunities for them to leave the streets in partnership with local rehab. centres.

We are passionate to see people coming to faith in Jesus and this will be our primary focus. All other activities will flow out of this primary passion and hope, as they are a response to human need inspired by God's love. We are excited and cannot wait to see what God will do; after all, He is in the business of multiplication, taking the little we bring to feed thousands (Mark 6:41-44).

We are hoping to start our training with Church Mission Society in April 2017, so we can be ready to move to Goiania by the end of July 2017.

Church Mission Society

Levi and Debora Santana mentioned the Church Mission Society (CMS) in their letter, and some people may be wondering just what this organisation is. "We are a community of people who have been set free to follow God's call in mission" is the answer from Church Mission Society. For more than 200 years, CMS has enabled people to put their call into action, and now has mission partners working in more than 40 countries across the world.

Levi and Debora have heard God's call to work among marginalised people in Brazil and will follow their calling as CMS mission partners. Before they go to Brazil, CMS will ensure they have received good training and have enough support in place. CMS will then keep in touch, encourage them in their work, oversee finance, offer advice when needed, visit them to see their work, and meet with them when they visit UK.

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with prayer, finance and friendship. They in turn will also pray for us! They will send us letters about their work, with matters to pray for, and will visit us when they come to UK. As far as CMS is concerned, the role of a link church is essential. It's not just supporting mission. It IS mission!

Our son Paul and his wife Sarah, who are also CMS mission partners, have been able to follow their calling to work with young people and

children in Peru for nearly ten years now. They have just spent two months in UK, during which time they drove nearly 3000 miles to visit and speak at their eleven link churches, which are scattered across the country. With three little girls in tow, this was no mean achievement, but the relationships with their supporters in the wider CMS community are so vital to them, that it is time well spent. The church congregations appreciate hearing the latest news and catching up with the family in person. Friendships are renewed and new relationships begun.

CMS has an excellent website at www.churchmissionsociety.com where you can find out more about the community. Have a look at it and read about a surgeon in Rwanda or an occupational therapist in Malawi, a translator in Paraguay or a community chaplain in Bradford, all CMS mission partners and part of the CMS community.

"I love this big, supportive, prayerful and loving family" wrote one mission partner about CMS recently. What a great community to be part of!

Charlotte Tester

Good Companions

The April meeting of the Good Companions Club is on Thursday 6th April when we shall be having an illustrated talk by Roger Wilding entitled 'Along the Chiltern Way'. This sounds to be an interesting afternoon.

As always, this afternoon will include tea and cake and a small raffle to which all members contribute. As always, we welcome new members.

Sheila Vesey

Another Hughenden

For the last 25 years I have been corresponding with a lady called Marjorie in Hughenden, Australia. This all came about when our then Vicar, the Revd John Eastgate, introduced me to a gentleman visiting our Church from this other Hughenden. He told us that we at St Michael's had sent them a pair of candlesticks which sat proudly on the Altar at St Thomas' Anglican Church and they would very much like to keep in touch.

Hughenden Australia, is named after Hughenden Manor and is in the state of Queensland , 376 km(234 miles) from Townsville and 1400 km (870 miles) from Brisbane.

Marjorie was a member of The Mothers' Union at St Thomas' and always sent all their good wishes to us all at St Michael's.

Sadly she has had to move away as she is now in her nineties and needs to be near her family. She is in a lovely care home but still writes regularly.

Sara Badrick

A visit to Hughenden

In April of the year 2000 my wife Margaret and I spent four weeks travelling in Australia. We had both retired and our daughter Sarah was based near Melbourne for several months. This was the perfect excuse to make a trip of a lifetime.

Travelling south from Cairns towards Brisbane we made a detour to visit Hughenden. By staying two nights at Charters Towers, known for its gold mining, we were able to make a day-trip to Hughenden. Knowing of the link between the two Hughendens, and being this near, we simply had to go there.

Along the 150 miles to Hughenden signs of habitation were the three with a petrol station, plus one or two houses and a restaurant or shop.

In Buckinghamshire, Hughenden has its stream. In Queensland, at Hughenden in Queensland, the River flows through the area and overflows in the wet season.

In the centre of Hughenden, we discovered that St. Thomas's Church was very close. The church that we visited was of timber with white painted boarding. This was built in the 1950s, replacing the original Victorian church.



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There was a real feeling of connection, especially after noticing the silver candlesticks on the altar. These candlesticks came from St. Michael and All Angels when the original church was built.



Before leaving Hughenden our visit was completed when we met Marjorie Mc Nally. Our day-trip to Hughenden had been truly memorable.

Alan Jaycock

April Recipe

Orthodox Lamb for Easter

Many Christians are unaware of the origins of the word 'Easter' which was actually a pagan festival long before Christ was born. Easter as a name was derived from Eostre, the Anglo-Saxon goddess, or the Norse-Saxon goddess Ostara, to celebrate the coming of Spring. Some people wondered how, if Jesus died on Good Friday and Sunday, it was three days and three nights in the tomb. This is explained by the fact that he did not actually die on Good Friday. The Chaldeans, (in ancient times from the southern part of Babylonia) offered cakes to 'Ishtar' (another variation of the goddess) on the equivalent of the day we know as Good Friday. When the established Church wanted to appease the pagan people in order to convert them to Christianity, they moved the dates accordingly. Jesus actually died on the day of preparation for Passover Week, which that year was on the Wednesday. Thursday was the Sabbath of the Passover. On Friday Christ was still in the

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tomb; Saturday was the 'regular' Sabbath; Jesus rose the day after the Saturday Sabbath was concluded which was the first day of the week.

However, let us remember that the real focus is that **Jesus is alive and with us now!**

My recipe for this month is from a Greek cook book I bought in the island of Thassos, famous for its wonderful marble. The first Christian church in Greece is built in marble from this area and stands on a very beautiful peninsula there. St Paul was familiar with the mainland of Greece near Thassos and most probably encouraged the building of this marble church on this beautiful island. The remains are still there and I have wandered through them often.

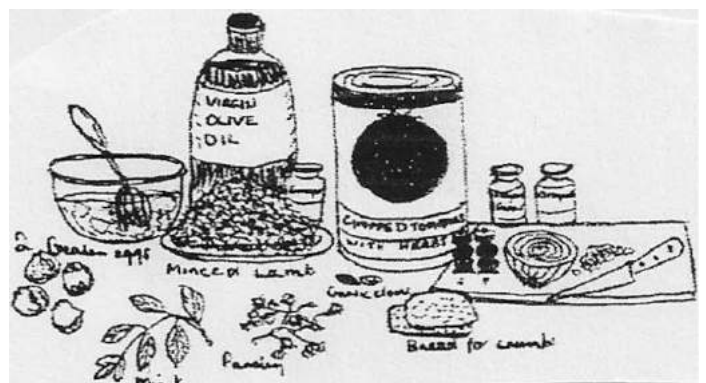
Lamb is the traditional Greek Easter food so I have decided to give you meatballs called Kefthetes, served with a delicious tomato and red wine sauce.

Ingredients for the Meatballs

1 lb minced lamb
1 medium onion chopped finely
2 oz breadcrumbs
1 large egg beaten
6 mint leaves or 1 level tsp dried mint
Approx. 1 dessertspoon of fresh parsley, chopped
½ tsp dried marjoram or oregano
Good pinch each of ground cinnamon and ground ginger
¼ tsp cayenne pepper
Salt
Olive oil for frying

For the Tomato and Wine Sauce

1 x 500gm tin chopped tomatoes with herbs
1 heaped tsp tomato puree
1 large shallot or small onion, chopped
1 clove of garlic, crushed
Pinch of paprika
Salt and pepper
2 tablespoons red wine



Method

Make the sauce by frying the finely chopped onion until just translucent, add the chopped parsley and crushed garlic and stir. Then add the tomato puree, the tin of tomatoes and the wine. Add a few extra dried mixed herbs if the tomatoes are not herb-flavoured. Sprinkle in the cayenne and paprika and about half a pint of water. Simmer gently, covered, for about half an hour until it is nice and thick but pourable. Keep an eye on it and stir occasionally so that it does not dry out.

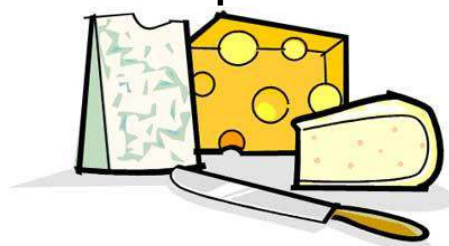
Make the meatballs by mixing the minced lamb with the breadcrumbs, beaten egg, finely chopped onion, dried herbs and spices and a little salt and pepper. Form into rounds about 1½ inches thick. Heat the olive oil in a large frying pan and fry the meatballs, turning frequently until golden brown. Drain on absorbent kitchen paper.

Add the meatballs to the sauce and simmer for about 15 minutes, then serve with rice or little pasta shells, Greek-style salad and some crusty bread.

Ann Way

Valley Friends

‘Cheese is Milk’s Leap towards Immortality’



Jill welcomed us to the meeting and thanked everyone for their good wishes and support during her recent health problems. We thank Heather Mayer for bravely taking over as leader at this time. Following the announcements, Jill introduced our speaker, Mr John Pearson, who told us about food manufacture and marketing in the UK and in particular about the manufacture of cheese.

More people than ever are making cheese here, even more than France. Marks and Spencer, with 4% of the market share of cheese has a team of food technologists who make visits to suppliers looking at the manufacturing of cheeses.



John told us much about the various supermarkets' dealing with cheese and many amusing stories of incidents that occurred in marketing and advertising, including the new packaging of a brand of cat food that supplied a straw with each packet!

There are many different types of cheeses, all made from concentrated milk. The milk is soured so that the whey can be separated from the curds and the processes that follow create the various textures and flavours. In Italy, 10 % of the whey is fed to the pigs during the production of Parma ham. In this country consumption of cheese is quite low compared to Greece which is highest in Europe.

John provided samples of cheeses for us to taste and compare. Norma proposed the Vote of Thanks for a most enjoyable evening.

Our next meeting is on April 7th when Nano Mulligan's talk is entitled "Dementia Friends".

Joan Steel

Men's Breakfast

Heather Stanley (nee Samuels) of the Charity "Embrace" gave an enlightening and moving talk to the group attending the Men's Breakfast in Church House on 18th March. The problems in Gaza and the surrounding areas were brought to life for us and the difficulties for everyone trapped in the area were highlighted through Heather's informative talk and pictures.

Buildings cannot be repaired, water is in short supply, power is available only a few hours per day and medical treatment is at minimal and primitive levels.

We were shown pictures of a girl called Luna, enjoying football. (Football and kite flying are two of the few pleasures for the young people of Gaza) She told Heather that " in Gaza you are alive but you are never safe....."

Prayers for ultimate peace for the area need to be a priority for us all.

The Men's Breakfast happens every few months with a superb full breakfast and an interesting talk. More details from Roger Grant or Nick Devlin.

Frank Hawkins

A Prayer of Gratitude

The wonderful joy of Prayer,
lifting our love and lives
to our dearest God
who is all around us.

Jesus, his Son, who lived as a human
to show us what to appreciate
and how to give our lives
to always help each other.

Now, I am aware of beauty
in so many material
and spiritual surroundings;
the shapes of trees
making patterns against the sky.
Dark on light
or light on dark
as moonlight shines
upon their bark.

Birds of many sizes and shapes
speed through the air
in graceful flight
like dancers; such a delight!

Below wild meadows spread
with multitudes of colourful flowers;
a truly glorious sight.

So thank you, ever present Father
for all you have given us
that's so good, beautiful and right!

Ann Way



24/7 Prayer for Wycombe

Wycombe Homeless Connection 'night shelter' will close at the end of March, and during the three months it has been open we have certainly had some very cold nights. I feel compelled to remain on the subject of homelessness following a visit to London very recently to spend a day with our daughter in the city centre. It is many years since I visited this area and on our walk from our theatre visit in Tottenham Court Road down to the Portrait Gallery close to Trafalgar Square, I was shocked to see the number of people living and sleeping rough, with quite a few women among them. It was evident that some of them had been living that way for a considerable time and even more upsetting was that some of them were well on in years. It is a national problem: in an article in The Guardian last year the author tells us that 'homelessness shames our nation' and it is on the rise. We are indebted to the charities who work tirelessly to help those who are homeless; locally Wycombe Homeless Connection, and in London and other parts of the country Shelter, Crisis, Emmaus UK, Thames Reach, St Mungo's and the Salvation Army will be names that you may recognise. They all have something in common as they all rely on charitable donations and volunteers, however not all of them request prayer support. No matter because we know that prayers make a difference and we just need to invest time to pray for them and the work they are involved in to make that difference.

As you will all be aware, on Sunday April 2nd Keith's sermon will be focused on Praying. Last year you may remember that we took part in the Trypraying initiative when you were all handed a little booklet to use for a week and then pass it on or 'lose it' to somebody else for them to try it. We are going to take part in that again this year and if you google 'Trypraying' you will come up with a whole list of websites but the one I came upon was the World Prayer Centre's who featured 'Trypraying – The Road Ahead'. There are a few very interesting short videos you can see encouraging us to pray and then pass on the message to others. Who are you going to pass your Trypraying Booklet to?

Our committed prayer day this month is **Monday, April 10th**, from 8 am to Tuesday 8 am. The prayer space will be set up in Church

House with all the usual facilities in place; please remember the last hour of prayer in the prayer space is between 4 – 5 pm. Please be encouraged to sign up for an hour, or part of an hour if that's all you can manage, either at home or in Church House, bringing our town of Wycombe, and all the ministries that take place there, before our Lord. You will find the sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the church and the Prayer Points will join it as soon as they become available. Thank you.

Yvonne Cook

News from Christians in the Community

What do you have when you have 20 plus lady runners and a room full of cakes? A VERY successful coffee morning run at Church House when coffee was served to an enthusiastic bunch of young ladies who also bought cakes to take back home for their families.



Several people from the Hughenden congregations also came, so thank you to everyone who attended on that Thursday morning.

Hopefully by now, the Easter cards will be in church for distribution but if you have any queries or comments please do not hesitate to contact me.

Our next coffee/tea morning will be on Saturday
1st April at the Naphill Methodist Church.
Everyone welcome.



Norma Clarke

Floodlighting Dedications

A floodlighting dedication received too late for the March magazine:

- 26 February – 4 March Stan Cole and family were wishing Andrew a very happy 60th birthday on 1 March.
- 2 – 8 April Margaret and family remember with love Frederick James Friend on his birthday (7th April) and the third anniversary of his death (23rd April)
- 16 – 22 April Stan Cole and family remember with much love June, particularly on 22 April, her 12th anniversary.

If you have special occasions to mark, why don't you dedicate the flood-lighting? Your dedication can be for anything within reason, remembering loved ones, birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, new babies - or just for the joy of being alive!

Lin Smit

April Calendar

Sat	1	12 noon	Private booking: Church House
Sun	2		Fifth Sunday of Lent: Passion Sunday
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said) Book of Common Prayer
		10.00 am	All Age Family Service with Holy Baptism - PLEASE NOTE THE TIME
		11.30 am	Annual Parochial Church Meeting: Church This will be followed by a bring and share lunch.
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Tue	4	10.00 am	Visiting bellringers: Bell Tower
		2.00 pm	Interment of ashes - Peter Jackson
		7.30 pm	Mothers' Union: Church House
Wed	5	1.00 pm	Knit and Natter: Church House
Thu	6	7.30 pm	Young Ringers: Bell Tower
Fri	7	10.30 am	Visiting bellringers: Bell Tower
Sun	9		Palm Sunday
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Palm Procession and Sung Communion

		10.45 am	Family Communion with JC club
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Mon	10		Monday of Holy Week
		8.00 am	24 hours of prayer for High Wycombe: Church House
		7.00 pm	Holy Communion: Church (30 mins)
Tue	11		Tuesday of Holy Week
		7.00 pm	Holy Communion: Church (30 mins)
Wed	12		Wednesday of Holy Week
		7.00 pm	Holy Communion: Church (30 mins)
Thu	13		Maundy Thursday
		7.30 pm	Holy Communion of the Last Supper and Stripping of the Altars followed by Vigil until midnight
Fri	14		Good Friday
		9.00 am	Morning Prayer and Sung Passion, led by the choir
			Good Friday walk of witness starts at The Harrow,
		9.30 am	Hughenden Valley
		10.45 am	Family Service for Good Friday
		2.00 pm	Last Hour at the Cross: Church
Sat	15		Easter Eve
		7.30 pm	Easter Eve service of Blessing of the New Fire, Lighting of the Paschal Candle and Renewal of Baptismal Vows
Sun	16		EASTER DAY
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
		9.00 am	Choral Communion
		11.00 am	Easter Family Communion Service - Please note the time
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Wed	19	10.30 am	Visiting bellringers: Bell Tower
Thu	20	9.30 am	Toddler Group: Church
		10.30 am	Tiny Tots' Service: Church
		10.30 am	Friendship morning: Church House
		3.15 pm	Messy Church: Cryers Hill Methodist Church
		7.30 pm	Young ringers: Bell Tower
Sat	22	3.30 pm	Wedding: Jonathan Barnes and Harriet Baker
Sun	23		Second Sunday of Easter
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Matins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.45 am	Family Communion with JC Club
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Tue	25		Mark the Evangelist
		10.00 am	Holy Communion: Church
Thu	27	9.30 am	Toddler Group: Church
		7.30 pm	Young ringers: Bell Tower
		7.30 pm	Marriage Course: Church House
Fri	28	10.30 am	Visiting bellringers: Bell Tower
Sat	29		Churchyard Clear-up
Sun	30		Third Sunday of Easter
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Matins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.45 am	Family Communion with JC Club
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)

The Lectionary – April 2017

Date	Lesson		Readers		
			8:00 am / 6:00 pm	9:00 am	10:45 am
2nd	Fifth Sunday of Lent				
	Ezekiel 37: 1-14	A Johnson	10:00 am Combined Service:	_____	
	Romans 8: 6-11	P Hynard		_____	
	Matthew 6: 5-18	Priest		P Joy	
	Evensong: Psalm 30				
	Lamentations 3: 19-33		B Brice		
	Matthew 20: 17-end		S Brice		
9th	Palm Sunday				
	Isaiah 50: 4-9a	J Wilson	H Farrar-Hockley	S Clark	
	Philippians 2: 5-11	L Smit	H Lowe	S Devereux	
	Matthew 21: 1-11	Priest	-----	Priest	
	(At 9:00 am) Matthew 27: 11-54	Priest	Priest		
	Evensong: Psalm 80				
	Isaiah 5: 1-7		L Stallwood		
	Matthew 21: 33-end		B Doran		
13th	Maundy Thursday	at 7:30 pm	Exodus 12: 1-14	1 Corinthians 11: 23-26	John 13: 1-17 & 31b-35
			B Doran	S Badrick	Priest
14th	Good Friday	at 9:00 am	Genesis 22: 1-18	John 18: 1 - 19, 37	
			C Carter	Choir	
15th	Easter Eve	Genesis 1: 1 - 12	Exodus 14: 10 -15: 1a	Ezekiel 47: 1 – 12	Isaiah 55: 1 - 5
	at 7:30 pm	L Smit	A Jaycock	S Brice	B Brice
16th	Easter Day				
	Acts 10: 34-43		A Stacey	A Moore	F Hawkins
	Colossians 3: 1-4		J Holmes	A Jaycock	D Hawkins
	John 20: 1-18 or Matthew 28: 1-10		Priest	Priest	Priest
	Evensong: Psalm 105				
	Song of Solomon 3: 2-5 & 8: 6-7		L Smit		
	Revelation 1: 12-18		E Bailey		

23rd	Second Sunday of Easter			
	Acts 2: 14a & 22-32	J Dauncey	L Stallwood	H Morley
	1 Peter 1: 3-9	J White	E Sadler (check	B Morley
	John 20: 19-end	Priest	which lesson)	Priest
	Psalm at 9:00 am: 16			
	Evensong Psalm 30			
	Daniel 6: 6-23	A Johnson		
	Mark 15:46 – 16:8	M Morgan		
25th	Mark the Evangelist	Proverbs 15: 28-end	Ephesians 4: 7-16	Mark 13: 5-13
		L Stallwood	S Badrick	Priest
30th	Third Sunday of Easter			
	Acts 2: 14a & 36-41	C Carter	B Brice	T Sackville
	1 Peter 1: 17-23	A Johnson	A or R Gee (check	J Sackville
	Luke 24: 13-35	Priest	which lesson)	Priest
	1st Evensong of Philip and James: Psalm 25			
	Isaiah 40: 27-end	L Stallwood		
	John 12: 20-26	S Brice		

Regular Meetings and Organisations



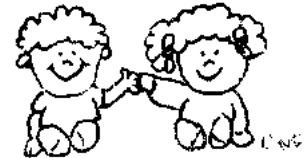
Friendship Morning

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. **NOTE DATE CHANGE OF APRIL SERVICE to 20th**

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.

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(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

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“To enable all to follow Jesus Christ”

We shall live out this mission through Prayer, Presence,

Persuasion and Proclamation by:

i) Leading lives centred on Jesus Christ –

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

ii) Being seen and known in the wider Community by

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

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

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

Dear Father, at this Eastertide, we pray you open our hearts to the meaning of your constant presence in this world through the Risen JESUS.

Amen