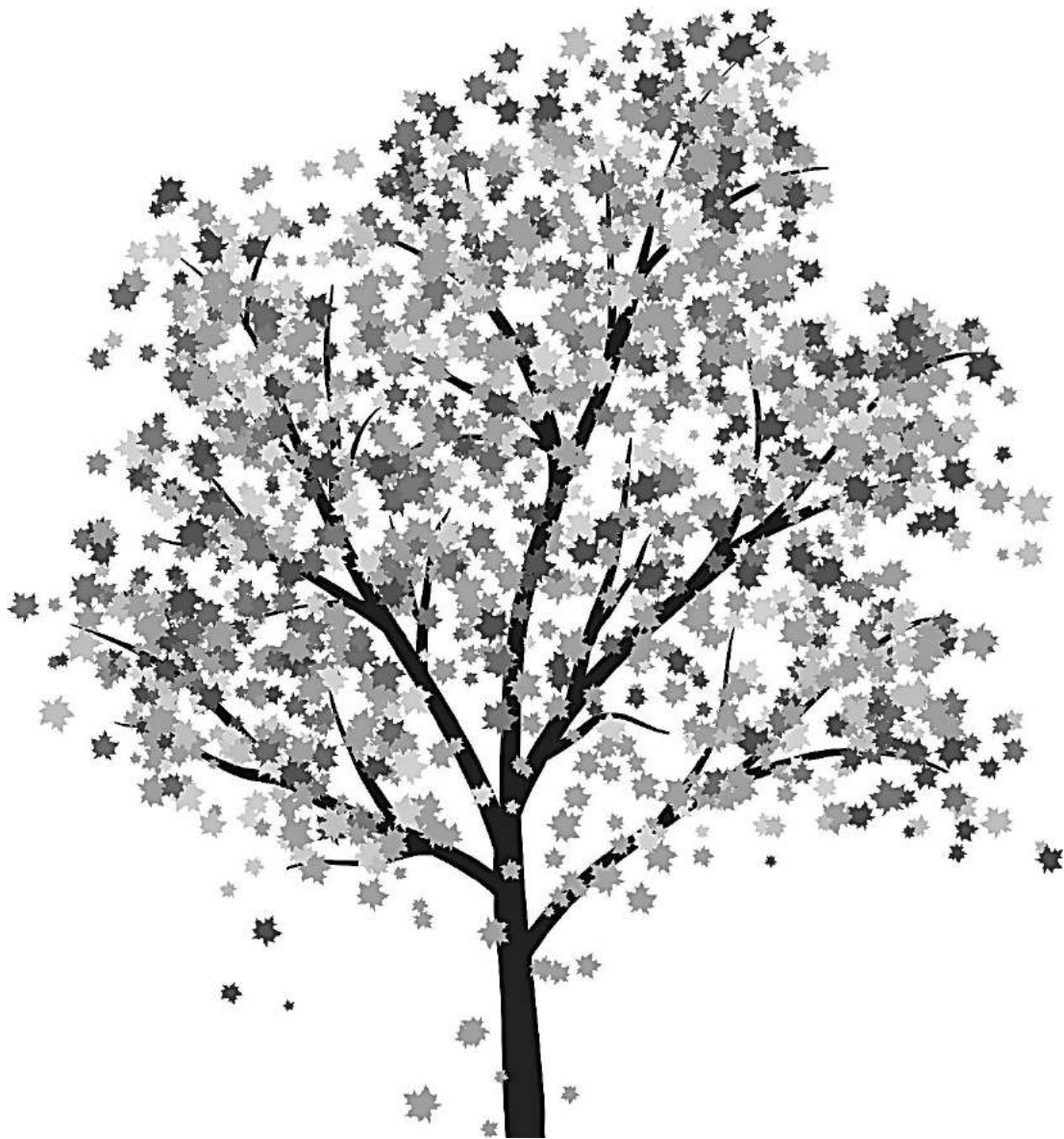


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Welcome to Your Church

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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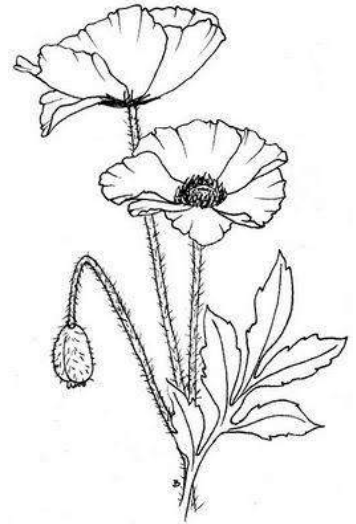
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Dear Readers,

November, the month of remembrance of those lost in the two Great Wars and other wars since, seems to come around increasingly quickly. Perhaps it is my advancing years which makes it seem so. This year the film 'Dunkirk' has been released and as my father was one of those evacuated, I was keen to see it. I have a long letter dated 31st May 1940, written by my father to my grandmother, describing his journey from England to France and then a few days later, on to Belgium where he was billeted in a chateau in the woods just outside Brussels. There were constant air raids and 'dog fights' between the British and German planes. He observes that 'Brussels was a hotbed of spies' and troops had been fired on by civilians.



The letter vividly describes the subsequent retreat of the British troops through France, until after surviving many air raids and bombings, lying under hedges and in ditches for shelter and losing several men, my father's group finally reached the sand dunes of Dunkirk where hundreds of men were waiting to be taken off. The town was mostly on fire. In pouring rain the men marched to the docks near the lighthouse and clambered aboard a Royal Navy destroyer, HMS Greyhound and thence safely to England. One of the first shots in the film 'Dunkirk' was of the lighthouse and a destroyer leaving for safety. It was a very moving moment for me.

My Dad took part in the Service of Remembrance every year until he died and it is a special time for our family, as it will be for many families who remember their loved ones lost in the wars. There will be an Act of Remembrance in church on Sunday November 12th at 10.20 am so that members of all congregations are able to attend if they wish.

Sylvia Clark
Editor

From the Vicarage



Walking in the footsteps of Jesus

In January 2012, I was privileged to go on Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, together with a group of fellow Priests from the Rochester Diocese, whilst I was living and working in Chatham, in North Kent.

The Ten days we spent exploring Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Emmaus, Nazareth and Capernaum, has had a lasting impression upon me. Sitting on the shoreline of the Sea of Galilee, and hearing read out the account of Jesus calling his first disciples from their fishing boats caused the hairs to stand up on the back of my head, and I am still often reminded of places we visited, when I reread familiar bible passages, whilst vividly recalling where we were standing on the day I trod on the same earth that the Son of God walked upon some 2,000 years ago.

One day we visited the Mount of Beatitudes, on the north-western shores of the Sea of Galilee, situated between Capernaum and Gennesaret. We visited the Church of the Beatitudes on the hillside, and I can still recall walking up the path from the car park towards the Church, and reading the many stone tablets which were placed along the way, bearing quotations from the beatitudes.

The beatitudes are a collection of well-known sayings which Jesus gave regarding the Kingdom of Heaven. He shared these words of great wisdom and insight whilst preaching his most well-known speech, commonly called the Sermon on the Mount, which it is traditionally believed was given on the Mount of Beatitudes, hence the name, and comes at the beginning of chapter five of the Gospel of Matthew.

The Beatitudes include the following words:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled...

Bishop Steven, the Bishop of Oxford, has written to every church, chaplaincy, small group and school within the Oxford diocese, inviting them to read,

study and dwell in the opening words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount during the next year.

As the Bishop says:

"To be more Christ-like...means to catch a fresh vision of Jesus Christ. The Beatitudes are a self-portrait of Jesus. They show us that to be more Christ-like means to become a more contemplative church, a more compassionate church and a more courageous church.

"For Christians, being contemplative means simply to spend time with God... Compassionate people feel and show sympathy and concern for others. A compassionate church laments or mourns with the suffering in the world and is full of mercy which leads to action. Courageous people are whole-hearted. To be a courageous church means to put our heart and soul into everything we are and do. A courageous church will be hungry and thirsty for justice, seeking peace and reconciliation and willing to bear the cost of our discipleship and offer a bold witness to our faith."

What a challenge! My hope and prayer is that we can seek to become more contemplative, more compassionate and more courageous, becoming more like Jesus Christ, and in so doing, be a witness of the love of Christ to the world.

Keith

Service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration

As in previous years, we will be holding a Service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration for the Departed on Sunday, 5th November at 3pm. This is for anyone who wishes to particularly remember loved ones who are no longer with us. Names will be read out during the service and there will be an opportunity to light a small candle.

After the service, tea, coffee and cake will be served in Church House by members of the Mothers' Union.

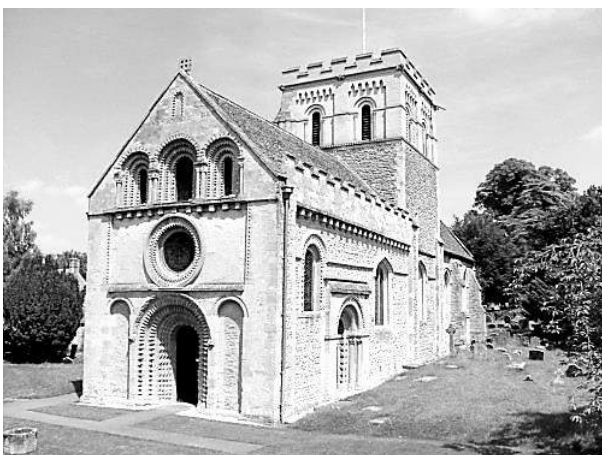
Sylvia Clark

A Day Out

You wake, and after a moment's thought you realise that there are no appointments today and no particular tasks that must be completed.

Here's what you could do ... take a train to Oxford, railcards can be used soon after 9.00. You will be about 10 -15 minutes' walk from the city centre. If you have leapt out of bed with alacrity and have travelled early, then you have time to visit an exhibition at the impressively refurbished Ashmolean Museum, or maybe a little shopping and a relaxed coffee. Next, buy yourself a small but tasty picnic; M and S is conveniently situated near Carfax. Then set off down the road towards Christchurch Cathedral: St Aldates. (You could of course pop in but this is not today's destination. Did you know that by living in the diocese you are entitled to a pass that means you avoid the tourist costs each time you visit?)

Continue until you reach a pub, The Head of the River Inn on Folly Bridge. This is the Thames not the Cherwell by the way. Go down to the tow path and walk towards Iffley. It is about two miles in distance. You are by the river all the way so it is level, pleasant and for the most part peaceful, apart from the odd bike or two. You will eventually reach a lock and this seems a good place to lunch. There are several benches around and trees for shade if it happens to be sunny. Also, you have the lock for entertainment as well as an interesting variety of waterfowl.



Suitably rested and refreshed, cross to the other side of the river and follow the signs to Iffley church, turning right into Mill Lane. The church is 12th century and dedicated to St Mary the Virgin. Even before you go into the building, it is interesting and architecturally unusual, being Romanesque in style. This theme continues inside with decoration that I

don't think I have seen before in an English parish church. Two practical points to note: the church is kept open during daylight hours and also there is a switch on the wall that illuminates the windows for you. It is two of these windows in particular that you have come to see.

The south window in the baptistry was installed in 1995. It is a John Piper design that was then made by David Wasley. The window is called Nativity and shows the tree of life in the context of the birth of Christ. It uses the ancient story of all creatures being able to speak on the night of Christmas Eve and so includes images of animals and what they might have said. It is extremely striking and I stood in front of it for a long time. There is another Piper/Wasley window of similar design in the chapel at Magdalen College in Oxford, but that is for another day. David Wasley is a local stained glass window maker and his work can be seen in the Quiet Garden in All Saints church in High Wycombe and in the chapel of the local hospital.



But, back to Iffley. The window directly opposite the Nativity on the north wall is even more recent. It was designed and made by Robert Wagner and was installed in 2012. The title of this work is The Flowering Tree and the theme of the tree of life resonates with the earlier window, while this time taking the crucifixion and the resurrection as the context. The way in which the colour has been used here allows the light to filter through and illuminate the Christ figure. I loved both these windows and will visit again just to look some more.

However, when you have had your fill of beauty and craftsmanship, then it is time to head back. Return journeys never seem to take so long but that is obviously just in my mind! Anyway, that pub over the river awaits you. I had Earl Grey tea and a glass of tap water but you could of course be more adventurous! It is a delightful place to sit, looking out onto the watery banks of Christ's Meadow but now of course you need to retrace your steps to the railway station. There is a useful train at about 4.10 that gets you out of the city before the rush hour but I admit you will probably have to contend with some large Gucci and Armani bags when the train stops at Bicester Village, having signalled its imminent arrival there in Arabic and Mandarin as well as English.

And so to home. If you happened to have ventured forth on a Friday then you will have the added pleasure of being able to put your feet up in the evening, pour yourself a glass of wine and watch Gardeners World.

How is that for a day out?

Of course there are buses that will carry you from the city out to Iffley but to make footsteps on a pathway is more satisfying if you are able.

Susan Brice

Women Walking 4 Women

This event was organised by **ROPE** (Relief for Oppressed People Everywhere) and was the second of its kind. This year 64 ladies of varying ages stepped out to raise money by sponsorship for Rope's partners Andrea and Andy Baker; Andrea is the Director and Founding Partner of Word Made Flesh Bolivia. Andrea and Andy arrived



in Bolivia in 2001 committed to serving Jesus and living life among the poor. They very soon identified a need in the red-light district of El Alto and began to reach out to prostituted women and their families. SutiSana was founded by Word Made Flesh Bolivia in 2010 and provides dignified employment, making clothing and accessories, and offering a new life for women attempting to leave prostitution in El Alto. Many of these women have very little education and are the only providers in their home and have no viable alternative to prostitution. Word Made Flesh coordinates sewing training for women to prepare them to work in SutiSana and when they become part of that enterprise they receive all benefits, including health insurance, and they and their children are supported through community and given the opportunity to continually grow. They learn to design bags, work with new materials and coach other women as they leave prostitution. It was the hope and prayer that the money raised on this 10 mile walk would provide dignified employment for five women with SutiSana.

We left our local area at 9.30 am and arrived at Christ Church in Chorleywood at 10 am for registration, being issued with a special T-shirt and bottled water and to meet Andrea and Andy, who had travelled from Bolivia to be involved in the walk with us all. We watched a video depicting the change in women's lives when they are given that opportunity to become a 'new' person completely leaving behind their lives in prostitution and it was visibly obvious

that Andrea was moved to tears as she watched with us; walking alongside these women as she encourages them out of that place has to be a very emotional journey. You can watch this video yourselves on the SutiSana website (www.sutisana.com).

Our weather was perfect for walking and we were so well looked after throughout the day. We had prayer before we set off and a photograph taken at the gate of Christ Church. The walk was well planned giving us two comfort stops and a lunch stop and we knew roughly how long it would take to reach each stop and this in itself was very helpful as it broke the day up and gave us all an opportunity for a short rest.

The journey to our first stop was the longest and we descended on Sarratt Village Hall, disturbing a Yoga class with our lively chatter. Here we were able to collect bottled water and a snack if we wished. The second part of the walk was the shortest when we arrived at The Plough in Belsize for our lunch break where we were able to relax and enjoy a sandwich and hot drink in the pub itself or in the garden before setting off on the third leg of our walk. Our next stop was at Crestyl Farm, where they grow watercress, and here we were treated to a Beechdean ice cream and also had the opportunity to purchase a bag of watercress, which was absolutely delicious.

The last part of the walk took just over an hour when we arrived back at Christ Church where tea/coffee and cake were made available to us before we left for home. We all left for home very satisfied with our efforts and thinking of putting our feet up for the rest of the day. We hadn't been home long when the skies opened and we had a downpour! About a week later we learned that our sponsorship money had been matched and that Andrea and Andy had realised an amount in excess of the £20,000 they hoped and prayed they would raise. It was very rewarding to know that our efforts were going to make a difference to the lives of five women and we hope we will be fit enough to take part again next year. We thank all of you who supported us with sponsorship; through your generosity five women will be released from a trafficking situation and become 'new' in Christ and that will completely change life for them and their families too and give them Hope for a better future.

Judith Mettem and Yvonne Cook

Church House Teas



Church House Teas runs at Hughenden Church every summer from April to the end of September. When it turns out well it has, with the grace of God, the ability to bring our church, its members and the wider community together. It blesses us with the opportunity to simultaneously provide not only a small revenue for the maintenance of the Church, but a genuine public service. We believe that our patrons leave Church House with a little more than the delicious afternoon tea that they paid for. It may be no more than a thought, a brief moment of reflection in such a beautiful place, a word or phrase from the available literature, a snippet from a conversation or simply a feeling, unexpected, as yet undefined and unexplored, but it's there.

A Recipe for Success

We have an amazing core of organisers and volunteers who are totally dedicated to keeping this tradition going, as it has now for some 42 years. Making a successful Church House Tea requires a range of diverse ingredients, Normandy-landing style preparation and a small army of willing and, occasionally, pressed help. The planning involves arranging a company of cake-makers, a bouquet of waiters, a smidgen of table setters, washer and cleaner uppers and a generous tablespoon of leadership.

The best afternoons are warm, sunny days plucked from the heavens (not too hot) with a light breeze, just strong enough to carry the alluring smell of home baking across the cow-trodden park so that we get a generous scattering of dog and dog-less walkers in search of a rest, refreshment and casual conversation.

On most days it stays within a short range of settings, what Teas veterans refer to as 'ticking-over'. Sometimes, however, the days are at best unpredictable, a little crazy, exhausting but very rewarding and lots of fun.

For now the tablecloths are put away and the kitchen is tidied but not long until we start thinking of next summer! If you are interested in joining the

Church Tea brigade we would very much welcome your support whether you attend the Church or not. There are a number of different ways to contribute from cake making to helping and even an extra person for each session to add 'the personal touch' and talk to customers, which may suit those who want to help but in a less strenuous capacity.

If you would like to help in any way please contact **Julia Grant** on 01494 711939 to discuss. It really is great fun.

24/7 Prayer for Wycombe



A really important fund raising event for the Wycombe Homeless Connection is their annual Big Sleepout and this will take place on Friday 24th November beginning at 9.00 pm and finishing the following morning at 7.00 am. A similar event will take place in Marlow but I am giving details of the Wycombe event here. First of all you must be over 16 years of age to take part (youngsters of 16 and 17 years of age must have adult supervision to take part and there are limited places for this age group). As mentioned in the last Outlook you must come prepared for sleeping rough. Warm clothing, ground sheet and waterproof covering are needed if you are to be comfortable for a night sleeping outside. In really inclement weather conditions the Church will be available. WHC has set up an 'event' on Virgin Money Giving (VMG) website and using this facility to collect your sponsorship money saves work as donations are taken immediately including reclaiming Gift Aid where appropriate. For sponsors who do not have internet facilities a sponsorship form can be downloaded, which does mean that you will have to collect donations after the event yourself. WHC is 95% voluntary funded and spends less than 2% of its income on fundraising; every contribution is put to good use. If you feel compelled to take part in this event this year further information can be sought by contacting sleep.out@wyhoc.org.uk.

Not too far away now is WHC Night Shelter, which starts on Tuesday, January 2nd and runs through to the end of March, the three coldest months of the year. They are now poised to receive details of your availability should you wish to volunteer for this very important ministry. Full details are on their website and don't be put off by thinking that you can't be of help because you are not able to be on site; there are roles you can take on the outside such as laundry and baking and, of course, prayer. Every event organised by WHC has to be underpinned by prayer; the Lord has to be at the centre of everything we do in His name.

Recently I did manage to visit the One Can Trust at their base on Duke Street. At the time they were preparing for the Harvest collection in the warehouse and there was a team of volunteers racing around filling food bags to be delivered that week. Steph would be delighted to welcome any help; you may not be able to go down regularly each week but any help you can give is very much appreciated. Incidentally, they had an amazing response to their request for non-perishable foods this Harvest from numerous schools and churches before Harvest services had even taken place. Quite soon I hope to be able to tell you what they have planned for the Advent Season.

At the time of composing this article I have not heard from the Dorcas Project whether they are planning to incorporate pyjamas in their Christmas parcels for the children. But I do know that they will certainly include books, colouring books and pencils with whatever they decide to send. If I don't hear by the deadline I will have to keep you all informed in the Church Notices so please look out for any further information.

Our committed prayer day this month is on Monday, November 13th, from 8.00 am to Tuesday 8.00 am. The prayer space will be set up in Church House with all the usual facilities in place, (the last hour of prayer will be between 4 – 5 pm.) Please prayerfully consider signing up for one hour of prayer underpinning the ministries working hard in our town to make life better for those struggling with various issues. The sign-up sheet can be found on the table at the back of the Church and this will be joined by the Prayer Points when they are in my possession. Thank you all.

Yvonne Cook

Multiple Sclerosis Society

The South West Bucks (formerly High Wycombe & District) Group of the Multiple Sclerosis Society is holding its annual Ploughman's Lunch and Mini Bazaar on Saturday 4th November at Hughenden Valley Village Hall. The doors open at 12.00 pm and lunches will be served at 12.30 pm. Lunches cost £6.50 on the door. There will be a raffle, mini-tombola, books and bric-a-brac stall.

All proceeds raised on the day will be used to help people with MS in the local area.

Belinda Peddle

Group Co-ordinator and Administrator - South West Bucks MS Society Group
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Washing Up

A good few years ago, Heidi Chalk and I had been talking about this and that, and the following week she gave me a card with the following written on it. It is anonymous and I haven't been able to find out who wrote it.

Washing up

Thank God for dirty dishes,
They have a tale to tell
For by this pile I have here
It seems we're living well.
Whilst others there are starving
I've not the heart to fuss,
For by this pile it's evident
God's awfully good to us.

I know most people, excluding us, have a dish-washer these days, but I think the theme is as relevant now as when it was written and Heidi gave the card to me. I laminated it and have it stuck up in my kitchen. A timely reminder of God's bounty for us to share with others.

Judy Wilson

News from Hughenden Parochial Church Council and Subgroups

This is the first of what I hope will be a regular column in Outlook, giving our congregation and wider community, a little more background concerning the work of the PCC and its associated groups recently.

Hughenden PCC met on 21 September, and discussed a wide variety of business, including:

- Awaiting our Quinquennial report – a survey undertaken every five years, reporting on the condition of our Church building inside and out. The survey took place in June, but we are still awaiting the report. Once received, a smaller subgroup of PCC will examine its findings, and put together a list of recommendations for renovations to the building, and a proposed time scale;
- A meeting took place in September, between the Vicar, churchwardens and our organist Neil Brice, to discuss how we might move forward with repairs to our organ. As two different organ maintenance companies proposed different works, Neil will seek to acquire comparable quotes to be submitted to the next PCC meeting;
- There are plans afoot to construct a new donations box, to be made from wood and Perspex, which will be situated in a more visible location in church and made with sturdy materials. Ian Faulkner's son's college are currently working on designs;
- Our proposed PCC Away Day has now been booked for Saturday 18 November, at Pipers Corner School. The day will be led jointly by Keith and Rev Gill Lovell, the Parish Development Advisor for the Archdeaconry, and we will be embarking on material which we hope will help our PCC become more inspired as we represent the congregation and parish.

PCC subgroups have also been busy:

- The Communications group are producing three excellent colour brochures, giving more information about our church, its history and the organ, which we hope to make available in church later this year;
- The Discipleship group, chaired by Keith, has been meeting since early 2017, and is tasked with setting a vision for strengthening links with our local community, inviting people to attend events, whether social or of a more spiritual nature, in the hope of drawing them into the life and worship of our church family. We also discussed nurture groups such as Alpha, which has been running since the end of September, and currently has about a dozen people attending, and other means of encouraging people to deepen their Christian faith, and so take their place fully in the body of Christ. The autumn programme of events, which also include Confirmation classes and the Pilgrim group have provided new opportunities for many individuals to grow in their faith together.

PCC have also revised and updated our list of PCC constituencies, a list of which is reproduced following this article. If you have any issue you would like to have raised at PCC any time, please contact the PCC link person responsible for whichever group or activity they represent.

Please continue to pray for the work of our church and PCC. Our next meeting will take place on Thursday 23 November, and I shall write an update early in 2018.


Keith

PCC Responsibilities as of September 2017



Each member of the PCC has a responsibility as a link for an activity or group within the church. This is to improve communication between PCC & Leadership and our congregations. Listed below are all our church groups and activities with their coordinator and PCC representative.

| Group/Activity | Coordinator/Leader | PCC Representative |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mission TG | tbc | Louise Stallwood |
| Outreach and Social TG | Frank Hawkins | Frank Hawkins |
| Pastoral Visiting Team | Helen Peters | Sara Badrick |
| Youth TG | Rebecca Hawes | Helen Peters |
| Youth Worker | Rebecca Hawes | Helen Peters |
| Tiny Tots | Nicky Fairbairn | Charlotte Tester |
| Toddler Group | Ester Comunello | Charlotte Tester |
| Crèche | Jane Lomas | Helen Peters |
| Communications Coordinator | Jane Tyrer | Christopher Tyrer |
| Website | Ben Brice | Christopher Tyrer |
| Outlook | Editorial Team | Christopher Tyrer |
| Library/Bookstall/Bible Reading | Elaine Morley | David Tester |
| Alpha | Frank & Diane Hawkins | Frank Hawkins |
| Housegroups | Keith Johnson | Keith Johnson |
| Prayer Ministry Team | Karen Williams | Charlotte Tester |
| Music Group / AV | Tony Sackville | Mark Sherrington |
| Choir | Neil Brice | Arthur Johnson |
| Altar Servers | Andrew Cole | Arthur Johnson |
| Chalice Administration | Andrew Cole | Julia Grant |
| Sidesmen/Greeters: 8 & 9 am | Julia Grant | Julia Grant |
| 10.45 am | Amanda Janes | Julia Grant |
| Readers: 8 am & 9 am | Arthur Johnson | Arthur Johnson |
| 10.45 am | Heather Morley | Julia Grant |
| Intercessions: 9 am | Christopher Tyrer | Christopher Tyrer |
| 10.45 am | Ann Long | Clare Godfrey |
| Church House Teas | Julia Grant | Julia Grant |
| Mothers Union | Committee | Clare Godfrey / Sara Badrick |
| Friendship Morning | Penny Austin | Clare Godfrey |
| Men's Breakfasts | Nick Devlin/Roger Grant | Mark Sherrington |
| Bell Ringing | David Cornwall | Ian Faulkner |
| Flowers | Jean Godfrey | Sara Badrick |
| Fabric/Church Maintenance | Rob Innes | Rob Innes |
| Electoral Roll | Arthur Johnson | Arthur Johnson |
| Planned Giving | Arthur Johnson | Arthur Johnson |
| Christians in the Community | Norma Clarke | Keith Johnson |
| Magazine Printing | Brian Clark | Brian Clark |
| Magazine Delivery | Hilary Farrer-Hockley | Hilary Farrer-Hockley |
| Safeguarding/Child Protection | Tricia Devlin | Tricia Devlin |
| Churchyard Upkeep | Brian Clark | Brian Clark |


Act of God



I look at leaves piled high,
The dry husks of life.
Stripped trees
Like inverted roots exposed,
Reach out
Painfully, ineffectually
To sky;
Their arteries of sap run dry.



Remembrance Day;
We pause.
Bugles blow across solemn silences
To mark our loss;
Lives tossed aside for a cause.
Leaves, their purpose served,
Must fall.
But shall men like leaves be shed?
These were fresh unfurled and green veined,
Untimely torn from living wood;
In hurricanes of hate and pain they fell.



Such premature autumns are accountable;
Storms, they say, are acts of God.
Yet from soaked and sullied sod
Where leaves now rot,
I seem to hear the murmur of a million upraised lips:
"One death should have prevented this,
One death sufficed.
But we forgot,
We all in haste forgot".

Ron Cretchley

www.thinkingpoet.co.uk

70 Residents in Hughenden Parish Make Their Streets More Than Just a Name

The Hughenden Street Association is creating a stronger and safer community by providing residents with an information pack to raise awareness of issues such as door to door crime, scams and isolation. The pack is designed to reduce the specific targeting of older people by organised crime groups and to protect the most vulnerable members of our community. Residents who request a pack will also be provided with a tool kit to direct their neighbours to specialised support services if needed.



Nearly one in three residents across Hughenden are over the age of 60 and the fastest growing proportion of the population is those aged 80 and over. As the population changes, the more residents who request an information pack, the more resilient our community will be, meaning those neighbours who might need a little bit of help can be directed to support at the earliest opportunity and those trying to target our vulnerable neighbours will be spotted.

The scheme is also working with local groups and businesses to combat loneliness. Hughenden Valley Village Store has initiated Welcome Wednesdays, a weekly meet-up group to encourage residents to get to know their neighbours and enjoy company over a cuppa. Louise Jones, Manager of the Village Store said, *'I recognised that my neighbours and local residents were on their own a lot of the time and realised that the coffee shop could be a great space for them to meet socially. We'd love more residents to join us and encourage anyone who'd like a bit of company to come along. I also have a Street Association resources pack so if someone has a concern that's affecting them, I can suggest the best support.'*

Welcome Wednesdays is at 2-3pm each week at the Hughenden Valley Village Store & Cabin Coffee Shop which is situated in the grounds of Hughenden Village Hall.

If you'd like to start a social group or would like to request a pack to raise awareness with your neighbours, please contact:

Hughenden Street Association

Email: HughendenStreetAssociation@gmail.com

Mobile: 07392 683500

Twitter: @HughendenStreet

This initiative has been led by Hughenden Neighbourhood Action Group which has worked with Thames Valley Police, Trading Standards, Neighbourhood Watch and the Parish, District and County Councils to complement what is already in place. The Street Association receives funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Wycombe Women's Aid: A Request and Thanks

Wycombe Women's Aid provides support to women and children experiencing the effects of domestic violence by offering safe, temporary and emergency accommodation as well as practical emotional support. Christmas time can be very traumatic and worrying for those seeking help from WWA and Hughenden Mothers' Union makes a special effort to support them at this time, as well as throughout the year.

We collect items of toiletries, underwear, nightwear, toothpaste and brushes. Gift vouchers are especially welcome. If you feel you can help, please hand your gifts to Mother's Union members or bring them to our Advent service in Church House at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th December.

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

Andrea Samuel

Men's Breakfast Talk – Wycombe Homeless Connection

There is a 'clever' word to describe it. I don't know what it is. I could 'google' it but I am not going to do that because I know, and you will know, what that word seeks to define: the relationship between our proximity to a disaster (flood, earthquake, war, etc.) and the depth of our response: the idea that the further away the tragedy occurs, the weaker our response. In these situations some, possibly most of us, give in to a sense of helplessness and do little or nothing. Some will make a donation to a worthy aid organisation. Others, up-sticks, go by whatever means possible and get stuck in. However, globalisation, a supposedly *shrinking* world and the immediacy with which the media bring disaster directly into our living room can make it seem as if were happening just down the road. Of course, we know it's not but that vicarious 'proximity' presses on us - to do more. Does it not?

These thoughts were circulating my head during Men's Breakfast as I listened to Di Morrish, our speaker from Wycombe Homeless Connection (WHC) a small, local charity. The obvious conclusion, for me at least, being that if the tragedy happens on your own doorstep then everybody would help to make things right or, at least better. And, since the launch of WHC in 2007, things have certainly improved for the homeless people in Wycombe but the matter is far from resolved.

In her opening words, three things stood out: 1. *Homelessness can strike anyone at any time*; 2. *Someone becomes homeless every two minutes*; 3. *Most of the homeless are 'hidden'* (they are not on the street because they live with family, friends, in caravans, sofa-surf, etc.). The reasons for homelessness, Di said, are many and varied: termination of tenancy, arrears, relationship breakdown, domestic violence, unemployment, debt, addiction, leaving care or hospital and, believe it or not, the complexity of the state system for claiming support. Exacerbating factors, she added, include recent Welfare Reforms (housing benefit restrictions, the termination of 'crisis loans'), a shortage of affordable housing and London overspill.

Driven by the credo, "*We believe every individual has worth and should have the chance of a fresh start*", WHC provides help to the homeless every weekday through their advice and support centre, workshops to overcome the challenges they face and access to a night shelter (January-March). Ultimately, the aim of the charity is to re-home individuals by finding them

an affordable place with an income to pay their rent. To this end they work closely with a range of local services and agencies.

There are many success stories for WHC but the demands on its services are increasing year on year. It is possible, given my introduction, that there are too many causes and too few people to spread across all the need or it could be that more of us need to get active. I and several other members of our congregation support WHC in a variety of ways and if you want to add to that number you can help fight homelessness by:

- volunteering (*providing practical support, working behind the scenes, fundraising*)
- donating (*money, clothing, food, household items*)
- praying (*prayer updates at .wyhoc.org.uk*)

Contact WHC via 01494 447699 or contact@wyhoc.org.uk.

In conclusion, Di was emphatic that the driving ethos of WHC is about giving those in our community who have fallen on hard times, for whatever reason, a hand up, not a hand out. Then finally, as she called our group to prayer, we were reminded of the great good that can come when we are led and fed by the word of God, when we genuinely choose to 'love our neighbour' however remote or near.

Roger Grant

Wycombe Child Contact Centre

In last month's Outlook the Valley Friends' report mentioned that the local Chiltern Child Contact Centre was based in Amersham. I have received a letter from Mik Horswell, the Chairman of Wycombe Child Contact Centre who points out that the Wycombe Centre was established 18 years ago and is actually more 'local' than Amersham. I am happy to print this information and as Mr Horswell sent me a leaflet, I have pinned it up in the church porch for anyone who may wish to get in touch with the organisation. Their telephone number is 01494 440685.

Sylvia Clark, Editor

Baptism Breakfast!



I have just spent a week's holiday in Swanage and while there I went to visit Jane Eastgate, wife of John Eastgate who was so loved by all at Hughenden.

Jane is well and lives in a beautiful flat overlooking the sea in the distance. Stan Cole sends her our magazine every month so she knows what is happening in our church; she gave me a Swanage Parish Magazine.

In the magazine was an article on the baptism of 'Samuel Clarke on 3rd September'. It then reported that they began the service with coffee, bacon rolls, croissants, ending up with a glass of sparkling wine. Recently we have had many christenings so...

Jane lives in an apartment in Mowlem Court. Mowlem was a famous, canny man who brought many treasures from London by boat, including the clock tower, over 100 bollards, another clock face, etc. and he sent the boats back to London with stone and slate from the quarries. Because the City of London was opening up, the bollards were in the way of the traffic on the streets. The house where we stayed had iron work from Billingsgate Market.

Jane is still swimming in the sea every day, even in this cold weather. We did not join her!

Janet Cook

An Invitation: Come To Our Best Ever Big Sleepout

Wycombe Homeless Connection is ten years old, and so we're inviting you to come and get a taste of what it's like to sleep rough – and to raise vital funds for our work. Please save the date in your diary: Friday 24th November. It will take place in the church yards of All Saints Churches in High Wycombe and Marlow, and will be staffed by volunteer security marshals and tea-makers. Come and join us! Check out our website for more information.

Vickie Morrish

Communications Officer - Wycombe Homeless Connection
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Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union were delighted to welcome the Revd. Hugh Ellis, Vicar of All Saints High Wycombe to our October meeting. Hugh told us of the strong connection between Hughenden and All Saints for many years through the mission and pastoral committees as well as friendship and support for colleagues.

Hugh talked about his work through the Guild of St John and St Mary Magdalene, an international organization which brings together Christian fellowship though all denominations and nations. The work focuses on a global ministry of prayer to 'pray into specific situations of need'.

Through this the Saints Project Trust emerged and offers hope and encouragement to marginalized areas of the world. They have set up specific projects such as in orphanages, schools and churches in India and Africa. Hugh talked about his travels to these places and showed us some lovely slides and videos of the work in these countries.

Our next meeting on November 7th is an Open Evening and the meeting on December 5th is the Advent Service when we also bring items to support Wycombe Women's Aid (see article on page 15). All events are at Church house and everyone is welcome.

Julia Grant

Good Companions

At our meeting on 2nd November, our speaker will be Colin Oakes whose talk is called 'Straightjackets, Corsets and Cribs – Georgian Times' which sounds like it will be amusing and interesting. We meet in Hughenden Village Hall at 2.15pm and have tea, cakes and a raffle for which members are asked to bring a prize. New members are always welcome.

Sheila Vesey

Promise

A box of treasure arrives at the door.
It is ordinary in its brownness
But the pink tissue paper inside
Sings of gifts and colour below.
The names are luscious in themselves:
Avignon Parrot, Princess Irene,
National Velvet and Black Hero.
Words that speak of a deep richness,
Of colour and texture and wild possibility.
Squirrel like, I will hoard these scruffy balls
Of dull, flaky plainness until the cold nights set in.
Then I shall hide them deep in the frosty earth
And hug to myself the secrets that will burst into spring.
People say there are no miracles today, but here is one:
A resurrection from the earth,
Loud and rioting in shouty orange, crimson and purple.
All set to delight me on days that are still wanting for summer warmth,
Tulips in their waywardness and green promise,
A jewelled smile in the early chill.



Susan Brice

Valley Friends AGM and Supper

Our AGM and 51st Anniversary was on October 6th. Heather welcomed everyone to the meeting and read the general notices in the Leaders' Report. She recalled the highlights of our busy and interesting year which included a Lunch and Theatre outing, an Afternoon Tea at Parmoor and our enjoyable Pot Luck Supper. Heather said that during her transition to leader she had faced inspiring and testing times. Jill's amazing 24 years as our efficient, dedicated leader was a very difficult act to follow. However Heather has gained our admiration and thanks by proceeding seemingly undaunted.

In the Treasurer's Report Doreen gave us the figures for the year which showed that the reserve funds are down as compared to last year, so some fund raising is needed in order to have the high standard of speakers that we are used to. We are continuing our support for the Multiple Sclerosis Society and the South Bucks Hospice, now called the Butterfly House, which is full of natural light and has a pretty garden. We have all been invited for a tour there. Other committee members then gave their reports.

We were pleased to hear that Sylvia, who is missed at VF meetings, has settled into her new home. She was one of the committee members in charge of refreshments. We need new committee members to replace her and also Jo and Margaret who retired due to illness. Barbara would welcome ideas for speakers and activities for next year's programme. Heather thanked the committee for their work during the year and on behalf of us all, Doreen presented bouquets to both Jill and Heather for their valued leadership of Valley Friends. Supper, prepared by Doreen, was then served and the happy evening ended with coffee and a birthday cake made by Joan.

Our next meeting is on 3rd November at the Village Hall at 8pm, with a talk by William John French, 'Butler to Royalty'. This is an OPEN MEETING, visitors £3 with free tea/coffee and biscuits, plus a warm welcome!

Joan Steel

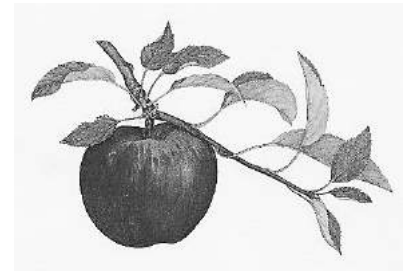
Hughenden Valley Community Shop

Weekend Supervisors

We are looking for two paid weekend supervisors who should have experience in catering/retail. We also need 'early bird' volunteers for the 7-10am shift on Saturdays.

Thanks to all the volunteers who have returned following our closure for a year and also to the many new recruits. We have a great team of friendly and dedicated volunteers.

Valley Apple Juice. If you have a surplus of any sorts of apples, you can bring them in bags to Hughenden Village Store to be taken to pressers where the juice will be bottled for sale in the shop. Everyone who donates will get a complimentary bottle.



The Fish Man, Yates Fish (no connection to the shop) comes each week from Grimsby to the Village Hall Car Park between 12.30-12.45 and 1-1.15pm with fresh fish. Mark will take orders on 07557 199805.



Save the Date. The annual 'Lights Switching on and Carols Around the Tree' event will take place on Sunday 26th November. The shop volunteer choir are re-forming and will be commencing with their rehearsals soon. They will be joining the children of Hughenden Primary School and hot chocolate, mulled wine, mince pies, shortbread and festive treats will be on offer as usual.

More information on all the above from Louise on 07909 527990

News from Christians in the Community

Just a reminder that on 4th November we have a Coffee/'Tea Morning at the Naphill Methodist Church from 10am to 12 noon. There will also be Traidcraft products for sale, a raffle, a cake stall and perhaps some Christmassy items. Everyone is welcome.

Norma Clark

Cornelia Mayer Presents
The Magic of the Strings
Viennese Zither Classics
and Music from The Third Man



Friday 24th November at 7.30pm

Church House, St Michael and All Angels Hughenden, HP14 4LA

Tickets £10 or £15 on the door

petergieler@gmail.com - 01494 562473

Cornelia Mayer of Vienna is one of the most renowned zither players of our time. Her broad repertoire with the Viennese zither has brought her solo performances at the Musikverein in Vienna, the New Year's Day Concert in Nürnberg, performances for the Anglo-Austrian Society in the United Kingdom as well as many other venues. She was jointly responsible for establishing the Viennese Zither in the UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in Austria.

Confirmation and Baptism



On Sunday, 8th October six members of our church were confirmed by the Bishop of Buckingham in a lovely service at St Francis of Assisi Church, Terriers. The church was packed with supporters and families of the 21 candidates, plus 2 who were renewing their baptismal and confirmation promises. They came from eight different parishes in the deanery, Flackwell Heath, High Wycombe, Ibstone, Marlow, Stokenchurch, Wycombe Marsh, Hughenden and of course, Terriers.

The candidates from Hughenden's church family were: Vicky Fletcher, Antony Rippon, Anne Smart, Roger Grant, Matt Skillen and Chris Bevan who was also baptised, and we congratulate them all on this very special occasion. After the service Terriers Church had laid on refreshments in the adjacent church hall which was probably like feeding the five thousand as there were so many people there! It was a very happy evening.

Sylvia Clark

Thank You

Thank you for all your prayers and support for Andrew and Maia Willson during the later stages of Maia's pregnancy. Maia was not able to travel to UK for the birth as planned but we are delighted that she gave birth to Gabriella Sophie on October 3rd in Muscat, Oman. Gabriella weighed 3.1kg and is a healthy and alert baby. We are watching her progress on Whats App, the wonders of tech-nology! We will be going to visit them next month. Andrew and Maia have really appreciated the support - St. Michael and All Angels occupies a special place in their hearts as they were married here nearly four years ago.

Alan and Barbara Willson

Floodlighting Dedications

A floodlighting dedication received too late for the October magazine is for:

22 - 28 October

Janet Cook is delighted to announce the arrival of two great grandsons, Luca and Thomas Henry in October.

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

Lin Smit

From the Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

Sunday 15th October: Ellis David, son of David and Charlotte Thompson, of Earl Close, High Wycombe.

The Departed

Peter Anthony Darvill-Evans, aged 96

Richard Patrick Martin, aged 80

Elizabeth Janet Palmer aged 76

Communicants

Sundays

September:

17th: 20 + 18 = 38

24th: 23 + 71 = 94

October:

1st: 17 + 33 = 50

8th: 24 + 70 = 94

15th: 25 + 27 = 52

Weekdays

21st: St Matthew 6

29th: Michaelmas 15

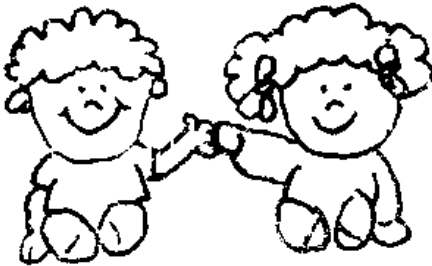
Regular Meetings and Organisations

Friendship Morning

This is a get together in Church House on the third Thursday each month at 10.30 am. 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 Penny Austin on 01494 529596 if you think this is for you.



Babies & Toddlers @ St. Michael's



Babies and Toddlers @ St. Michael's meets every Thursday in term time from 9.30 - 11.30 am in the North Room. Come for chat, play, craft and refreshments. Included, every second Thursday of the month, will be 'Tiny Tots', a time of fun worship in Church. For details contact Helen Peters – helen.peters@peters-research.com

House Groups

A variety of house groups meet throughout the week: for days and times, or for further information contact Revd. Keith Johnson, HW 257569.

Young People's Groups @ St Michael & All Angels

School Years 4-6 (Triple A's - Awesome and Active), monthly Sunday teatime during term time.

School Years 7-11 (joint with Speen Baptist Church), 2nd & 4th Sunday evenings during term time.

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

November Calendar

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| Wed | 1 | All Saints' Day |
| | | 10.30 am Visiting Bellringers: Bell Tower (3 hours) |
| | | 1.00 pm Knit and Natter: Church House |
| | | 7.30 pm Alpha Course: Church House |
| | | 7.30 pm Sung Eucharist: Church followed by buffet supper in Church House |
| Thu | 2 | 9.30 am Toddler Group: North Room |
| Sat | 4 | 9.00 am Private Booking: Church House: Quakers' Away Day |
| | | 10.00 am Visiting Bellringers: Bell Tower (3 hours) |
| Sun | 5 | Fourth Sunday before Advent |
| | | 8.00 am Holy Communion (said) |
| | | 9.00 am Sung Communion |
| | | 10.45 am Informal Family Service and Holy Baptism |
| | | 3.00 pm Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving for the Departed |
| | | 6.00 pm Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon) |
| Mon | 6 | 2.00 pm Interment of Ashes: |
| | | 7.30 pm Ecumenical choir rehearsal: Church |
| Tue | 7 | 7.30 pm Mothers' Union: Church House |
| Wed | 8 | 9.30 am Visiting Bellringers: Bell Tower (3 hours) |
| | | 9.30 am Private Booking: Church House |
| | | 7.30 pm Alpha Course: Church House |
| Thu | 9 | 9.30 am Toddler Group: North Room |
| | | 10.30 am Tiny Tots' Service: Church |
| | | 3.30 pm Messy Church: Cryers Hill Methodist Church |
| Sat | 11 | 9.00 am Alpha Course Holy Spirit Day: Church House |
| Sun | 12 | Third Sunday before Advent |
| | | 8.00 am Holy Communion (said) |
| | | 9.00 am Mattins (Book of Common Prayer) |
| | | 10.20 am Act of Remembrance: Church |
| | | 10.45 am Family Communion with JC Club |
| | | 4.30 pm Youth Group: Church House |
| | | 6.00 pm Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon) |
| Mon | 13 | 8.00 am 24 hours of prayer for High Wycombe: Church House |

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| | | 7.30 pm | Ecumenical choir rehearsal: Church |
| Wed | 15 | 7.30 pm | Alpha Course: Church House |
| Thu | 16 | 9.30 am | Toddler Group: North Room |
| | | 12 noon | Friendship Lunch: Red Lion, Great Kingshill |
| Sat | 18 | 9.00 am | Parochial Church Council AwayDay, Pipers Corner School |
| | | 9.30 am | Visiting Bellringers: Bell Tower (3 hours) |
| | | 4.00 pm | Visiting Bellringers: Bell Tower (3 hours) |
| | | 7.30 pm | All Age Disco: Hedsor Social Club: see weekly Church Notices |
| Sun | 19 | | Second Sunday before Advent |
| | | 8.00 am | Holy Communion (said) |
| | | 9.00 am | Sung Communion |
| | | 10.45 am | Service of the Word and Holy Baptism |
| | | 6.00 pm | Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon) |
| Mon | 20 | 6.00 pm | Visit to church by local cubs |
| Tue | 21 | 1.00 pm | Christmas Unwrapped for local schools: Church |
| Wed | 22 | 9.00 am | Christmas Unwrapped for local schools: Church |
| | | 7.30 pm | Alpha Course: Church House |
| Thu | 23 | 9.30 am | Toddler Group: North Room |
| | | 7.30 pm | Parochial Church Council meeting: Church House |
| Fri | 24 | 7.30 pm | Zither Concert: Church House |
| Sat | 25 | 8.00 am | Mens' breakfast: Church House |
| Sun | 26 | | Christ the King: Sunday next before Advent |
| | | 8.00 am | Holy Communion (said) |
| | | 9.00 am | Mattins (Book of Common Prayer) |
| | | 10.45 am | Family Communion with JC club |
| | | 3.00 pm | Piper's Corner School Christingle Service |
| | | 6.00 pm | Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon) |
| Mon | 27 | 10.30 am | Visiting Bellringers: Bell Tower (3 hours) |
| Wed | 29 | 9.00 am | Christmas Unwrapped for local schools: Church |
| | | 7.30 pm | Alpha Course: Church House |
| Thu | 30 | | Andrew the Apostle |
| | | 9.30 am | Toddler Group: North Room |
| | | 10.00 am | Holy Communion (said) |
| | | 6.00 pm | Naphill Scouts Carol Service: Church |

November Lectionary

| Date | Lesson | Readers | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------|
| | | 8:00 am / 6:00 pm | 9:00 am | 10:45 am |
| 1st All Saints' Day | Rev. 7: 9-end | 1 John 3: 1-3 | Matthew 5: 1-12 | |
| 7:30 pm Holy Communion | Louise Stallwood | Lin Smit | Priest | |

5th Fourth Sunday before Advent

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| Micah 3: 5-end | John White | H Farrar-Hockley | | |
| 1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13 | Philip Hynard | Roger Gee | | |
| Matthew 24: 1-14 | Priest | Priest | Clare Godfrey | |
| Evensong: Psalms 111 & 117 | | | | |
| Daniel 7: 1-18 | Arthur Johnson | | | |
| Luke 6: 17-31 | Mike Morgan | | | |

12th Third Sunday before Advent – Remembrance Sunday

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| Amos 5: 18-24 | Alison Stacey | Hazel Lowe | Helen Byrne | |
| 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-end | John Holmes | Susan Brice | Lois Comley | |
| Matthew 25: 1-13 | Priest | (check which) | Priest | |
| Psalm at 9.00 am: 70 | | | | |
| Evensong: Psalms 20 & 82 | | | | |
| Judges 7: 2-22 | Lin Smit | | | |
| John 15: 9-17 | Emily Bailey | | | |

19th Second Sunday before Advent

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| Zephaniah 1: 7 & 12-18 | Judy Wilson | Ann Moore | | |
| 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 | Judy Dauncey | Sara Badrick | | |
| Matthew 25: 14-30 | Priest | Priest | Matt Dean | |
| Evensong: Psalm 89: 19-37 | | | | |
| 1 Kings 1: 15-40 | Louise Stallwood | | | |
| Revelation 1: 4-18 | Susan Brice | | | |

26th Sunday next before Advent – Christ the King

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| Ezekiel 34: 11-16 & 20-24 | Cathryn Carter | Ben Brice | Joan Steel |
| Ephesians 1: 15-end | Alan Jaycock | Edie Sadler | Penny Austin |
| Matthew 25: 31-end | Priest | (check which) | Priest |

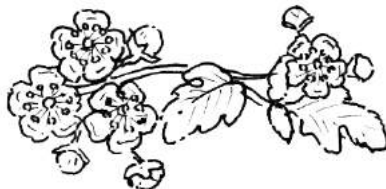
Psalms at 9.00 am: 29 & 110

Evensong: Psalms 93 & 97

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| 2 Samuel 23: 1-7 | Ben Brice |
| Matthew 28: 16-end | Beryl Doran |

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| 30th Andrew the Apostle | Isaiah 52: 7-10 | Romans 10: 12-18 | Matthew 4: 18-22 |
| 10:00 am Holy Communion | Arthur Johnson | Lin Smit | Priest |



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To enable all to follow Jesus Christ

We shall live out this mission through
Prayer, Presence, Persuasion and Proclamation by:

Leading lives centred on Jesus Christ

That are steadfastly based on the Bible and prayer.

- That are based on Jesus' example.
- By being ambassadors of Christ to our friends, families, neighbours and work and school colleagues.

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.

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 Lord, we thank you for all the good things around us - the trees and flowers, the fruits and vegetables, the food we buy. We pray for those who do not have these things and ask that we will be mindful of those in need and treat them with kindness, compassion and generosity. Amen.