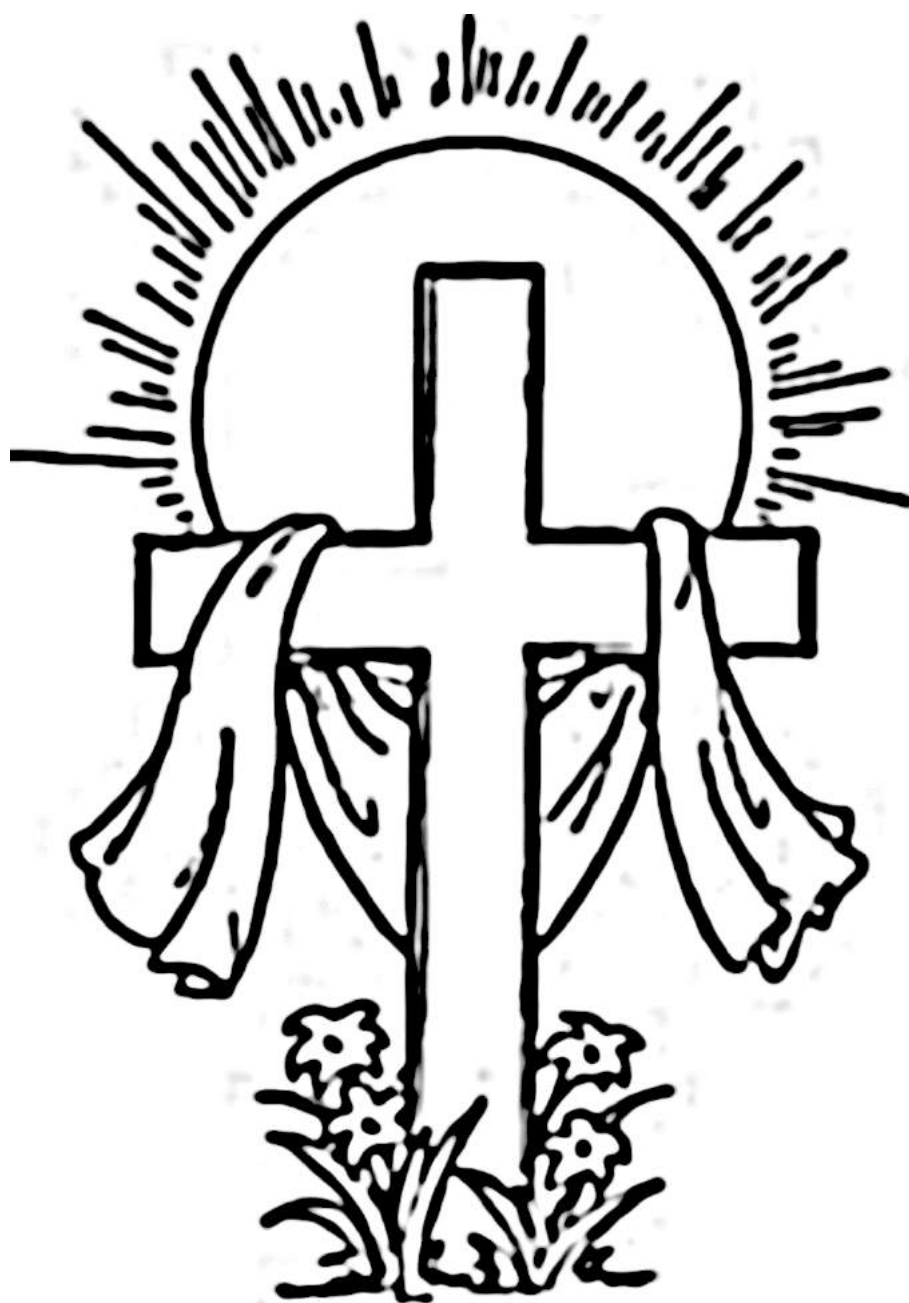


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Welcome to Your Church

The fact that you are reading these words suggests that you are a new reader of this magazine. Either you are a newcomer to this area or you are a visitor.

If you are a visitor, we hope that you have enjoyed your visit to our church; that you have found it interesting, instructive and conducive to prayer. If you are going to be here at one of our regular service times, we hope that you will join us in the worship of God and we ask that you take our greetings back to your own church.

If you are new to this Parish, we bid you welcome and invite you to join us and share in the fellowship of God's family in Hughenden. This magazine gives details of the regular times of worship here. We hope that you will find something to meet your spiritual needs. The printed word is cold and remote and we would like to make personal contact with you, so please leave your name and address in the box at the back of the church.

Whoever you are who reads these words, may God bless you, sustain you and protect you, your family and friends, now and always.

Grant us Lord, faith to believe and strength to do thy will

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Dear Readers,

Easter is almost upon us – the highlight of the Christian year when we celebrate Christ's resurrection following his crucifixion on Good Friday. On Easter Sunday the church will be decorated with beautiful flowers and the singing at services will be joyful. Evening services are held during Holy week, the week leading up to Good Friday and Easter Day - you may be able to attend one or more of them. Details are in the Calendar and the Lectionary towards the back of this magazine.



Hot cross buns appear to be constantly on offer these days and the tantalising smell of them when they are warm makes them very hard to resist. Even before Medieval times it was common for bakers to mark breads, buns and cakes with the sign of a cross as this was believed to ward off evil spirits which could affect the bread and make it go mouldy or stale. The Puritans put a stop to this practice except for on Good Friday as then the marking with a cross commemorated the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary. This, as we know, has continued to the present day.

Don't forget the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Annual Vestry Meeting on Sunday 28th April followed by a shared lunch – see Page 6.

There is much planning taking place for the Church's Community Day on 11th May and a warm invitation is extended to everyone to come and see what is going on. There will be something for all, including beautiful flowers to see in the Church and Church House, tours, fun for the children, tea, coffee and home-made cakes all day, plus lots more - see Page 14.

We wish you a very Happy Easter and do enjoy your Hot Cross Buns!

Sylvia Clark

Editor

From the Vicarage



Imagine that you were one of the close friends of Jesus, who had cruelly and shamefully been crucified on a cross by Roman soldiers just two days ago. His tragic end was brutal. You had caught a glimpse of the punishment inflicted by his captors from a distance for a while, until the physical spectacle become too much, at which point you went home to hide, in fear of your life.

Darkness fell, in more ways than one. Hope and joy disappeared and all that remained was an indescribable anguish – why has our rabbi been killed? Why did they do this to him?

Two days pass like a blur, before a bright new dawn rises, accompanied by unconfirmed reports that Jesus was in fact alive, and not dead. Do you dare to believe it? Some have even claimed to have encountered him face-to-face.

What does this all mean?

You and a friend leave Jerusalem that afternoon, and begin the familiar walk home to Emmaus, when you are joined by a stranger.

You have become so caught up in discussing all that has taken place in Jerusalem over the last few days, that you barely notice him approach you and join your conversation.



In a short space of time the confusion of disbelief and uncertainty is clarified as the stranger explains what has happened and why. “The prophets told you it was going to happen – the Christ must suffer and then enter into glory,” he declares.

Suddenly the stranger’s words begin to make sense, as the full significance of Christ’s death and resurrection is laid before their hearts to fully embrace. Yet, they are still prevented from recognising the true identity of the stranger.

As they arrive at their final destination, as it was by now nearly evening, they offered him hospitality, which he accepted.

Finally, as they sat at a meal table, and the stranger took the bread, gave thanks and broke it, they recognised Jesus in front of them, at which point he disappears!

Full of questions, and an inexpressible joy, they abandon their supper where it lies and return to Jerusalem at once, to share the Good News that they had met Jesus face to face! He's alive! It's really true!

As we reflect together through Holy Week this Easter, I invite you to journey with Christians across the world, as we remember all that Jesus said and did, from washing his disciples' feet at the Last Supper, to healing the ear of Melchus as the temple guard was about to arrest him.

Once Jesus set his face towards Jerusalem, there was no turning back. He remained faithful to his mission, and it is by putting our trust in his life, death and resurrection, that we too can become Easter people.

Easter people are not perfect, but we seek to live out our lives in the light of the hope, love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ that took place between Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Happy Easter!

Keith

P.S. Please do join us for our Community Day at St Michael's on Saturday 11 May, between 10am – 4pm!



Annual Parish Council Meeting, Annual Vestry Meeting and Shared Lunch

28th April 2019

Once more it is time for our AVM and APCM. This is when the Churchwardens and PCC members are elected. Please give prayerful consideration to standing or offering to nominate someone. The meetings will commence at 11.45am.

This is a wonderful opportunity to come together for reflection and to hear a review of the year, and then to follow it with a delicious lunch in which we can all share.

Please note that services will be as follows:

8 am Said Holy Communion

10 am Combined Holy Communion service

6 pm Evensong

There will be no other services on that day.

It would be lovely to see as many as possible in attendance on this important occasion in the church's year. **Please do put the date in your diary.**

In the next couple of weeks there will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church on which to write your name and what you will be bringing for the lunch. This means we will have a mouth-watering variety of dishes with something to please everyone. Make sure you are there!



Reception at Speaker's House, Palace of Westminster



One Wednesday in late February we attended a Reception in the State Rooms of Speaker's House, at the Houses of Parliament, to celebrate the success of a five year fundraising campaign by the Oasis Partnership. This charitable organisation provides high quality medical, social and psychological support services to improve the health and well-being of those affected by drugs or alcohol misuse. It works in partnership with many different organisations, aiming to help individuals to address their substance misuse problems and get their lives back on track. It operates from centres in Aylesbury, High Wycombe and Chesham.

During the reception we heard about the organisation's work from the Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, Patron of Oasis [standing in at short notice for the Guest of Honour and Vice Patron of the charity, David Liddington MP, who was detained [as was the Speaker himself] on a Brexit debate. The Chairman and Medical Adviser of Oasis, Dr Robert



Fieldsend and, most impressively, three 'survivors' of substance abuse who had been successfully supported by the charity also spoke. One guest now had developed his own photography business; and many of his

photographic portraits of well-known popular music icons were on display. These included Paloma Faith, Stormzy, Liam Gallagher and others familiar to the younger guests: less, perhaps, to us oldies. The subjects in the photographs *looked* very famous! Another of the three speakers had set up his own charitable enterprise helping others in their recovery through exercise and fitness. The third worked as a mentor at Oasis. All were very frank and forthright. They were in no doubt that Oasis had effectively saved their lives.

This was the important part of the evening, but one could not help being impressed also by the surroundings. The State Apartments were approached by a grand staircase, which we had opportunity to view whilst we all queued to be 'let in' to the three very imposing rooms. Gilt and red decorations were dominated by the huge portraits of all the past Speakers, recording the dates when they were 'chosen'. The latest, of course, was John Bercow's, in a controversial 'action' portrait rather than the traditional, possibly more dignified, 'portrait pose' adopted by his predecessors. His portrait also eschewed the formal robes of Speaker. It is unusual in that it



includes 'half a portrait' of a clerk standing beside the Speaker's chair.



The third room contained the State bed, where tradition dictates the Sovereign sleeps on Coronation Eve. It is believed, however, that this tradition was last observed by Queen Victoria.

The grandeur of the surroundings seemed to emphasise, rather than overshadow, the importance of the work of the partnership.

Jane and Christopher Tyrer

Advance Notice

Church House Teas will be starting again on **Sunday 4th May**. Why not treat yourself to a delicious cream tea with a home-made scone, jam and genuine Cornish clotted cream? Then, if you have room, choose from a wonderful selection of home-made cakes.

Vouchers will also be available so you can treat your nearest and dearest.



Photographed over St Michaels
on Good Friday 2018 after
returning from Walk of Witness

Jane Tyrer

Against Breast Cancer

A huge thank you to everyone who supported this charity by recycling bras. I'm delighted to tell you that thanks to your efforts we were able to send SEVEN bin bags of bras, so there must be quite a lot of people in Hughenden and High Wycombe who've already spring cleaned their underwear drawers!

I hope to repeat the exercise, but maybe not for another twelve months – Sara's garage needs a break, and so does my sitting room!

Lin Smit

Open Doors – What We Heard and What Comes Next

On Sunday 17th February the Guest Speaker at all three of our morning services was John Barringer of Open Doors. He told us how, since 1955, the organisation has been supporting persecuted and endangered Christians in many parts of the world. This all started with the Dutch pastor Brother Andrew who recognised and acted upon the needs of Christians in the Soviet Union and in the other communist countries that it controlled.

As time has passed Open Doors has begun to work in other regions and countries hostile to Christianity. Currently around 200 million Christians worldwide experience some degree of discrimination and in the worst cases, face severe persecution with risk of death. This applies to about 30% of the countries in the world. Open Doors publishes an annual world-wide list of these and in 2019 the most dangerous six are: North Korea, Afghanistan, Somalia, Libya, Pakistan and Sudan.

John's addresses were one of the highlights of this quarter's mission focus. We hope that readers of Outlook have been able to view at least some of our Open Doors presentations and that you will feel able to reflect and pray over both their sad and their optimistic aspects.



In Jordan and other safer places in the Middle East, Syrian and Iraqi children receive art therapy from Open Doors' partners, gradually overcoming the trauma that they experienced through the evils of extremist organisations.

After his introduction, John reflected on the significance of the Bible readings for that Sunday. He spoke of the attempts by Herod to crush the rapidly expanding young Christian church, involving the wicked deeds described in Acts Chapter 12. It is hard to understand why God was unable to spare St. James from being put to the sword by Herod's

men, yet St. Peter was permitted miraculously to escape from prison. But such differences still occur in the strife-ridden countries of persecution - many still perish, whilst others are spared. Innocent children are slaughtered indiscriminately or die of thirst and cold whilst fleeing to refugee camps, as has happened during these last two months in Northern Syria (UNHCR Report).

John went on to describe the trauma care and rehabilitation work undertaken by Open Doors partners in the Middle East. Children given art therapy gradually stop painting dark, frightening images, and with their new experiences of care and love, less haunting and brighter pictures begin to appear.

Over time, the form of evil may have changed from communism to militant extremism, but its nature has not, suppressing truth and persecuting the Christian faith. John underlined how greatly Christians undergoing persecution value prayer. Knowing that someone cares and prays for them means so much to them; there are no walls against prayer! John reminded us of our Gospel Reading from Luke 6 - when troubled we must seek the healing touch of Jesus' power and His blessing – pray this for those in dangerous and inhospitable places, less fortunate than ourselves.

Therefore, please keep the work of Open Doors and similar missions in mind after this quarter is over. The Mission Support Group also intends to make a donation to this work from church funds. Starting in April, watch for news and another visiting speaker, who will tell us about a few fortunate incomers from the Middle East who have been helped to resume full and fruitful lives here in High Wycombe district by Wycombe Refugee Partnership. Readers may look up the web addresses of all the organisations that we mention in these articles on the Mission page of the church website.

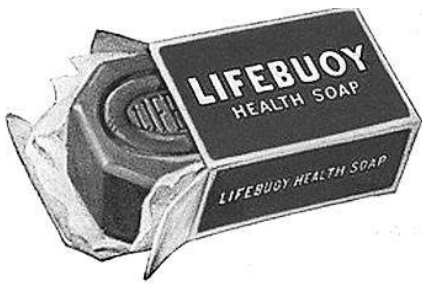
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NB: Readers may be interested to know that, in addition to the offertory amount, £150 was donated to Open Doors from contributions made for refreshments after the 10.45 am service. **Ed.**

Mothers' Union

We had something of a unique evening at our meeting on 5th March as our speaker, Arthur Johnson, well known to many, delivered his talk - 'Is Nostalgia dead?' - with just the light from the Church House wall heaters glowing around us. This certainly gave a cosy and somewhat nostalgic atmosphere to the proceedings. Arthur requested the reduced lighting so that 'you might close your eyes and open your ears and listen' as we joined him in a trip down memory lane to his early years.

We were taken to North Norfolk with its smell of marsh lands where Arthur's great aunt Jesse had lived in the alms-houses in London Street, Brancaster. We soon joined in as Arthur hummed 'The Whistling Gypsy Rover', a tune which, for forgotten reasons, always came into his head when he thought of that street.



Smells often evoke memories and for Arthur Lifebuoy toilet soap was a winner, to him a 'very clean smell'. Another fragrance was that of Yardley's Lavender. Arthur remembered the smell of bomb sites. After his parents and brother were bombed out of their house

in Clapham Manor Street in London, they were rehoused in what became classified as a slum. The house had gas lighting and an outside loo and Friday nights were bath nights in an aluminium bath. There were nods and murmurs as several of us also remembered being bathed in 'tin baths' in our childhoods!

The smell of Christmas trees as they used to be took Arthur back to the 1950s; also his mother's 'very English curry' made with mince - we could almost smell it! Holidays were few as the family preferred their own beds and 'proper marmalade' for breakfast. Arthur recalled the strong aroma of marmalade as Rev Peter Bullock-Flint (vicar from 1971 – 1983) wafted past him in church. In the Vicarage the vicar's wife had been making her annual batches of marmalade for MU sales, church bazaar, etc and the smell of the boiling conserve clung to the reverend's robes! The faint aroma of broad beans was another favoured memory.

Arthur mourned the taste of carrots as they were in the fifties. 'What happened to the challenging taste of carrots?' he wondered. He fondly recalled the flavour of blackcurrants (which thankfully has not changed) and of loganberries

growing in the allotments behind his Aunt Lyddy's spotless almshouse in Richmond. Her use of Harpic recalled another memory but Arthur thought this aroma had probably 'moved with the times'.

Arthur was brought up in the Congregational Church where his parents were caretakers and where he assisted them in their duties in his mid-teens. This building was badly damaged by a flying bomb, evoking another bomb site smell. His mother later took



him to Richmond parish church where he was introduced to the Book of Common Prayer and came to love church music. As he grew, this love developed and he attained a music A level, joined church choirs through the years (being choirmaster of one) and at the age of 22 was in paid employment as a chorister at St Paul's Knightsbridge (pictured). He has visited and worshipped in various churches where incense is burned and says that for him, the smell of incense is the 'very smell of God'. The smell of churches, Arthur mused, is very diverse; the musty smell of old kneelers was a memory of Hughenden Church prior to their replacement by the hand-crafted kneelers of today which transformed the smell.

We had been taken through a wonderful selection of the sounds, smells and tastes of past times which, Arthur said, had been important to him and which made him who he was. He felt it unnecessary to always move with the times but wise to refer to the past and to cherish our own histories. 'We are all unique and that is how God made us,' he said. He concluded by saying that nostalgia was not dead or dying. 'It breathes and thrives in lives virtuously lived and, for us Christians, in faith well kept.' Arthur was warmly thanked for this most entertaining evening.

For those who receive their *Outlook* before the end of the March, the 31st is Mothering Sunday and simnel cake, made by MU members, will be served at the end of the 10.45am service.

At our next meeting on 2nd April at 7.30pm in Church House, our speaker will be Captain Martin Greenwood who will be talking about 'My Maritime Career'. All are welcome.

Sylvia Clark

What's Happening for Community Day?



By the time you read this, posters and banners about the Church Community Day on May 11th will have started appearing. They can only give a glimpse of what will be happening- and even more activities will be added as we near the day (more news in next month's Outlook).

Suffice it to say that **ALL OUR COMMUNITY** is welcome to join us, free of charge and there will be something for everyone!



Children will particularly enjoy the inflatable obstacle course, the treasure hunt in the Church and the wildlife survey and investigation in the Church yard.



Visitors of all ages may visit the bell tower and try their hand at ringing a bell, be taken on a guided tour of the Church and visit Disraeli's refurbished grave, and then rest a while in our garden with a BBQ snack, or partake of lunch or tea, with a glass of wine or beer.





Live music, whether from the band, the choir or the organ will entertain everyone, and even 'man's best friend' will be welcomed. There will be activities and even perhaps a treat or two for dogs.

There is of course, still plenty of time to get 'stuck in'!

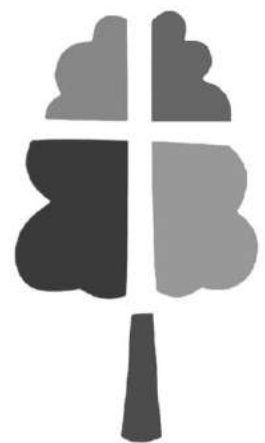
One of the aims of the day is to involve **EVERYONE**, so do get in touch with Anne or Mike Dean who still have lots of roles to fill.

A particular request from the Communications Team is for anyone who can, to circulate information to closed internet or Facebook groups that exist *within the Parish*. Also, please contact Jane Tyrer with any information as to the location of public notice boards; and offers to distribute posters to businesses such as shops and pubs, would be welcome- again all within our Hughenden Church Parish. (Contact details for the Deans and Jane in the Church porch.)

This is a day to welcome the whole of the Parish served by St Michael's and All Angels. The message to all is:



your community
your church
your day



Community Day Team

Wycombe Refugee Partnership



This small local charity was formerly known as Acting Together with Loving Kindness. The church's mission focus for the next three months will be on its work in our area.

The charity grew out of a community response to the Paris shootings and suicide bombings on the night of Friday, 13th November, 2015. A group of local people expressed their desire to work together for the good of people in need. Out of this expression of compassion and loving kindness a strong desire was articulated to find a way to help refugees find a home in the High Wycombe area.

Via local connections, some refugees were invited to the town-centre church to tell about their plight in Syria and their escape through Europe to the UK. Christians and Muslims had gathered together to pray for the refugees and, deeply moved by the stories, asked what they could do to help. Strong bonds of friendship were quickly forged and work began together to achieve the aim. In order to coordinate the countless offers of help, the charity was formed. It is an excellent example of a multi-cultural interfaith group working together to help the refugees and it has evolved rapidly to cover such things as welcome, health, befriending, housing, integration, education, work, welfare, transport, donated goods, volunteers, financial affairs, PR and fund

raising. All the families have legal refugee status in the UK. So far eighteen families have been resettled in High Wycombe. Recently the charity has taken a further step forward by employing their first paid member of staff who is currently working on a new website which is about to go live!

On Sunday, 12th May we will be welcoming Michael and Anne Bowker to all three services to talk about their work with the charity. Michael is the vice chair of the Board of Trustees and both he and Anne will be well known to you as they live in Hughenden Valley. Please look at the Mission Board for more information as we approach April.

Mission Support Group

Problems in the Bell Tower

The recent Quinquennial Report showed that there is a leak in the roof of the bell tower. This leak has occurred sometime in the last five years and although small, has caused some damage to the timberwork. We asked the architect involved to investigate the problem in more detail and she has given us a full report on the action which needs to be taken. She advises that some metal support brackets should be put in place around the timberwork.

A structural engineer has been engaged who will give us a more detailed design of what is required. This will allow us to go out for competitive quotations to complete the work. Until we receive these quotations, we will not know the extent of the cost but we anticipate it being in excess of £30,000.

The PCC has agreed to set up a Fundraising Committee headed by Christopher Tyrer and Brian Clark. The members of this committee are: Nick Devlin, John Holmes, Will Hurrell, Tom Brewer and Ben Sharp plus one other. There are a number of areas from which funding can be sought, eg, through grants, etc. We have already approached English Heritage and Bucks Historic Churches Trust and have made enquiries of a number of historic buildings organisations. If you are aware of any other sources of funding, would you please contact a member of the committee so that we can investigate further. Your help in this matter would be appreciated.

Christopher Tyrer and Brian Clark



Imprints

It's the little things we do that leave an imprint of ourselves.

Tiny gestures: a lock of hair lightly brushed aside;

a stroked chin;

arched and twinkling eyes.

We know them by their gait:

the penguin-shuffle, the ambling ape,

the urgent pace of a trotting fox,

the slow deliberation of a stork;

by words well learnt through much repeating;

warm hand-grasps, the hearty greeting;

windmill arms that flail the air;

a hesitant cough, the solemn stare;

Granddad seated, hands on knees;

jovial uncle, out to tease;

aunt, so elegant, sipping tea

- her little finger for all to see.

By simple things we are known.

And in a garden long ago

she knew Him as He spoke her name: "Mary".

In a village called Emmaus

at the breaking of the bread, He was known.

And wonderfully alive, though short-time slain,

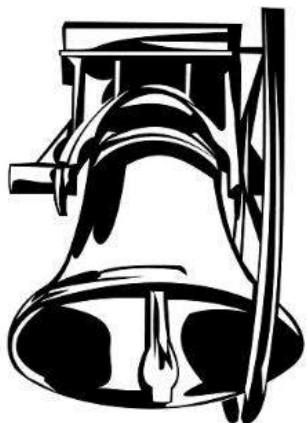
they knew Him by the imprints of His pain.



Ron Cretchley

12/4/2000

The Bells, the Bells!



You will all have heard the bells ringing each Sunday, calling people to worship, but I would think that few, like me, realised just how old some of our bells were before they were recast in 1952. David Cornwall, our Captain of Bellringers, has many old documents relating to the history of the church and, of course, of the bells. I have taken the following from David's summary of the list of bells:

The oldest 4 bells were hung in an early English tower on the north side of the church.

Bells 7 and 8 were cast (in 1490 and 1470 respectively) by John Mitchell and his predecessor + 1 at the Wokingham Foundry.

Bells 5 and 6 were cast in 1663 by the second Henry and the second Ellis Knight at the Reading Foundry.

This tower was demolished (in 1874) and the current north-west tower was built where the 4 old bells and 2 new bells were installed in 1875.

Bells 3 and 4 were cast (in 1875) by Robert Stainbank and paid for from the Restoration Fund at a cost of £229.12s.7d.

In 1881 two more bells were added. **Bells 1 and 2** were cast (in 1881) at the Warner Foundry in Cripplegate and dedicated at a special service on 20th August 1881. They were given by Robert Warner in memory of Lord Beaconsfield (Benjamin Disraeli).

In 1952 the 7 smaller bells were recast* and a new 8 was added. All were hung in a new cast iron and steel frame and the old 8th bell was hung above the present 8 as a sanctus bell. All this was carried out by John Taylor & Co, Bell Founders of Loughborough.'

*When the bells were recast, the old broken bells were melted down and some of the material may have been used to make the new ones. Each new bell was stamped with an inscription copied from the originals.

We have an excellent team of bellringers, some very experienced and some still at the 'apprentice' stage. For many a long year David Cornwall has been our Captain of Bellringers and is always pleased to welcome aspiring new bellringers to join the team. Visiting teams regularly come to our church to ring and always seem to enjoy themselves. There will be opportunities to visit the bell tower and see the bells – and maybe even have a go at ringing yourself - on our Community Day on 11th May.

Below on the left is a picture of the church prior to 1873 with the tower situated in the middle on the north side of the building; the other picture shows the enlarged and restored church and tower as we know them today.



While all the building work was being done in 1874, the then vicar, the Rev Blagden, had to be licenced to performed Divine Service in a 'shed'. This licence cost £165 and the ground on which the shed stood was rented for £9. The notes don't tell us the size of the shed, nor exactly where it was located but I wonder if it had any form of heating! The church was re-opened by the Bishop on 29th September 1875 and I am sure the bells would have pealed out joyfully on that occasion.

*Year by year the steeple music
O'er the tended graves shall pour,
Where the dust of saints is garnered
Till the Master comes once more.*

Sylvia Clark
Courtesy of David Cornwall

Books IV Readers

Book lovers may like to know that in the Singing Barn @ Pigotts there are bookshelves (100 ft plus) to which you are welcome to contribute unwanted books (free) and from which you may take (at £1 a book). This money will go to the charity CAMFED – education for African girls. Please ring Nick on 562167 to arrange a time....

Nick Wheeler Robinson



Note: CAMFED (Campaign for Female Education) is an international non-profit organization tackling poverty and inequality by supporting girls to

go to school and succeed, and empowering young women to step up as leaders of change.

Since 1993, CAMFED's innovative education programmes in Zimbabwe, Zambia, Ghana, Tanzania and Malawi have directly supported more than 2.6 million students to attend primary and secondary school, and more than 5 million children have benefited from an improved learning environment.

Information from the website

Good Companions

At our meeting on 4th April, Mike Dewey's talk is called 'From the Electroscope to the Swan Theatre'.

There will be tea, cakes and a raffle for which members are asked to bring an item. We are a friendly group and will warmly welcome all newcomers.

Pat Furness

Recipe for Easter

Chocolate Cheesecake

Long before Christ was born, Easter was a season connected with Spring, the season of new life. Eastre, an Anglo-Saxon/Teutonic goddess, was the goddess of Sunrise and Spring. Ostara, a Norse/Saxon goddess, was the maiden goddess of Spring.



The origins of hares (bunnies) and eggs, according to a Teutonic myth, was that the hare was once a bird which Eastre changed into an animal with four legs but which still had the ability to lay eggs! What an extraordinary tale!

For those of you who gave up chocolate for Lent, Easter will give a certain physical pleasure, apart from the genuine rejoicing at our Risen Lord – so for this month's recipe I thought I'd give you a chocolate dessert – and very tasty it is!

Ingredients

8 oz chocolate digestive biscuits

4 oz butter or margarine

8 oz fromage frais or curd cheese

3 oz caster sugar flavoured with a little vanilla

1 tsp cocoa powder

3 egg yolks (the whites can be used to make meringues – fill with fruit & cream)

8 oz double cream

4 oz good quality plain chocolate

1 tblsp brandy, rum or orange juice

4 tsps of powdered gelatine

1 flaky bar or grated chocolate

Small chocolate Easter eggs for decoration, if required

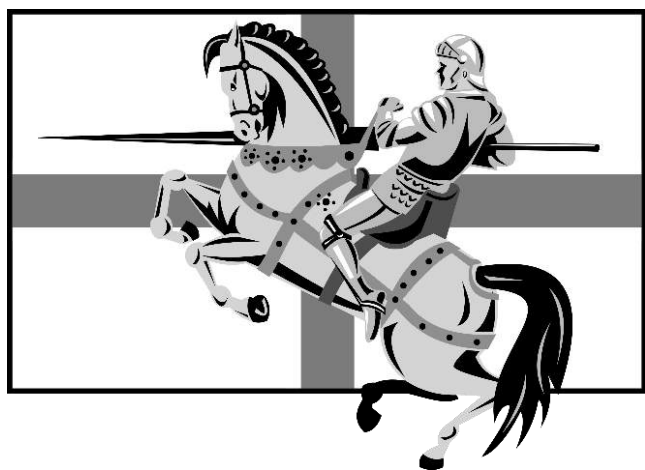
Method

Crush the chocolate digestives in a bag using a rolling pin. Melt the butter in a saucepan and add to the crumbs. Mix thoroughly and press into the base of a clip-sided cake tin. Beat the fromage frais or the curd cheese with the egg yolks and the sugar. Melt the chocolate in a basin over a pan of hot water until smooth.

Whip the cream until it holds soft peaks and mix with the melted chocolate. Add brandy or rum or orange juice and stir this mixture into the cheese and egg yolks. Dissolve the gelatine in four tablespoons of very hot water with the cocoa powder. Stir until it is completely dissolved and mix well into the chocolate mixture. Pour this onto the biscuit base and chill for 3 – 4 hours. When set, remove from the cake tin and decorate with the crushed flaky bar and, if you want to, some little chocolate Easter eggs.

Ann Way

23 April - St George: Our Patron Saint Who Isn't English



It's perhaps typical of the English that they should have a patron saint who isn't English, about whom next to nothing is known for sure, and who may not have existed at all. That didn't stop him being patriotically invoked in many battles, notably at Agincourt and in the Crusades, and of course it is his cross

that is part of our Union Flag and also adorns the flags of English sports fans to this day.

It's most likely that he was a Roman soldier, a Christian who was martyred

for his faith somewhere in Palestine, possibly at Lydda, in the early fourth century. At some point in the early centuries of the Church he became associated with wider military concerns, being regarded as the patron saint of the Byzantine armies. There is no doubt that he was held as an example of the 'godly soldier', one who served Christ as bravely and truly as he served his king and country.

The story of George and the dragon is of much later date and no one seems to know where it comes from. By the middle ages, when George was being honoured in stained glass, the dragon had become an invaluable and invariable visual element, so that for most people the two are inseparable. Pub signs have a lot to answer for here: 'The George and Dragon'.

However, it's probably more profitable to concentrate on his role as a man who witnessed to his faith in the difficult setting of military service, and in the end was martyred for his faithfulness to Christ.

The idea of the 'Christian soldier' was, of course, much loved by the Victorian hymn-writers - 'Onward, Christian soldiers!' The soldier needs discipline. The heart of his commitment is to obedience. The battle cannot be avoided nor the enemy appeased. He marches and fights alongside others, and he is loyal to his comrades. In the end, if the battle is won, he receives the garlands of victory, the final reward of those who overcome evil.

St George's Day presents a challenge and an opportunity. The challenge is to distance the message of his life from the militarism and triumphalism that can easily attach itself to anything connected to soldiers and fighting. The opportunity is to celebrate the ideal of the 'Christian soldier' - one who submits to discipline, sets out to obey God truly, does not avoid the inevitable battle with all that is unjust, wrong and hateful in our world, and marches alongside others fighting the same noble cause. Discipline, obedience, courage, fellowship and loyalty - they're not the most popular virtues today, but that doesn't mean that they don't deserve our gratitude and admiration.

From 'The Parish Pump'

Floodlighting Dedications

Stan Cole and family continue to remember June with love and affection and will do so especially on 22nd April, her 14th Anniversary.

Margaret and family are remembering with love Frederick James Friend.

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!

Lynn Brooks

From the Parish Registers

Communicants

Sundays

February

17th : 24 + 38 = 62

24th : 20 + 84 = 104

March

3rd : 23 + 40 = 63

10th : 25 + 81 = 106

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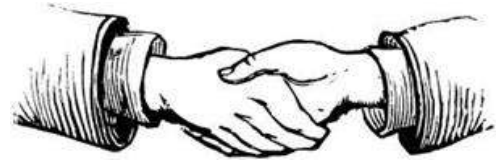
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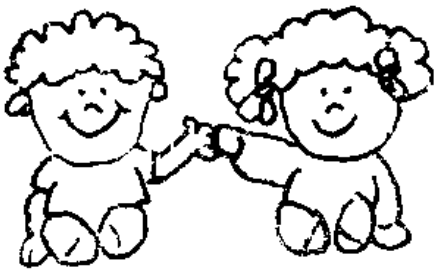
Regular Meetings and Organisations

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

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

- CYFA (School years 10+) - Alternate Sunday evenings in term time.
- FLASH (School years 7-9) - Monthly Sunday evening in term time.
- AWESOME AND ACTIVE (AAA) (School years 4-6) - Monthly Sunday teatime in term time.

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

April Calendar

Mon	1	10.00 am	Come and meet the vicar!: Hughenden Village Shop
Tue	2	12.00 pm	Great Kingshill School Easter Run: Car Park in use
		2.30 pm	Funeral of Audrey Todd
		7.30 pm	Mothers Union Meeting: Church House
		7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wed	3	8.30 am	Great Kingshill School (KS2) Easter Service
		10.00 am	Come and meet the vicar!: Bon Ami Café, Naphill
		1.00 pm	Knit & Natter: Church House
		1.30 pm	Great Kingshill School (KS1) Easter Service
		7.45pm	Choir Practice
Thu	4	9.00 am - 11.30 am	Tiny Tots Easter Celebration in Church
Sun	7		5th Sunday of Lent, Passion Sunday
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (Said) (BCP)
		9.00 am	Choral Communion (Common worship)
		10.45 am	All Age Family Service
		6.00 pm	Evensong (BCP) (no sermon)
Mon	8	10.00 am	Come and meet the vicar!: Hughenden Village Shop
Tue	9	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wed	10	10.00 am	Come and meet the vicar!: Bon Ami Café, Naphill
		10.30 am	Visiting Bell Ringers (3hrs)
		7.45 pm	Choir practice
Thu	11	9.30 am	Toddlers – North Room
Sun	14		Palm Sunday
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
		9.00 am	Palm Procession Choral Eucharist
		10.45 am	Family Communion (Common Worship)
		6.00 pm	Evensong (BCP) (no sermon)

Mon	15		Holy Week
		10.00 am	Come and meet the vicar!: Hughenden Village Shop
		7.00 pm	Holy Communion (Said)
Tue	16	7.00 pm	Holy Communion (Said)
Wed	17	10.00 am	Come and meet the vicar!: Bon Ami Café, Naphill
		2.00 pm	Interment of Ashes: Dennis Oldfield
		7.00 pm	Holy Communion (Said)
		7.45pm	Choir Practice
Thu	18		Maundy Thursday
			NO TODDLERS – EASTER HOLIDAY
		10.30 am	Friendship Morning: Church House
		7.30 pm	Holy Communion of the Last Supper & Stripping of the Alters
			Candlelight Vigil until Midnight in the North Chapel
Fri	19		Good Friday
		9.00 am	Morning Prayer with Sung Passion
		9.30 am	Walk of Witness from the Harrow
		10.45 am	All Age Family Service
		2.00 pm	An Hour by the Cross
Sat	20		Easter Eve
		7.30 pm	Easter Vigil, Lighting of the Paschal Candle, and Renewal of Baptism Vows
Sun	21		Easter Day
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (Said) (Common Worship)
		9.00 am	Sung Communion (Common Worship)
		11.00 am	Family Communion
		6.00 pm	Evensong (BCP) (no sermon)
Mon	22	10.00 am	Come and meet the vicar!: Hughenden Village Shop
Tue	23	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wed	24	10.00 am	Come and meet the vicar!: Bon Ami Café, Naphill
		10.30 am	Visiting Bell Ringers (3hrs)

		7.45 pm	Choir Practice
Thu	25	9.30 am	Toddler Group: North Room
		3.30 pm	Messy Church: Cryers Hill Methodist Church
Sat	27	8.30 am	Men's Breakfast: Church House
Sun	28		2nd Sunday of Easter
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
		10.00 am	Combined Service of Holy Communion followed by APCM, also followed by a shared lunch
		6.00 pm	Evensong (BCP) (no sermon)
Mon	29	8.30 am	Church House Deep Clean

April Lectionary

Date	Lesson	Readers		
		8:00 am / 6:00 pm	9:00 am	10:45 am
	7th Fifth Sunday of Lent			
	Isaiah 43: 16-21	Cathryn Carter	Christopher Tyrer	Lyall Thompson
	Philippians 3: 4b-14	Philip Hynard	Sara Badrick	
	John 12: 1-8	Priest	Priest	Priest
	Evensong: Psalm 35			
	2 Chronicles 35: 1-6 & 10-16	AJ/LS		
	Luke 22: 1-13	Beryl Doran		
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	14th Palm Sunday			
	Isaiah 50: 4-9a	Judy Wilson	Edie Sadler	Anne Dean
	Philippians 2: 5-11	Lin Smit	Ann Gee	
	Luke 19: 28-40	Priest		Priest
	at 9.00 am: Luke 23: 1-49		Priest	

Who's Who at St Michael & All Angels

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	Nicholas Devlin	712693
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PCC SECRETARY	Louise Stallwood	712705
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YOUTH	The Rev'd Helen Peters	716772
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Our Mission is

To enable all to follow Jesus Christ

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

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.

Heavenly Father, we pray that the leaders of the nations may serve your will so that peace may prosper among all peoples. We remember our brothers and sisters suffering as a result of violence, either by the hand of man or by nature and ask you to be with them and comfort them. Amen.