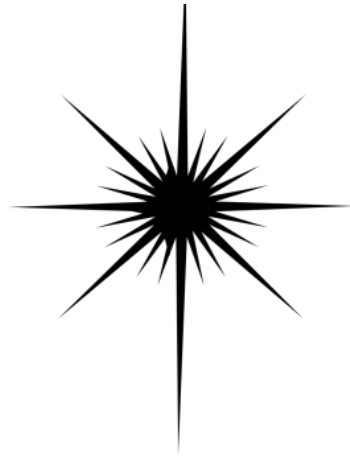


**St. Michael & All Angels**

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# Outlook



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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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## December 2017 – January 2018

Dear Readers,

As we write, the plaintive strains of remembrance, from the ceremonies referred to in November's editorial, are still hanging in the air, but as the year prepares to turn, in this issue we too look forward to Advent, to Christmas-tide and to 2018.

2017 has held much pain, with nationally and internationally marked acts of terror and disaster, and for many of us there will also have been personal times of sadness, fear and loss. In January, perhaps on a more secular level, we prepare for the year to come: the joy and the grief, the triumph and the tragedy, that are all part of human existence, an existence and experience shared by Jesus Christ.

In December, however, we come together in preparation for recognising the most amazing event in the history of mankind. Joy and expectation should be the order of the day.

In thinking about the mixed emotions that reflection and anticipation bring, we have been drawn to the booklet prepared by the Diocese of Oxford and referred to by Keith last month. This is a three session course (accompanied by online reflections (see [oxford.anglican.org/commonvision](http://oxford.anglican.org/commonvision))) on the Beatitudes. Some of the house-groups within our church are studying this short programme. In it, we are called to be a contemplative, compassionate and courageous Church. Compassion for those who suffer is reflected particularly in two beatitudes:

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted;*

*Blessed are the merciful for they will receive mercy.*

It is our assurance of divine comfort, and an injunction for us to give comfort and mercy to others.

Whatever your feelings at the turn of the year, the editorial team wishes you a happy and blessed Christmas and New Year.

**Jane and Christopher Tyrer, Editors**

## From the Vicarage



There are few experiences in life which can be surpassed by the feelings of elation and thanksgiving when a baby is born. I recently met our two month old niece Elsie for the first time, and cradled her in my arms, gazing in wonder at the miracle of a new birth, and sharing in the joy with Elsie's parents and our extended family.

It is quite common for all conversation to be centred around a baby, who captures our full attention in a room, especially when the baby is very young, getting to know us, and growing in their awareness of their surroundings as they develop more and more each day.

A baby changes your life forever – I can still recall the moment I held our eldest Luke for the first time, and found myself lost for words, as I gazed at my Son and he gazed back at me. No one is ever totally prepared for parenthood until it is thrust upon them, you tend to learn on the job, making mistakes, but treasuring those early days especially, cherishing each moment you have with them, until the initial wonder is overtaken by the challenges that sleepless nights and incessant crying brings to young parents. But these things pass, as the baby grows into a young child, beginning to find their place in the world.

As our family talked, we discussed what hopes and dreams we might have for Elsie in the future – what kind of world will she grow up in – will she find happiness and joy in her life; will the world know peace in her time?

As we approach Christmas, I invite you to consider the birth of another baby, some 2,000 years ago, to unprepared but loving young parents, whose birth and life were so important that billions of people across the world choose to follow his life and teaching to this day.

Mary and Joseph would have had great expectations for their new-born Son Jesus. They knew that he was special, but how special only dawned upon them over time, as he grew into the man who would become the Saviour of all humanity.

I invite you to join us here at St Michael & All Angels Church, Hughenden, this Christmastide, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the hope for the world. May God grant you a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year!

**Rev. Keith Johnson**

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

### **Sunday 10 December**

3:00 pm Christingle Service

### **Sunday 17 December**

6:00 pm Nine Lessons & Carols

### **Sunday 24 December – Christmas Eve**

3:00 pm Crib Service

11:15 pm Midnight Holy Communion

### **Monday 25 December – Christmas Day**

8:00 am Holy Communion (Said)

9:00 am Choral Communion

11:00 am All Age Holy Communion

5:00 pm Carols by Candlelight

### **Sunday 31 December – New Year's Eve**

10:00 am Parish Communion with Carols

## **24/7 Prayer for Wycombe**



This Christmas the One Can Trust is repeating their Reverse Advent Calendar, as it was such a great success last year. On a recent visit to the site and being shown around by Steph, she said how amazed she was to see the effort that children had put into decorating their boxes before filling them with one item a day from 1<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> December. So if you are planning to take part in this event you will find a list of items that they would love to find in your box on their website and if you run out of ideas, just drop a one pound coin in instead. The Food Bank will be open on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December, from 4 to 7 pm and on Christmas Eve from 9.30 to 12 noon to receive your filled boxes. You may download a large

label to attach to your box so that they know who all those wonderful items have come from. The address is 11 Duke Street, High Wycombe, HP13 6EE.

You will all know from our Church Notices that a team from St Michael's has taken part in The Wycombe Homeless Connection's **BIG SLEEPOUT**, which took place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November from 9 pm to 7 am on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November in the All Saints' Churchyard in the centre of Wycombe. Here's hoping that it will be a great success and raise a substantial sum for WHC to continue their wonderful work with the homeless. Their Night Shelter begins on January 2<sup>nd</sup> and runs through to the 31<sup>st</sup> March so if you are interested in taking part in helping throughout those months do check the website to see what volunteer opportunities there are still to be filled.

The Dorcas Project Christmas Campaign is underway now collecting donations of reading books, colouring books and pencils/felt tips for parcelling up for disadvantaged children. We have had a wonderful response at St Michael's and I am presently awaiting a visit from Jo Preston to collect laundered clothes and bags of donated goodies. I don't have the deadline for this campaign as yet but do watch the Church Notices for that date. I want to thank the ladies of the laundry team for all their hard work this year. Every couple of months I have a bag or two of clothing to be washed, ironed and carefully packed ready for sorting at the Big Yellow Box and you have all helped to make lives much less stressful for Mums who have children to clothe. Thanks too to those of you who make donations of clothing; I frequently find a bag or two on my doorstep and the Dorcas Trustees are so grateful for all your kindness.

Please remember the street ministries in your prayers now that the colder weather is approaching and also the Christmas/New Year season. Street Angels out on the streets of Wycombe at the unsociable hours between Friday midnight to 4 am Saturday, the Healing on the Streets Team who are outside Millets offering healing prayer to passersby two Saturday afternoons a month, Chefs for Jesus offering hot soup, tea/coffee and bread and cakes every Saturday outside All Saints' Church from 11 am to 1 pm and Town Centre Chaplaincy chatting and listening to shoppers and retail staff in Wycombe. Pray for their protection, for good health, that they will have

enough volunteers to conduct their ministry and those they come into contact with will come to know God in a very deep and personal way.

Our committed prayer day this month is on **Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, from 8 am to Tuesday at 8 am.** The prayer space will be set up in Church House with all the usual facilities in place so please prayerfully think about signing up for one hour of prayer, or half an hour if that is all you can commit to, bringing the ministries taking place and the town of Wycombe before God. The signup sheet can be found on the table at the back of the church together with the Prayer Points for December/January.

**Regrettably, this will be the last month I will be setting up the prayer space in Church House.** Life is changing at home which precludes me from leaving early to set it all up so prayer will have to be said at home or, if you need a quiet place, we are fortunate to have our church open and available all day so that we can take advantage of sitting quietly there in prayer if we so wish.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

**Yvonne Cook**

## **Announcements**

- This year's Alpha Course concluded on 29th November: don't turn up at Church House next time expecting dinner!!
- Look out for full colour leaflets about our Church, what we do, and about the organ: they should be on display before Christmas.
- As referred to above, in Yvonne's article the 24/7 prayer space will be discontinued after the December date **in Church House**. Grateful thanks to Yvonne for the service she has provided, giving comfort and inspiration to many.

## A Tale of Two Cities...

Our recent travels have taken us to contrasting places: both cities, but rather different in size, status and situation. The purpose of both visits was primarily musical.

**St David's in Pembrokeshire** is a city although as large only as Princes Risborough and smaller than Great Missenden. Its status was confirmed by The Queen in 1994. The purpose of our visit was to hear the Services at the Cathedral and to tour the countryside round about.



St David's is a city, a parish and a community. It is the smallest city in Britain in terms of both size and population, the burial place for St David, the Patron Saint of Wales and it is the ecclesiastical capital of the province.

Services at the Cathedral are conducted in both Welsh and English. There are dedicated Services where only Welsh is spoken [which we avoided, obviously!] All Services have an element of Welsh: prayers are divided between the two languages. With the printed orders of service for both Mattins and Evensong, which we attended, it was not difficult.

The music – the choir comprised nine girls, one counter tenor, two tenors and two bases – was exceptional. The tone was pure, the balance about right [one of the tenors stood out, pushing too hard, which surprised us as semi-professional singers should know how to listen to one another and blend] and the settings nicely balancing the modern and the traditional. Although out of season in October, the congregation was respectable in size.

There was an entertaining hiatus at Evensong which made us value Neil Brice even more [impossible surely?] in that one hymn number on the board was misplaced: 413, instead of 431. It was announced as 413, the wonderful organ blasted forth with the tune to 431 and I found myself as the only singer





[everyone else was shuffling papers] as I crammed the nearly fitting words to 413 into the tune for 431.

There were two clergy at each service – the Canon Residentiary and the Canon in Residence. They had known each other since childhood, having been brought up in the same small village in Carmarthen. They preached one at each service and took the theme of “love.” They were highly entertaining:

“can any good come out of Abergwilli?” Obviously!

The Bishop of St David’s, since February 2017, is the Rt. Rev’d Joanna Pemberthy and the new Dean has just been announced as the Rev’d Canon Dr Sarah Rowland Jones. When installed, it will be [we think] the first female duo in a diocese.

We stayed at a property owned by the Landmark Trust and the photograph is from the lounge. The floor of the cathedral slopes significantly upwards from the entrance at the rear to the High Altar. It takes some getting used to!

We got out of St David’s just in time: one of the storms to hit west Wales arrived on the evening after our departure and would have cut our exit route off.

**York Minster** is rather different! The Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York, is commonly known as York Minster. It is the seat of the Archbishop of York, the second highest office of the Church of England and is the mother church for the Diocese and Province of York.

The purpose of our visit was to listen to the Halle Orchestra, Chorus and Junior Choir, conducted by Sir Mark Elder, perform Elgar’s Dream of Gerontius [pronounced as a hard “g”, I am now assured!]

The only disappointment in an otherwise moving performance was that the sheer size and volume of noise from choir and orchestra drowned the soloists. We were near the front, as the photograph taken just before the "off" shows, but it was still a struggle.



"The Dream" is said to be Elgar's finest work. Words by Cardinal John Henry Newman, set to music, trace the journey of a dying Gerontius through to Judgement. Deeply spiritual, as one would expect from Newman, both words and music are very moving and devotional.

Sung Holy Communion the next morning was confined to the Choir and Chancel, as the scaffolding and seating in the main body of the Minster had not been removed. We found ourselves behind the choir, actually behind the counter tenors, tenors and basses on the south side which gave a skewed sound to the balance. The

preacher was described in the Notices as "The Rev'd Dr Rowan Williams, Minor Canon." We did not expect the former Archbishop and were only surprised to discover that "Rowan" can be for both the male and female gender. The tone was distinctly "High Church" – indeed, apart from an absence of incense, it was very Anglo-Catholic. At least the hymns were correctly signposted!

**Christopher and Jane Tyrer**

*P.S As a Yorkshire Lass, I have visited our County City often, particularly with my grandma, but it was the first time I had STAYED in York and the first time I had been in the Minster for a service - or indeed for a concert. It is still as beautiful, despite the scaffolding. JT*

## The Epiphany Girl

A panic of scrambling and scrabbling, a grabbing of a hat and my mother hugs me whilst also pushing me out of the door. I run, leaving her goodbyes and take cares lying on the ground behind me. My breath whispers into the chill night air and I pull the shawl firmly around my shoulders as I catch up with this strange caravan of travellers. It should be my brother, not me, not Maryam, following these smelly camels.



I sidestep the largest one as he thinks he can kick me and I make a face at him to show I know his games. I may be a girl but I've grown up with brothers. I can look after myself.

As I find my stride I begin to wonder how I feel about this sudden almost unexplained journey. It feels good not to have the family constantly calling my name, no fetching and carrying for my mother and all the men in my house. And yet, and yet there is an ache in my head and my heart thumps in my throat. There is a buzz thrumming in the air and a tingle in my fingers and toes. Nothing feels ordinary, everything is brighter. What can I mean by that? Well, one of the men on a camel smiled at me and told his servant to give me some food. That's not ordinary, that doesn't happen every day. Usually, as a girl, I am invisible. And there is a purpose to this travelling that suggests something other than trading carpets and spices. Well, who knows, maybe I have good karma for once. Let my brother Cyrus lie on a rug with a badly bruised ankle. I have taken his place, no one has shouted at me yet and if I were asked, I would say the stars are shining brighter than I have ever seen before. No one will ask of course but that is alright. This is my voyage, a voyage over a sea of sand. And I feel there is something important at the end.

I smelt the bread and the tang of the feta cheese before I even opened my eyes. And then someone was calling to me: girl, girl, and then this richly robed gentleman asked my name. He asked my name and I could even believe that he was interested. He smiled when I told him and he said I should get myself some breakfast. The hot, fragrant tea would take the chill off the early

morning. As I licked the last of the orange blossom jam from my lips, one of the servants told me to hurry up, there were jobs to be done and mine was to feed the camels. I knew there had to be a catch. I wondered if my brother Cyrus knew what he was signing up for. Maybe he had changed his mind and hurt his ankle on purpose. Anyway, nobody seemed bothered that it was a girl heading off towards the camels. They just needed the jobs done. I dragged the leather food bag towards the animals and decided that if a camel spat at me then I would spit right back and I would aim for his eye.

We moved off and at a pace. There was an urgency in everyone's step and even the camels didn't seem to need encouragement. And as I listened to the talk all around me, some of the words hung in the air with importance. I realised that I had been right. Right about the stars I mean and one star in particular apparently. We were following it and the gentlemen believed firmly that it would lead us to a new king. Well, my grandmother always said that you learnt far more by listening than by talking. Gracious she was right. A new king. Well, I still hadn't worked out whether the men who talked so earnestly to each other, sometimes in a language that I didn't understand, were kings or not. They certainly were wise and presumably knew much about the heavens. So, maybe we were heading for a palace. I wondered how close I would be allowed to get.

Sometimes we walked well into the night, well I often had to run to keep up, tripping in the blackness which wrapped itself around me like a blanket. But faces were turned to the skies with forceful pointing and discussion and I soon realised it was one particular star that seemed to be important. It did indeed lead us to a palace, one that filled me with fear and confusion. Is this what we had come for? My palms were cold and sticky and I had a sudden ache for home. I was relieved that I didn't even have to approach the guards at the large foreboding gates. Only our leaders went in whilst their servants took an opportunity to doze and I leant against the scratchy, dusty flank of one of the camels. They had folded themselves up on the ground, quick to rest but still endlessly chewing. None of us had long. The robed gentlemen reappeared, smiling, talking, shouting instructions and urging us onward. The sand churned up, sparkling in the sunshine and filling my eyes and mouth with grit.

Hours and days rolled over the desert, while the wind scattered voices and created ever changing folds in the sand. And then I found that I was walking on firm ground and my heart knew that our journey was coming to an end. Bethlehem, Bethlehem, that was where we were. It seemed an ordinary settlement and I looked around wildly for something that made it special. And then it happened and I need wonder no more. I saw the kings (I think they must have been royal, really,) I saw them fall to their knees and bow their heads. All the other servants seemed to accept that they had to stay outside but this time I couldn't. I crept to the door and hoped to peer in without being seen but a young woman looked up. It was amazing. She gathered me in with her smile and her eyes were full of love. As I tiptoed towards her she asked my name. Maryam, I said and her eyes widened. Names are important. If you know someone's name, you know something of them. That is powerful. She offered me hers in return. Mary. It felt as if we knew each other and had made a connection. I had an odd sense of belonging from sharing a name. We laughed but then she put a finger to her lips and looked down at the child she was cradling.



He had opened his eyes and the kings gasped, truly overcome with awe. But I heard nothing. I was drawn in to the light that surrounded this baby and I knew with a certainty I had never felt before that I was looking at love and goodness and endless possibility. And, more amazing still, that all this was for me, if I wanted it. A scruffy, skinny little girl from a distant land who didn't use the right tongue, held beliefs that definitely didn't fit in here and would probably never wear an embroidered robe could have all this love. My blood pumped hotly in my head and my lungs felt as if they might explode. With a smile that made my face ache and a voice loud enough to wake any baby, I turned to the door and beckoned to the others to come and see. This is what we had travelled for. This is what the star wanted us to find.

A treasure I would keep in my heart for all my days on this earth.

**Susan Brice**

## **Thank you from MSS**

The South West Bucks Group of the Multiple Sclerosis Society held their annual Ploughman's Lunch and Mini Bazaar on Saturday 4th November in Hughenden Village Hall. We raised a total of £525.00.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Group to thank everyone who came and supported our fundraising event and also huge thanks to those who gave up their time for free to help out on the day, it is very much appreciated. The money will be used to help people with MS in our area.

**Belinda Peddle**

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## **Service with a Difference**

As the ecclesiastical year comes to an end I have reflected on the many services I have attended, both at home and abroad, during the last year. The service which stands out was at All Saints, Margaret Street, London. All Saints is a church we attend regularly and is situated behind Oxford Street. It is renowned for its Anglo-Catholic liturgy and tradition of choral worship. It is a Grade 1 listed building regarded as one of the foremost examples of Victorian Gothic revival.

The service was on 15<sup>th</sup> August for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day we thank God for Mary, the first Christian saint. In mediaeval England this feast was called "Our Lady of Harvest". Our service was a High Mass and Outdoor Procession with choir and brass accompaniment. The mass, attended by over 200 worshippers, combined wonderful music, both choral and congregational, and a real atmosphere of devotion. The visiting preacher was Father Richard Peers, Director of

Education at the Diocese of Liverpool, who based his sermon on John Milton's Paradise Lost, published 350 years ago.

The second part of the celebration was an outdoor procession which went from Margaret Street via Wells Street, Oxford Street and Great Portland Street back to Margaret Street. This was at 7pm so Oxford Street was still very busy as all the shops were open. Servers led the procession carrying the crucifix and banners, followed by a portable statue of the Blessed Virgin, decorated with flowers and carried at shoulder height by a team of clergy. Children followed immediately behind the statue and then all the remaining clergy. The procession was marshalled safely round by a team of stewards. Joyful singing was led by the large choir, supported by a brass band and drum. Members of the congregation handed out leaflets explaining who we were and what we were doing. In addition to the church's photographer, who put a selection of photographs on the All Saints facebook page, hundreds of passers-by with mobile phones also photographed the occasion.

On our return to church we assembled in front of the church's own statue of the Madonna and Child, which was decorated with white lilies which opened at just the right time, to sing Salve Regina (Hail Queen of Heaven). The whole service, Mass and procession took just two hours.

This was a wonderful act of prayer and witness to demonstrate to people who may never visit a church that All Saints is a living Christian community in the heart of London.

**Louise Stallwood**

### **Christians in the Community Carols by Candlelight**

In the Naphill Village Hall on Sunday 17th December 2017 at 4:00 pm including mulled wine and mince pies. A retiring collection to be donated to the Wycombe Refuge Partnership.

## Chiltern Arts Festival 2018



**Chiltern Arts Festival 2018** is taking place Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and as part of this new and exciting festival, the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment 'Experience' Ensemble will be **performing Mozart in the Church of St. Michael & All Angels, Hughenden on Day Seven: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 1.00 pm.**

For details see: [chilternarts.com/event/orchestra-age-enlightenment-experience-ensemble-mozart](http://chilternarts.com/event/orchestra-age-enlightenment-experience-ensemble-mozart)

The Chiltern Arts Festival is a new classical music and arts festival in the Chilterns bringing the finest in classical music and arts to the Chilterns region between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

This vibrant winter festival consists of 18 different events taking place in venues across the Chiltern Hills. Venue locations include Dorchester-on-Thames, Marlow, Hughenden, Henley-on-Thames, Great Missenden, Berkhamsted, High Wycombe, Wendover and Tring.

Chiltern Arts also takes pride in presenting a series of young artists, with concerts featuring the winners of its new Young Artists' competition, Take Note: choir Echo and the A4 Brass Quartet.

In addition, the Chiltern Arts Festival will be hosting a concert and dinner event in the Art Deco surrounds of the Gatsby in Berkhamsted; a presentation of the classic silent movie "Joan of Arc" accompanied by live music from the Orlando Consort; an installation themed on the topic of memory, commemorating 100 years since the end of the first World War; and a photographic exhibition held at Tring's beautiful College Lake.



## **Programme**

12<sup>th</sup> December 2017: Launch Concert 3 – Words and Music at Christmas with Hertfordshire Chorus (Berkhamsted)

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018: Tenebrae – Russian Choral Treasures (Marlow)

4<sup>th</sup> February 2018: WW1 Discovery Day (Henley); Faure Requiem and Echo (Henley)

5<sup>th</sup> February 2018: Tasmin Little and Martin Roscoe (Great Missenden)

6<sup>th</sup> February 2018: Elgar Piano Quintet and WW1 Poetry (Wendover); Katona Twins Concert and Dinner (Berkhamsted)

7<sup>th</sup> February 2018: A4 Brass (Penn Street); Brodsky Quartet (High Wycombe)

8<sup>th</sup> February 2018: Academy of Ancient Music (Tring); Orlando Consort (Edlesborough)

9<sup>th</sup> February 2018: Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment 'Experience' Ensemble (Hughenden); Brahms in Love - world premiere of Jeremy Sams' translation (Wycombe Abbey)

10<sup>th</sup> February 2018: Ben Goldscheider, Fenella Humphreys and Michael Dussek (Beaconsfield); Ryedale Festival Opera: Mozart, Garden of Disguises (Pipers Corner School)

11<sup>th</sup> February 2018: Sinclair McKay (Wallingford); City of London Sinfonia and Ben Goldscheider (Dorchester-on-Thames)

### **Matthew's New Wheelchair**

(See October Outlook)

We do thank everyone who supported our Sale at which we made £1,300 which was fantastic. We are still receiving monetary donations from friends who were unable to come on the day. Continuing with our goal of £4,000 for Matthew's new chair his Auntie Elaine did a 10 mile sponsored walk on Thursday 23rd November. If anyone wishes to retrospectively sponsor her, it would be appreciated (please ring HW 562332).

**Sheila Veysey**

## **Mothers' Union**

We were very pleased to welcome at our November meeting, two new (prospective?) members to our 'do it ourselves' session. After singing our Mary Sumner song written and copyrighted to us by Sean Rourke, and the short service, we split into two groups to discuss what Mothers' Union means to us. Members listed words such as loving and caring, being joyful, supporting families, listening to others, worshipping together, listening to God's word and worldwide shared Christian Aid. These words and many others will be displayed on a poster at the back of the church.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm** when we will celebrate Advent with a service conducted by Rev. Helen Peters.

Everybody welcome.

**Norma Clarke – committee member of Mothers' Union**

## **The Prayer Space @ Great Kingshill School**

*'Prayer Spaces in Schools enable children and young people, of all faiths and none, to explore life questions, spirituality and faith in a safe, creative and interactive way' (extract from Prayerspacesinschools.com)*

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017 a small class room in Great Kingshill School was transformed into a 'Prayer Space', ready for Key stage 2 to visit during the week.

I was delighted that 17 members of St. Michael's congregation helped to run the Prayer Space this term, 11 of whom were there for the first time.

From Tuesday to Friday children visit the Prayer Space in groups of 15. After a brief introduction they are divided into smaller groups of 3 or 4. Each group has approximately 7 minutes to engage with one of the four Prayer activities before being moved on to the next one. Having visited all four stations the children are gathered together again and encouraged to reflect on what they have found helpful or enjoyed, as well as what might be changed to improve

it for another time. After 50 minutes the children return to their own class rooms to continue with their school day.

Each Prayer Space activity is hosted by an adult. Having introduced themselves, the host's role is to introduce the activity and simply facilitate conversation around the topic. Every child then has the opportunity to respond in a variety of interactive ways, depending on the activity.

## **Autumn Leaves**

This activity considered the changing of seasons. The children were invited to consider aspects of their own lives that were changing. This was pertinent for all in years 5 & 6 as they face changing schools. As Christians we believe that God does not change. God knows all the changes we face and stands alongside us in them. The children were invited to respond by writing a prayer about any aspect of change they were facing. Responses included:



*'I hope to fit in at my new school and enjoy my experiences.'*

*'I want the war in Iraq to stop.'*

*'Dear God, please help me to be happy all through my life and help the whole world to be loving and kind.'*

*'Dear God, thank you for my healthy life, and I pray that you try to help people whose lives aren't as healthy as mine.'*

*'Dear God, please can you look after my family.'*

*'Dear God, I am worried about not seeing all my lovely friends in my next school.'*

*'Dear God, I would like to change all the bloodshed and stop war and all the hatred.'*

## Doves of Peace



This activity enabled the children to consider parts of the world where there are struggles for example war, violence, famine, fire, earthquakes. Each child had the opportunity to make an origami 'peace dove', as a prayer for peace in those places. Some children chose to write place names or situations on their doves. The children were able to take these doves away with them.

## Hopes and Dreams

The children were encouraged to consider their own hopes and dreams for the future, however small or big. They were reminded that God is the God of hope and is interested in our dreams and aspirations. Children were invited to respond by writing or drawing dreams on 'post it notes' that were attached to clouds on a blue sky background. Responses included:

*'I want to be a teacher'*

*'I want to make a difference in the world'*

*'I hope to be clever enough to be a vet'*

## New World

This activity encouraged the children to consider what was GOOD about the world, and also what they would like to see changed. They were encouraged to imagine what rules they would put in place to make the world a better place, and what they could do personally to make the world a better place. The children had an opportunity to respond by writing their ideas on a large white board.



Approximately 240 children passed through the Prayer Space during the week. Feedback from the children and staff members who visited was overwhelmingly positive. Comments included:

*'Peace Doves: made me think about what's happening in other countries.'*

*'Peace Doves: remembering those in need'.*

*'Autumn leaves: helps me say what's important to me.'*

*'Autumn leaves: time to write down what you think about changes.'*

*'Hopes and dreams: fuelled my imagination.'*

*'Hopes and dreams: makes me feel it might come true.'*

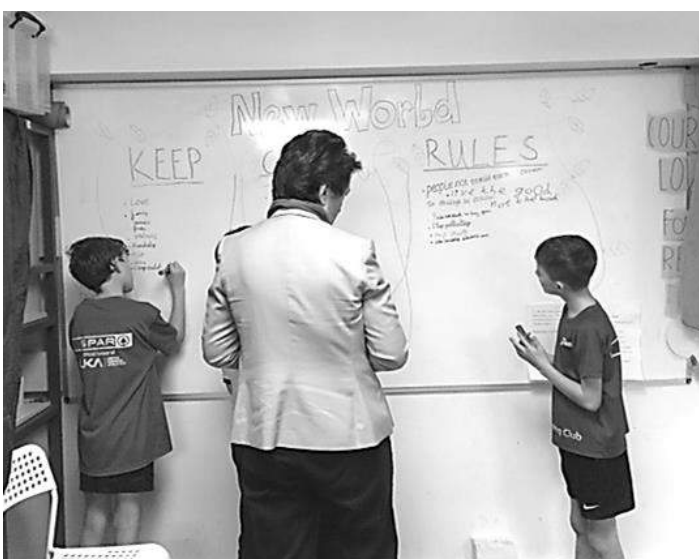
*'New World: I liked finding the countries on the globe and thinking about what's best for the world.'*

*'New World: I want people to be saved from starving to death.'*

*'New World: an opportunity to get all our thoughts out.'*

*'New World: provoked thought, I enjoyed to share my opinions with God.'*

*'Praying in anyway is helpful.'*



The only thing that children wanted to change was the length of time they had – they wanted to stay in the room for longer!

The next Prayer Space at Great Kingshill School will be for Key Stage 1 in February 2018. If you would like to be involved I would be delighted to hear from you.

**Rev. Helen Peters**

## **Good Companions**

At our meeting on Thursday, 7th December we will be having our Christmas Lunch which is for members only.

On 4th January 2018, because of the chance of uncertain weather, we shall have a games afternoon. At our meeting on 1st February Alan Jaycock, an excellent photographer, will be showing his holiday photographs which I'm sure will be very interesting.

We are a growing club with some new members so why not join us? You would receive a very warm welcome.

**Sheila Veysey**

## **Floodlighting Dedications**

Floodlighting dedications received too late for the November magazine are:

26<sup>th</sup> November - Edie Sadler and family are remembering with much love  
2<sup>nd</sup> December Cliff, particularly on 27th November, which would have been his 98th birthday.

Alison Stacey and family are remembering with much love, Rod, especially on November 29th - his 9th anniversary.

Alan and Barbara Wilson are celebrating the safe arrival of their granddaughter Gabriella Sophie on October 3rd in Muscat, Oman. They are also celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary on December 2nd and give thanks for a happy marriage

A floodlighting dedication for December is for:

10<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> December David and Sue Jennings and family are remembering with love, their beloved daughter Elizabeth who died on 16th December 2013

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**

## **From the Parish Registers**

### **Holy Baptism**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov.: Theo William, son of James and Hannah-Marie Hands  
Dylan George, son of Robert and Laura Woodley

### **The Departed**

Gordon Edwards, died in 2016, aged 58  
Stephen Owen Jones, aged 37

### **Communicants**

#### **Sundays**

##### October

22<sup>nd</sup>: 21 + 78 = 99

29<sup>th</sup>: 21 + 80 = 101

##### November:

5<sup>th</sup>: 23 + 39 = 62

12<sup>th</sup>: 18 + 68 = 86

#### **Weekdays**

18<sup>th</sup>: St Luke 5

1<sup>st</sup>: All Saints 15

## **February 2018 Issue of Outlook**

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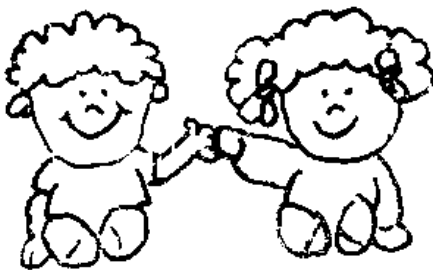
# Regular Meetings and Organisations

## 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](mailto:helen.peters@peters-research.com)

## House Groups

A variety of house groups meet throughout the week: for days and times, or for further information contact 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](mailto:rebecca@wycombeyfc.org.uk)



## December Calendar

Fri	1	2.00 pm	Funeral: Joan Gibson
Sat	2	8.30 pm	Mens' breakfast: Church House
Sun	3		<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Sung Communion
		10.45 am	All Age Family Service with Holy Baptism
		4.30 pm	Youth Group: Church House
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Mon	4	10.30 am	Visiting bellringers: Bell Tower (3 hours)
Tue	5	7.30 pm	Mothers' Union Advent Service: Church House
Wed	6	9.00 am	Christmas Unwrapped Hughenden Primary: Church
		7.30 pm	Alpha Course: Church House
Thu	7	9.30 am	Toddler Group: Church
		3.30 pm	Messy Church: Cryers Hill Methodist Church
		6.00 pm	Naphill Guides and Brownies Carol Service: Church
Fri	8	10.30 am	Visiting bellringers: Bell Tower (3 hours)
Sun	10		<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.45 am	Family Communion with JC Club
		3.00 pm	Christingle Service: Church
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Mon	11	8.00 am	24 hours of prayer for High Wycombe: Church House
		7.30 pm	Visiting bellringers: Bell Tower (90 minutes)
Wed	6	2.30-4.30	Meeting
Tue	12	9.00 am	Christmas Unwrapped Great Kingshill: Church
		10.30 am	Visiting bellringers: Bell Tower (90 minutes)
Thu	14	9.30 am	Toddler Group: Church
		10.30 am	Tiny Tots' Service: Church
Fri	15	2.00 pm	Hughenden Primary School Carol Service
Sat	16	9.30 am	Visiting bellringers: Bell Tower (3 hours)
Sun	17		<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Sung Communion

		10.45 am	Service of the Word
		4.00 pm	Christians in the Community Carols: Naphill
		6.00 pm	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols (Church)
Mon	18	9.00 am	Great Kingshill School Carol Service
Tue	19	10.30 am	Visiting bellringers: Bell Tower (1 hour)
Thu	21	10.30 am	Friendship Group: Church House
Sun	24		<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent: Christmas Eve</b>
		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	Crib Service: Church
		11.15 pm	Midnight Sung Communion: Church
Mon	25		<b>Christmas Day</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Sung Holy Communion
		11.00 am	All Age Christmas Communion
		5.00 pm	Carols by Candlelight: Church (1 hour)
Tue	26		<b>Stephen, deacon, first martyr</b>
			No service at Hughenden, but we are cordially invited to join the service at St Francis Terriers at 10.00 am.
Wed	27		<b>John, Apostle and Evangelist</b>
			No service at Hughenden, but we are cordially invited to join the service at St Francis Terriers at 10.00 am.
Thu	28		<b>The Holy Innocents</b>
			No service at Hughenden, but we are cordially invited to join the service at St Francis Terriers at 10.00 am.
Sun	31		<b>First Sunday of Christmas</b>
		10.00 am	Parish Communion with Carols.
			This will be the only service in this church today.

## January Calendar

Mon	1		<b>Naming and Circumcision of Jesus</b>
			No service at Hughenden, but we are cordially invited to join the service at St Francis Terriers at 10.00 am.
Tue	2	7.30 pm	Mothers' Union: Church House

Sat	6	9.30 am	Visiting bellringers: Bell Tower (3 hours)
Sun	7		<b>Epiphany</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Sung Communion
		10.45 am	All Age Family Service
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Mon	8		<b>Baptism of Christ</b>
		10.00 am	Holy Communion: Church
Thu	11	9.30 am	Toddler group: Church
		10.30 am	Tiny Tots' service: Church
Sat	13	6.00 pm	Visiting bellringers: Bell Tower (2 hours)
Sun	14		<b>Second Sunday of Epiphany</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.45 am	Family Communion with JC Club
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Mon	15	10.30 am	Visiting bellringers: Bell Tower (3 hours)
Thu	18	9.30 am	Toddler Group: Church
		10.30 am	Friendship morning: Church House
Sun	21		<b>Third Sunday of Epiphany</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Sung Communion
		10.45 am	Service of the Word
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Thu	25		<b>Conversion of Paul</b>
			No service at Hughenden, but we are cordially invited to join the service at St Francis Terriers at 10.00 am.
		9.30 am	Toddler Group: Church
Fri	26	10.30 am	Visiting bellringers: Bell Tower (3 hours)
Sat	27	10.00 am	Wedding preparation morning: Church House
		2.00 pm	Visiting bellringers: Bell Tower (3 hours)
Sun	28		<b>Fourth Sunday of Epiphany</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.45 am	Family Communion with JC club
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)

# December Lectionary

Date	Lesson	8:00 am / 6:00 pm	9:00 am	10:45 am
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## 3<sup>rd</sup> First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64: 1-9	Alison Stacey	H Farrar-Hockley	Roger Grant
1 Corinthians 1: 3-9	Philip Hynard	Ann Gee	
Mark 13: 24-end	Priest	Priest	
Evensong: Psalm 25			
Isaiah 1: 1-20	Lin Smit		
Matthew 21: 1-13	Emily Bailey		

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## 10<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40: 1-11	Judy Wilson	Hazel Lowe	C Tyrer
2 Peter 3: 8-15a	Cathryn Carter	Louise Stallwood	Ruth Smith
Mark 1: 1-8	Priest	(check which)	Priest
Psalm at 9.00 am: 85			
Evensong: Psalm 40			
1 Kings 22: 1-28	Beryl Doran		
Romans 15: 4-13	Michael Morgan		

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## 17<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61: 1-4 & 8-end	Judy Dauncey	Ann Moore	Ben Sharp
1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24	John Holmes	Christopher Tyrer	
John 1: 6-8 & 19-28	Priest	Priest	
6:00 pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols (No Evensong)			

## 24<sup>th</sup> Fourth Sunday of Advent – Christmas Eve

2 Samuel 7: 1-11 & 16	Arthur Johnson	Arthur Johnson	Sue Devereux
Romans 16: 25-end	Alison Stacey	Edie Sadler	Peter Joy
Luke 1: 26-38	Priest	(check which)	Priest
Psalm at 9:00 am: 89: 1-8			

**NB** No Evensong

<b>Midnight Mass</b>	Isaiah 52: 7-10	Hebrews 1: 1-12	John 1: 1-14
11:15 pm Holy Communion	Cathryn Carter	Alan Jaycock	Priest

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## 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day

**NB 11:00 am**

Isaiah 9: 2-7	To be fixed	To be fixed	Eloise Godfrey
Titus 2: 11-14	To be fixed	To be fixed	
Luke 2: 1-20	Priest	Priest	Priest

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<b>31<sup>st</sup> First Sunday of Christmas</b>	Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3	Galatians 4: 4-7	Luke 2: 15-21
10:00 am Holy Communion	To be fixed		Diane and Frank Hawkins
<b>(NB</b> Only service this Sunday)			

## January Lectionary

Date	Lesson	8:00 am / 6:00 pm	9:00 am	10:45 am
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### 7<sup>th</sup> The Epiphany

Isaiah 60: 1-6	Philip Hynard	Lin Smit	Karen Williams
Ephesians 3: 1-12	John White	Hazel Lowe	
Matthew 2: 1-12	Priest	Priest	

Evensong: Psalms 98 & 100

Baruch 4:36 – 5: end	Arthur Johnson
John 2: 1-11	Louise Stallwood

**8<sup>th</sup> The Baptism of Christ**    Genesis 1: 1-5    Acts 19: 1-7    Mark 1: 4-11  
10:00 am Holy Communion    To be fixed

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**14<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Epiphany**

1 Samuel 3: 1-20	Cathryn Carter	Ann Moore	Joan Steel
Revelation 5: 1-10	Arthur Johnson	Alan Jaycock	Ann Dean
John 1: 43-end	Priest	(check which)	

Psalm at 9.00 am: 139

Evensong: Psalm 96

Isaiah 60: 9-end	Emily Bailey		
Hebrews 6:17 – 7:10	Michael Morgan		

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**21<sup>st</sup> Third Sunday of Epiphany**

Genesis 14: 17-20	John Holmes	Roger Gee	Clare Godfrey
Revelation 19: 6-10	Alison Stacey	H Farrar-Hockley	
John 2: 1-11	Priest	Priest	

Evensong: Psalm 33

Jeremiah 3:21 – 4:2	Ben Brice		
Titus 2: 1-8 & 11-14	Beryl Doran		

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**28<sup>th</sup> Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20	Judy Wilson	Louise Stallwood	Tony and
Revelation 12: 1-5a	Judy Dauncey	Edie Sadler	Jacky Sackville
Mark 1: 21-28	Priest	(check which)	

Psalm at 9:00 am: 111

Evensong: Psalm 34

1 Samuel 3: 1-20	Louise Stallwood		
1 Corinthians 14: 12-20	Susan Brice		

# Who's Who at St Michael & All Angels

<b>VICAR</b>	The Rev'd Keith Johnson	257569
<b>ASSOCIATE MINISTER</b>	The Rev'd Helen Peters	716772
<b>LICENSED LAY MINISTER</b>	David Tester	563354
<b>CHURCHWARDENS</b>	Robin Innes	07958 570330
	Julia Grant	711939
<b>PARISH CLERK &amp; VERGER</b>	Arthur Johnson	521471
<b>PARISH ADMINISTRATOR</b>	Lin Smit	462094
<b>CHURCH NOTICES/WEBSITE</b>	Ben Brice	445899
<b>PCC VICE CHAIR</b>	Clare Godfrey	563296
<b>PCC SECRETARY</b>	Louise Stallwood	712705
<b>PCC ASSISTANT SECRETARY</b>	Clare Godfrey	563296
<b>PCC TREASURER</b>	Ian Faulkner	451279
<b>PCC ASSISTANT TREASURER</b>	Arthur Johnson	521471
<b>PLANNED GIVING SECRETARY</b>	Arthur Johnson	521471
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<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>	Jane Tyrer	01844 344650
<b>PRAYER</b>	Ann Long	564009
<b>YOUTH</b>	The Rev'd Helen Peters	716772
<b>MISSION</b>	Vacant	
<b>OUTREACH &amp; SOCIAL</b>	Frank Hawkins	565050
<b>ALPHA COURSE - ADMINISTRATOR</b>	Diane Hawkins	565050
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<b>DEANERY SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES</b>	Arthur Johnson	521471
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<b>WORSHIP LEADER</b>	Tony Sackville	446035
<b>TINY TOTS FUN WORSHIP</b>	The Rev'd Helen Peters	716772
<b>AV AND SOUND SYSTEM</b>	Frank Hawkins	565050
<b>SERVERS</b>	Andrew Cole	442191
<b>MOTHERS' UNION PARISH LINK</b>	Ann McCarthy	712004
<b>CAPTAIN OF BELLRINGERS</b>	David Cornwall	714718
<b>VALLEY FRIENDS</b>	Jill Graves	563813
<b>CRECHE ROTA</b>	Jane Lomas	563629
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<b>CHRISTIANS IN THE COMMUNITY</b>	Norma Clarke	563116
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<b>CHURCH HOUSE TEAS BOOKINGS</b>	Julia Grant	711939
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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.

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*Dear Lord, at this Christmas-tide, draw near to us as we draw near to you, and assist us, by your Spirit, to become a more contemplative, more compassionate and more courageous Church, following in the steps of your son our Saviour. Amen.*