

Outlook

Hughenden Parish Magazine
StMichael and All Angels



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Welcome

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.

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May 2012 - EDITORIAL



Dear Readers

My wife Sarah and I were fortunate in late March to get away for a deferred honeymoon to Fuerteventura in the Canary Islands. We chanced to notice that the local Catholic church in Correlejo was holding an Anglican service on Sunday, which we duly attended (it was Palm Sunday).

We found the service, though thinly attended, to be very satisfying.

It was run by ex-pat Brits, lay people, some resident and some on holiday, giving up their time. It occurred to us that this must be commonplace throughout in many holiday resorts and it might be an idea for anyone jetting off this year to look out for a similar arrangement.

Tony Dodd

From the Vicarage

It is with a heavy heart that I write this month's letter. Not least because once again it is destined to be quite long! I have been avoiding the issue almost naively hoping that the whole thing will go away. It hasn't and it won't. The Government has launched a consultation that they say will inevitably lead to the marriage of same sex couples. Recently the Archbishop of York stuck his head above the parapet about this, challenging the government's view and received a whole load of racist hate mail for his troubles. This is a very topical issue at the moment and so I feel that at long last I have to make some comment. However it is done so reluctantly. Our world is in turmoil economically, politically, and environmentally. It is easy to assume that against this backdrop the only thing that the church is bothered about is what goes on in the bedroom! I genuinely believe that the Archbishop of Canterbury is a godly wise leader. I don't think that anyone else could have steered the Anglican church through the troubled waters of the last decade as he has done, but what is the one issue that has bedeviled his arch-

episcopacy? The whole matter of gay relationships. I actually supported the idea of civil partnerships a few years ago. I believed and still do that people should have rights enshrined in law. Now though the sights are set on marriage itself.

Ever since the Christian faith took root in these Islands our understanding of marriage has been molded and informed by that faith so that as it stands today the legal definition of marriage is the 'voluntary union of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others'. This definition will have to change to read something like 'a voluntary union of one man and one woman or one man and another man or one woman and another woman...' When I stand in front of a wedding couple on the day they make their vows I clearly state what for centuries has been understood as the Christian understanding of marriage. 'Marriage is a gift of God in creation through which husband and wife may know the grace of God. It is given that as man and woman grow together in love and trust, they shall be united with one

another in heart, body and mind....' Of course this is a statement devised by the church, however it draws from deep theological and biblical roots taking us right back to the first story in the Bible that sees the relationship of marriage as reflecting what God has given in creation itself. (Please let us not get sidetracked here - I am perfectly happy to understand the beginning of Genesis as a story of it's time that was told in a language that would have been clearly understood by people of it's day - nonetheless revealing to subsequent generations truths that we need to know about ourselves, the world and God). In this view men and women are a gift to each other and they share in a complementary relationship, which brings together their different physical emotional and spiritual identities.

I really do not deny that same-sex relationships can and do provide so much, nor do I deny the reality of the commitment and love shared in those relationships. What is at stake here is not actually my understanding of the genuineness of a relationship but the question of God's will for the ordering of our relationships. I know that I must

tread very carefully here. There is much in me that would love this to be a non-issue. However, it is not that simple. I am a Christian who is also an Anglican. Anglicans affirm that the Bible remains supreme in all matters of faith and conduct. This does not make the Bible an easy read and we need to wrestle with many of the concepts we find there. Nonetheless nothing has yet led me to believe that redefining marriage along the lines being proposed has the support of a biblical understanding on matters of faith and conduct. Some will say 'but Jesus never commented on the matter'; that's right he didn't directly. However in the one place where Jesus comments on the nature of marriage, (in the context of a discussion on divorce) he goes back to creation, to the ordinance that went on to lie at the very heart of the Christian understanding of marriage. Mark 10:6-7: "But at the beginning of creation God made them male and female'. 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one."

What the government are proposing is that marriage will

become legal between same sex couples when conducted in civil ceremonies but it will not be legal to marry in a religious institution. This I think is going to lead to very muddled thinking. It defines marriage as a two tier institution, one civil and social and the other religious, it also overnights relegates what for hundreds of years has been the very bedrock of what marriage is all about to a religious idiosyncrasy. I take no comfort as a Christian minister that my rights to decide whether or not to marry same sex couples are protected. When civil partnerships were proposed we heard from government this assurance "civil partnerships are being established but there is no intention to introduce gay marriage". It took less than a decade for that assurance to be abandoned by our political leaders. Is it any wonder that questions are now being asked about how long it will take for assurances being given to religious bodies to be abandoned?

There is a very popular argument, which is frequently used about this. Quite simply the church is out of touch with society, but this argument can be leveled at much of what Christians believe. We live in a

pluralistic spiritually 'do-it-yourself pick and mix' culture. Whilst I would want to listen to the stories and experiences of others and find common ground in many things, nonetheless as a Christian I point to Jesus who said 'I am the way the truth and the life no one comes to the Father but by me', hardly a statement that is 'in touch' with the popular culture of spiritual pluralism. Indeed if I were to be driven by popular opinion and the need to 'get in touch' much or indeed most of what I believe would have to be ditched! If I come to believe, because of my underlying Christian convictions, that the institution of marriage by definition remains a 'voluntary union of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others,' the fact that this view might be 'out of touch' is actually neither here nor there. At this point of course as I make a stand against the 'out of touch' argument I now have to brace myself for the next barrage, the cry of 'homophobe'. It has been used plenty of times in recent years against those who have not agreed wholesale with what is happening in our culture.

Of course none of this will hold any water with many or most people. After all, aren't these arguments based on deeply held religious convictions of an apparently dwindling number of people? Surely it is now time to 'come of age' and move on and should those convictions be imposed on the rest anyway? However, I am deeply unhappy that any government thinks that it can take what has lain at the foundation of our culture for well over a millennium and simply dig up those foundations. I also hear real alarm bells when a political

ideology that is falling over backwards to enshrine the rights of one group, will possibly then seek to legislate against those of us who really can't cross that particular bridge. At the same time I also want to remain open to those who don't share my view, and indeed welcome them as a part of the church. Whether that is possible when some will want what I feel I cannot give because of a personal conviction, however uncomfortably held, remains to be seen.

Simon

BEARING JOY DOWN TO THE SEA

Let me be receptive wood
that the Holy Worm may riddle and pierce
till utterly consumed.

Let me be as clay
for holy hands to mould
into a bowl that may be filled.

Let me be as mould,
memory of age-old life,
fertile and inviting,
awaiting holy seed.

Let me be mountain-snow
melting in peak-kissed sun;
that I may flow through valleys
bearing joy down to the sea.

Ron Cretchley

Floodlighting Dedications



Floodlighting dedications received but too late for the April magazine were for:

18- 24 March

Viv and Don Baker were remembering with much love their son Paul, particularly on 18 March, his birthday.

22– 28 April

Stuart and Penny Edwards were remembering with much love Hetty Edwards, their loved daughter, particularly on 26 April - her birthday.

Dedications for May:

29 April – 5 May

The Cliffe family is celebrating the marriage of Sarah Cliffe to Matt Gaudion on Friday 4 May.

8th May

To Jacky Sackville, on her birthday, with love from husband Tony

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



Tiny Tots Informal Service

3rd Wednesday every month at 1.45 pm

All are welcome at this service in church where we have a story, some songs, toys, tea and squash.

Do come.



The next service is on the 16th May

For details contact Nicky Fairbairn on 01494 520359

Christians in the Community

Judging by the numbers in Hughenden Church on Easter Sunday I like to think that the number of cards delivered in the parish, some 2,000 plus, had something to do with it – but perhaps not!!

Our next social will be the coffee morning on the 28th April at the Naphill Methodist Church and of course we will be selling plants at the Naphill Fete

on June 23rd. And if you are a gardener now is the time to pot up the extra plants that have appeared in your garden and let Yvonne Cook who is organising our stall this year know.

Next committee meeting will be on Wednesday 6th June at Church House, Hughenden Church. Everyone welcome

Norma Clarke 563116

Creche Rota

May 6th– Joy Bradley/ Zoe Stamp/ Mark Sherrington
13 – Shirley Brown/ Jane Lomas/ Anna Pedrette
20 – Ann Long/ Vicki Mitchell/ Anne Smalley
27 – Elaine Morley/ Pam Felix/ Eleanor Telling

AN OCCASIONAL WILDER SIDE

I must admit that I was quite overwhelmed by the lamentations that followed after I wrote 'The Last Wilder Side'. "Couldn't we have an 'Occasional Wilder Side, please?'" So here you are: once in a while, I will offer a few thoughts on the natural world around us.

Right on cue: A Long - tailed Tit alights in the tree opposite; it has a very bent tail – it must be nesting. Why? Because there is not much room in the nest and that long tail gets bent! QED.

Do you remember the Monday after Easter Day? Wet, wet, wet (and on my birthday!). My rain gauge recorded 0.8 inch (or 21 mm for the metrically-minded). Let us hope that the two Bank Holidays in May will be less of a washout. But we did need that rain after the gorgeous weather earlier, which included lovely clear early evening skies when the moon and the two bright planets, Venus (dazzling) and Jupiter (less bright) made a memorable triangle on several evenings. You won't see the likes again for 24 years. One evening was enhanced by yet another passage of the International Space Station over Friars Gardens, glowing even brighter than Venus. Definitely a 'Wow' event.

A strange story. A lady in her garden with her cat. Enter a Muntjac which charged the cat and bowled poor Puss over, but was rapidly seen off by the amazed lady. Very odd

At Little Marlow Gravel Pit a few weeks ago.

Among the many other birds, I saw a very small one running about. It was easy to identify as a Ringed Plover, but what was unusual about it was that it was a ringed Ringed Plover. With my telescope I could just make out the 5mm aluminium ring on its left leg. Such rings are used by experts to study bird movements.

Enjoy your Spring. I might be back in September.

Darrell Hamley

Friendship Morning



This is a get together in Church House on the 3rd Thursday each month at 10.30 a.m. It is primarily for those who are bereaved, who live on their own, and for those who are lonely. The emphasis is very much on companionship, and the atmosphere is light and cheerful. Please contact me if you think this is for you.

Judith Camplisson – 01494 565108

Choir – Stepping into a Spiritual place

I was drawn back to church by, what seems to me to be, the complete perfection of St Michaels and All Angels.

It is nestled in exactly the right position on the slope of a beautiful green hill, amongst other small hills, not too steep or isolated to be oppressive, but with enough space from the jostle from



humanity to give a person time to transition, emotionally from the out door world of our senses, to the other dimension of cool, quiet, subtle, spirituality that is our church. The building itself is not too big, and not too small. It seems to me to have a perfect balance of rooms and spaces, with nothing feeling out of place or disharmonious as you move from one area of purpose to another. I see a language of symbolism in the windows, the stone carvings, the flowers the Golden crosses and candles the patterns and images. I also see the story of the church, its growth and changes through the ages, spoken rooms and places that were once additional but are now encompassed seamlessly into the whole.

In my first experience of the 10.30am service my peace was shattered; my vision of Christ obscured by a massive screen and my expectations of the power of the organ and sublime songs of the choir disappeared.

I subsequently attended the 9.00am service and my heart rejoiced, as it was all there, a beautiful country I inhabited long ago, the old words of supplication, the rhythmic pattern of chanting and singing and listening and praying that I was so comfortable with. I felt connected, I had the space to commune with God in a way that I felt opened up a direct path to the heavens. As a young person (aged 11 – 15years) I belonged to the church choir of St Thomas, Holtspur, eventually becoming the head chorister. We had the liturgy at St Thomas's but the church itself, was to me disappointingly plain and modern.

Everything about St Michaels speaks to me of history, and I get from that, a wonderful sense of permanence, stability. My soul is enriched the banquet of beauty before me. But reality is everything is changing all the time. I see the threshold stone in the porch, worn so deeply by all those feet that have stepped inside, all through out the ages, and now, this says so much to me.

Is it not a wonderful thing that we have enough interest for four services on a Sunday? Every one gets what they need. The 10.30am is full of vibrancy, youth, creativity and joyfulness and future church people. Recent debate has defined Anglicanism as tolerant and a "Broad Church" and we certainly are.

The experience of joining the choir was quite daunting and joining at Easter, a bit like stepping onto a moving train. This could have been a difficult experience, if there had not been so many welcoming hands reaching out to help me aboard. Thank you Susan, Lin, Liz, Neil, Arthur, Ben, John, Len and Hilary. Sitting in the choir stalls again has taken me one step deeper into the realm of spirituality. It is like the change over from black and white TV to colour. I am, as Liz put it "in the thick of it" again. I have utter reverence when singing ancient words; I feel deep thankfulness for the ancient music which has vibrated in churches through out the centuries. For me, there is

nothing to compare with the harmonies, the poetry, the music, (really ancient and relatively modern) combined, the organ crashing like a tumultuous sea and the voices soaring like the sea birds above, but that's just me.

I have found this church very welcoming. I hope this is the same for all who seek comfort in her, because the building –Church, is nothing without the people – “Church”.

“And may those feet from ancient times, be followed by those wearing Converse. “

Sarah Withington-Dodd

National Trust Events at Hughenden in May

Date	Time	Event	Cost/ Booking info.
Thurs 3	Starts 2pm	Discover the Gardens Join our Head Gardener who has been with the Trust for over 20 years and gain some expert advice, hints and tips. Plus find out more about a Victoria Prime Minister's garden. Includes a delicious afternoon cream tea.	£15. Booking essential on 0844 249 1895
Mon 7	12pm- 4pm	Meet the Beekeepers Find out about beekeeping and honey production.	Free / normal admission charge. Booking not necessary.
Sat 12 & Sun 13	11am- 5pm	Hughenden's Victorian Weekend Enjoy all things Victorian from science to fashion. Plus meet an encampment of redcoat soldiers.	Free / normal admission charge. Booking not necessary.

Mon 14	Starts 10am	Operation Hillside Discover Hughenden's wartime past with a tour of the Manor, including lunch. Includes coffee on arrival.	£24. Booking essential on 0844 249 1895 Max. no. 20.
Sat 19	10am- 4pm	Countryside Workout Join our Ranger team on a countryside workout for fun and fresh air. Activities vary every month from scrub clearance to coppicing, to river clearance and nature surveys. All welcome. Bring your own refreshments.	Free Booking not necessary

God works in mysterious ways

Getting on for two years ago a man emailed his work colleagues asking whether anyone wanted to join him on a Lands End to John O' Groats bike ride.

Within a few days, two other men expressed an interest in joining him. A further three offered to be the back-up team. Suitable bikes were bought and they collectively discussed how to achieve their goal. A few months on, practical issues meant postponing the trip planned for the summer of 2011 until the following year.

The three budding cyclists, all of them in the late 40s; then became two - one of the men had since realised that he didn't really enjoy cycling THAT much - and possibly didn't have the time to have his "mid-life crisis".

Training continued for the two committed cyclists over the mild winter of 2011/2012. They discussed whether to do it as part of an organised charity event or independently but with a back-up that now numbered just one. There were pros and cons to either approach - altruistic ideas pitched against more selfish ones.

At Christmas 2011, one of the men had sensed that the trip was not destined to go ahead after all. He shared his doubts with his own father and told his wife that if he didn't do it in 2012 then he never would.

Less than four weeks later, this man's much-loved mother died. For the past ten years she had suffered from dementia, an incurable illness - needless to say it was a devastating time.

Three weeks after her death, the man that had initially proposed the idea and the back up reluctantly pulled out. In a moment of clarity the grieving man realised that things happened for a reason - his own father had previously raised funds for the Alzheimers Society, a charity that not only supported dementia sufferers and their carers but importantly funded research into finding a cure to the cruel disease of dementia. Amazingly he discovered that one of the Alzheimers Society's fundraisers for 2012 was an organised Land's End to John O'Groats bike ride - it seemed to the grieving man that God was working in mysterious ways.

I am that man, the 40 (plus VAT) year old son of Margaret Jaycock, whose funeral took place at Hughenden on 9th February. Apart from raising funds for the Alzheimers Society I firmly believe that the plight of others affected by dementia will improve if society follows the wonderful examples set by many at Hughenden such as:-

- The support of Mothers Union whose cooking rota provided a wonderful meal each Wednesday for Mum and Dad.
- Neighbours sitting with Mum for an hour or two, enabling Dad to mentally switch off.
- Visits to Mum when she had gone to live in a care home.

The stigma of dementia has been described as a national crisis that requires action. It was done with cancer in the 70s and with HIV in the 80s and 90s. Thankfully massive inroads into fighting those killers have been made and I would like to see the same done with dementia. Dementia Awareness Week is between 20-26th June.

On 26th June I will join over twenty other people at Lands End. We will be riding 80-100 miles each day until we reach our destination of John O' Groats on 8th July. All of us will be doing so in aid of The Alzheimers Society.

I am acutely aware that many of you that attended Mum's funeral have already donated to the Alzheimers Society and another charity that was close to her heart – Save the Children.

Anyone wishing to sponsor me or donate to the Alzheimers Society can do so via:-

- www.justgiving.com/jaycock
- texting the code “text64” and the amount you wish to donate, to the telephone number, 70070. For example: text64 10. This means that £10 will be donated to the Alzheimer's Society.
- Asking Alan Jaycock to enter your details etc on a sponsorship form - Tel 01494 528046 or giving him a cheque made payable to the Alzheimers Society.

This is a self-funded trip meaning that all monies raised will go directly to the Alzheimers Society.

Thank you for reading.

Paul Jaycock

Worship Music at St Michaels and All Saints

We interviewed Tony Sackville, Worship Leader at the 10 30 service.

Q. How would you describe Worship Music to someone not familiar with it?

Worship music covers a wide range of music styles from traditional hymns and chants, to modern worship songs which can be similar in style to some pop music. Indeed there are worship songs written in almost any conceivable musical style including ballads, Gospel, R&B, hip hop and rap music. The key is that the words and music tell of our desire to tell about and to worship our God and saviour Jesus Christ.

Over recent years at Hughenden we have been gradually introducing more modern worship songs into our regular worship at the 10:30 service, trying to focus on an approach that is more evolutionary than revolutionary, so that people in the congregation have a chance to move forward comfortably and embrace a new worship style at their own pace.

Q. How did you get into it?

My musical background is actually classical; when I was aged between 9 and 13 I sang as a chorister in the choir of King's College in Cambridge. I have however over the years developed a wide and eclectic appreciation of musical styles, and so when Jacky and I started to come to Hughenden it was very interesting and refreshing to sing new songs that were actually quite good songs even though they were not hymns. Shortly after this we went to Spring Harvest in Minehead for the first time, where we were exposed to a pretty "full on" musical worship experience, not all of it to our taste! We met with some of the bands and song writers and were really inspired to bring back some of the great new songs we had heard to our own church. So armed with some new songs and a guitar, and a subtle nudge from God, I started to work with Neil Bryce our church organist to help the congregation to learn some new songs, many of which have become firm favourites alongside our traditional hymns

Q. How do you choose and prepare the songs?

We try to make the songs fit the theme and flow of the service, both lyrically and musically. It is important that our sung worship reflects our knowledge and understanding of who God is and our response to Him, but also that it echoes the scripture readings and teaching from Simon. It is also important that the songs are relevant where there are particular events either in the church's life throughout the year, such as at Easter or Pentecost, or what is going on in the wider world.

So at the beginning of each week Jacky and I sit down with the lectionary readings and the theme that Simon or Helen Peters will be preaching on for the coming Sunday. We read through the readings and think about how the theme and readings go together and, most importantly, we pray for guidance. We check through the list of songs and hymns in our repertoire which reflect the theme and select a short list. At this point we review any new songs that are suitable that we might want to introduce to the church. We are always on

the lookout for new songs that are emerging and becoming popular in other churches to see if they are suitable for us at Hughenden. We then select a mix of songs that go well together, reflect the theme of the service and often that are in the same or compatible musical keys if we are doing more than one song at any time in the service, such as in communion. The next thing is to define the musical arrangement for the songs, such as what key to play it in, how to start and end it, how to arrange the dynamics to make the feel of the songs fit their words, and who is going to play what instruments. This all has to be done before the band get together to rehearse where, following their input, everything changes!

The songs then have to be loaded into the computer to display them on the screen on Sunday morning, with appropriate background pictures, font size, spelling of words, and the right sequence for verses and chorus for the words to come up to make it easier for the person operating the projection computer during the service.

Q. What's the most rewarding thing about it?

It is an incredible privilege to lead worship at Hughenden, to be a part of the worship in the lives of so many people. There are so many elements that are really rewarding. It is an amazing thing to work with a team of great musicians who produce really good music at the same time as being truly lovely people. Working with our newly expanded band has been the greatest blessing since I started leading worship, and truly an answer to many prayers. It is also a wonderful experience to be able to lead the congregation with worship songs old and new that really get people singing out in praise, and to watch and know that our musical worship has touched them and led them to be closer to God during our time of fellowship in the service. I have really enjoyed



working with Neil Bryce over the last few years to get new songs into our repertoire, and as I enjoy singing so much it is a wonderful thing to be able to do so alongside my wife Jacky.

Most of all I would say that it has been a humbling experience and a great journey in my own faith. It is hard to express how much of an honour and privilege it is to lead people in worship to our God and saviour Jesus Christ, and to realise what an amazing thing it is to lead a life for Him.

Do you have a vision for the future?

We have made such progress over the last year it would be easy to sit back and relax, however there is more to do!

Band members - We now have a regular team of musicians in the band to lead worship on Sundays, but that team is now running at full capacity and when someone is away it leaves a gap. I see and pray for a time in the future when we can have enough musicians and lead singers for two bands, so that we can cover absences and that we can take it in turns to lead and be led in worship in our church.

Songs - We have been introducing a steady stream of new songs into our regular worship and will continue to do so as great songwriters bring new material into the global church. I would also like to see us writing our own songs that speak to our own needs and experiences in the High Wycombe area – a real challenge to step out in faith but I know that several people are interested in this and we have some poets in our midst!

Creativity – We have also been trying out some musical styles that integrate the traditional with the modern. Most noticeable is the combination of the band with the wonderful organ that we have at Hughenden, and the rare privilege we have in Neil Bryce as our talented organist. Some of our favourite traditional hymns have been given a powerful new feel as we combine band and organ to really raise the roof in praise and worship. The more people we have with musical talents the more we can explore new ways with our well-loved songs.

Outreach – I really believe in the power of making music to enrich people's lives, and yet many people are shy about their gifts and tend to be reluctant to explore them in a public setting. It is particularly important for younger people to be able to try things out, and once they start they are on a roll. I would love to see a musical youth club run from Hughenden that offers to the young people of our local communities an opportunity to explore their musical talents, and possibly to join in with making music at our church as part of our worship.

Proclamation – Worship at Hughenden is a wonderful thing, and we have opportunities for people to worship God in a variety of styles. But there is only really any point if our worship points us to Jesus, encourages us to turn to Him and live our lives daily for Him, and to be seen to live our lives with His light shining through us into our communities. I love the words of one of the new songs we have been singing recently that shows us what to do:

“God of Justice, Saviour to all, came to rescue the weak and the poor, chose to serve and not be served
Jesus You have called us, Freely we've received, Now freely we must give
We must go, live to feed the hungry, stand beside the broken, we must go
Stepping forward, keep us from just singing, move us into action, we must go...”

Tony Sackville/Tony Dodd

May Recipe

Cream of tomato soup

Ingredients

400gm size of tinned tomatoes
1 good sized onion or four shallots
2 teaspoons of tomato puree
1 cup of single or whipping cream
1 level tablespoon of cornflour
 $\frac{3}{4}$ pint of chicken or turkey stock
A small pot of low fat crème fraiche
3 tablespoons of sunflower or corn oil
2 slices of bread cut into small squares
A couple of fresh basil leaf stems
A grating of nutmeg or a pinch of mace
Pepper and salt and some dried parsley flakes



Method

Chop the onion or shallots finely and using a little of the oil fry them until translucent. Add the tomato puree and stir well. Pour in the chopped tomatoes and the basil and nutmeg and stir well for a minute. At this stage put it all in a blender if possible or use a bit nylon sieve, so the skins aren't solid and the tomato pips are removed.

Place in a large saucepan. Stir the cornflour into the chicken stock and then pour that and the crème fraiche and the cream into the rest of the ingredients and bring to the boil, stirring well.

Fry the croutons in the remaining oil. Turn onto some kitchen paper to soak up the extra fat and serve with the soup.

I know it is easy to buy a tin of soup but it is so nice to make your own.

Ann Way

God's Rich Pattern by Dr Lin Berwick MBE

When I was asked if I would read this book and say what I thought about it I was a little worried, as I find it not easy to concentrate on reading a book, but once started I had to keep going. It states it is for when our faith is shaken, but may I suggest you take a chance and read it even if your faith seems strong.

I found her thoughts especially very helpful and comforting. But if God will forgive me I do question, quite a lot as it happens, in this particular case why someone has to suffer and go through so much.

A truly brave woman, I found it very humbling; please give the book a try.

Sara Badrick

Good Companions

Our April meeting featured a visit from Ann Biggs who, assisted by husband Ian, presented to us a series of photographic scenes of Wycombe in the 60's and 70's. Testing our powers of recollection and observation but reminding us when these failed she showed us what Wycombe looked like at those times and some of the changes that have taken place. We saw pictures of the then roadside river Wye with the terraced houses behind it and the work being carried out to culvert it. Also on view were former chapels and public houses long gone and the multitude of small shops selling different wares which no longer exist. There was the inner relief road (Abbey Way) under construction and the first stage of the building of the present hospital and the then adjacent Loakes Park football ground now the site of the hospital extension. The town centre cinemas have all gone, replaced by "multiscreen" up at Cressex and more lately at Eden. Some features still fortunately remain, such as the Guildhall and "pepper pot" in the High Street, which still has the Red Lion outside where the hotel of that name used to stand. We had a fascinating mixture of the old and the then new, and a chance to recall familiar sights of bygone days. We have lost for example Murrays' department store, but now have modern shopping centres. Does this

mean our local town has as some say lost its character? Perhaps this raises a more general question. Are we mistaking change for progress? Are we confusing innovation and improvement? On this subjective issue readers will have and are entitled to have their own views. Do we allow nostalgia to make us look back on the "good old days" through rose tinted spectacles? Perhaps what we were shown will help us to answer.

Michael Harris

Meetings and Organisations

House groups	Weekdays	See weekly notice sheet for details
CYFA (School Years 10 +)	8.00 p.m. alternate Sundays	Contact Mike Dean (463376) for details
D-CYFA (School Years 7 – 9)	Once per Half Term	Contact Anne Dean (463376) for details

SH12 (Spring Harvest, Butlins, Minehead)

A big group (80 approximately) from St Michaels went this year on our annual pilgrimage to SH, but this is a clip of our perspective from one newby, Jim (recent convert from the Bell Tower), one veteran, Harry, his fourth time and myself, third time lucky! Saturday 30th March started with an uneventful journey to site, admirably corralled with frequent journey texts of traffic updates and meeting instructions from our Group Organiser Jackie. Some of us met at the Blue Anchor cafe (3.5miles from the venue) with beautiful seaside views (err including the Skyline Pavilion; a giant white tent on the horizon which pinpoints Butlins from miles around). You could feel the bubbling

excitement as we all finished our breakfasts at varying intervals. Spring Harvest for the uninitiated is almost a week's gathering dedicated to exploring a theme; this year it was Church (actually,



God's brilliant idea and what it means to be the people of God). The morning started with the Big Start, all age family worship and then the bible teaching with Gerard Kelly or workshops exploring the Church theme according to your preferred style of learning or you could do the workshop first and then attend a second opportunity to hear the bible teaching, taken from John's gospel. Jim particularly loved the bible teaching, especially as it discussed God's ideas for church in context to the whole of the Bible. Gerard Kelly was especially passionate in his deliverance of the teaching and, remarkably, hardly ever referred to his notes. A half hour break between bible teaching and workshop was spent getting a quick coffee, meeting up with our fellow church members, dispensing Bank of Dad for snacks and taking a comfort break if you could squeeze it in before the start of the next workshop. We attended the DO zone for the first day, it was a bit too interactive for my taste, although Jim really loved Rachel Gardner, a youth worker who brimmed with exuberance and passion and other things only discernible from a male perspective.

Apart from mealtimes we didn't see Harry at all throughout our stay as he stuck mostly with his CYFA group, and as the children are catered for from all ages from 3+ months up to 18 with their own programmes, there was plenty on offer to keep them engaged. There is so much freedom on site for the children within a safe environment, that they take full advantage of it (and of the late evening entertainment which started at 10.30pm). Harry's highlights were spending quality time with his CYFA group, the morning bible reading talk and being able to stay up later than his parents!

The afternoons were spent going for a walk, attending one of the seminars or browsing the vast bookstall. One day we headed off around the South West trail and then up into the wooded hill above the quay, the sea was so calm and at one point you couldn't see the rest of Minehead giving you the illusion of being miles away from anywhere. We then descended down the other side of the hill and

found St Michael's church also open throughout the day, and then wended our way back into the town. On our first full day, Jim and I attended one afternoon seminar entitled "Church – a route map for the puzzled". Unfortunately we still remained puzzled, as it wasn't quite what we had anticipated (was expecting more of a Dummy's guide to the church hierarchy and traditions etc.).

The evening worship started at 6.45pm, which was brilliant, very varied with different guest speakers, a great worship band led by Pete James and a guest appearance from the evening entertainment to wet your appetite. Being a newby, Jim really loved the evening worship, particularly the music, and much to his delight, Rachel Gardner did the talk on the penultimate night. The remainder of the evening was spent socialising with different people from our group in one of the apartments, sharing a drink or two with nibbles and discussing the day's events, in fact some nights were more discussion-provoking than most (I'll leave that to some other brave person to write about in the Parish mag).

I think one of the things I enjoy most about Spring Harvest is having the chance to leave your normal existence behind for a few days and share a holiday with our wider family, the church. Also, having the opportunity to stretch my thinking and to be challenged as a Christian even if it means feeling uncomfortable at times.

Jim, Karen & Harry Williams

24/7 Praying for High Wycombe

This month's 24/7 Prayer for Wycombe will be held on **Thursday, May 10th**, from 8 am to Friday at 8 am and the prayer room will be set up in Church House. The sign-up sheet is located on the table at the back of the church; Prayer Points will be available the first weekend of the month and are always available by email if you prefer. Prayerfully consider signing up for an hour, or part of an hour, to pray for our town and all the ministries that take place there.



Don't forget that on Pentecost Sunday, 27th May, we take our 10.30 am service out on to the street when we join other Christians from Wycombe and the surrounding area to worship together on Frogmore at an 11 am service. Arrive at 10.30 am and bring a folding chair with you if you will be more comfortable sitting down. We pray for a perfect day for this service of Celebration and for an outstanding turnout.

Further information available from Simon (563439), Jacky (07921 258822) or Yvonne (563960).

Yvonne Cook

PARISH WALK - Saturday 5th May

Feeling Energetic?

Come and join us for a 6 mile round walk from the village of Nuffield in the South Chilterns. It follows a very attractive section of Grimm's Ditch, and is dog-friendly. We will be stopping en route for a Pub Lunch at the King William IV at Hailey. The going is moderate but there is one gentle hill climb. There are some wonderful views of the Goring Gap, the Berkshire Downs and right across Oxfordshire to the Cotswolds in the far distance.

Meet in St Michael's car park 10am. (Please let us know in advance if you would like to come though)

Simon and Cath Cronk – 01494 563439

A SPECIAL MUSICAL EVENING

On Saturday May 19th, the church will be hosting Wycombe's own Blue Grass group, **Papa Truck**, featuring our own Nia Sherrington on fiddle!

Refreshments will be provided and the proceeds will go to the homeless charity.

Watch out for details in future announcements.

Joyce I. Cornwall (15th November 1941 – 30th March 2012)

An Autobiography

"I was born in High Wycombe in 1941. The family moved to Boss Lane, Hughenden Valley in 1946 & I attended Great Kingshill C of E School until Coronation year 1953 when I transferred to Wycombe High School.

I married David at Hughenden Church in 1967 & we set up home in Great Kingshill where we still live. I have attended this church for over 60 years. I have been involved in Sunday School, Serving & the occasional reading at services. I had met David previously at confirmation classes at Hughenden & we were confirmed together at Wooburn in 1955, not knowing what the future held.

In 1959 David had asked two girls from the Evensong congregation if they would like to learn to ring & the rest, as they say, is history.

Although ringing & family history research took up a major part of our life, it was no surprise when these pursuits had to be curtailed when Louise was born in 1969 & Philip in 1972.

Of course the great delight of our lives are our five grandchildren, Hannah, Luke, Isaac, Ruby & Fraser. I loved to visit them & enjoy their company. To watch them grow & flourish & to hear what they were doing.

Ringling really took off after retirement (I had worked for the last 14 years at Parker Knoll). Joining the Chiltern Midweek Group opened our eyes to what was going on in the wider ringing world. We learnt that people were dashing around the world trying to ring all the bells possible. We soon joined in & I rang at 3841 towers including Australia, New Zealand, USA & Canada .The last one was Great Bentley in Essex on 18th February 2012, after walking along a beach. We used to love travelling to all parts of the world and sometimes it didn't include ringing.

We also found out that people were ringing quarter peals & peals during the week as well as weekends, but the pub lunch was what it was all about. I rang 558 peals (last one on 29th April 2010 at Amersham) & 1048 quarter peals (last one on 29th April 2011, 8 Spliced at High Wycombe). My thanks are due to Alan Ainsworth, Pat & Robert Newton & the Chiltern Midweek Group (especially Howard, Mary & Barry) for all their encouragement.

Our last family outing was to a concert at Dr Challoners High School on Feb 29th, which is why I would like you to listen to "Thank You For The Music".

I have had a wonderful life & that is due to the love & company of my family & all the support of the congregation at Hughenden & a very wide number of friends."

With Thanks To The Family Of Joyce Cornwall

From the Parish Registers

The Departed:

Joyce Irene Cornwall, aged 70

Communicants – March

Sundays:

4th 32 + 49 = 81

11th 26 + 75 = 101

18th 25 + 48 = 73

25th 16 + 66 = 82

Weekdays:

19th St Joseph 8

26th The Annunciation 20



What? An open air, all age, Christian Service / Celebration with over 40 local churches represented.

When? Pentecost Sunday 27th May

What time? Gather from 10.30am for 11am start

Where? Frogmore, High Wycombe

St. Michael's 10.30am service on 27th will be transferred to Frogmore so we can all join in with the celebration.

For more details about the event, how you can pray and become involved please visit www.lovewycombe.org.uk

Calendar – May 2012

Morning Prayer is said daily from Monday to Saturday. Please check the notices sheet for timings.

Ladies' Daytime Fellowship and Bible Study meets on Mondays. Contact Judith Camplisson or Ann Long for timing and venues.

Art Fellowship meet on Tuesday. Please check the notices sheet for times or occasional non-meets.

Bellringers meet on Tuesday evening at 7.30pm. Visitors and potential ringers are always welcome. Please contact David Cornwall if you are interested.

Choir practice is on Wednesday evenings at 7.45pm. If you can read music and would like to join us (particularly if you sing soprano or alto) please contact Neil Brice.

Tue	1		Philip and James, Apostles
		10.00 am	Holy Communion: Church (30 mins)
Wed	2	8.00 pm	Wycombe Arts Festival: Church House – Life and Times of Benjamin Disraeli
Thu	3	11.30 am	Memorial service: Christine Griffiths of Brands House
Fri	4	1.00 pm	Wedding: Sarah Cliffe and Matthew Gaudion
Sun	6		Fifth Sunday of Easter
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
		9.00 am	Sung Communion
		10.30 am	All Age Family Service
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Tue	8	8.00 pm	Mothers' Union: Church House. Speaker – Judy Rouse
Wed	9	8.00 pm	Wycombe Arts Festival: Church House – Local Vocals Deanery Synod: Hambleden Church
Thu	10	8.00 am	24 hours of prayer for High Wycombe: Church House
		8.00 pm	PCC meeting: Church House
Sun	13		Fifth Sunday of Easter - Christian Aid week starts – Hughenden Gift Day
		8.00 am	Said Communion
		9.00 am	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.30 am	Family Communion with JC club
		6.00 pm	Come Close: Church
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Mon	14		Matthias the Apostle
		10.00 am	Holy Communion: Church (30 mins)
Wed	16	1.45 pm	Tiny Tots' Service: Church
		8.00 pm	Wycombe Arts Festival: Church House – The Bag of Jewels
Thu	17		ASCENSION DAY
		10.30 am	Friendship Morning: Church House
		8.00 pm	Sung Eucharist - followed by wine and nibbles
Sat	19		Wedding: Matthew Czastka and Victoria Blacklaws
Sun	20		Seventh Sunday of Easter - Sunday after Ascension
		8.00 am	Said Communion
		9.00 am	Sung Communion
		10.30 am	Informal Family Service
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Wed	23	8.00 pm	Wycombe Arts Festival: Church House – Mary Shelley
Sun	27		Pentecost
		8.00 am	Said Communion
		9.00 am	Choral Mattins with Holy Communion
			NO FAMILY SERVICE TODAY - DO JOIN US AT LOVE WYCOMBE
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)

Servers Rotas

5th Sunday : Sunday May 6th

0800 A Cole

0900 A Jaycock, A McBarnett, E Sadler

6th Sunday: Sunday May 13th

0800 A Cole

1030 L Comley

7th Sunday: Sunday May 20th

0800 J Wilson

0900 A Cole, R Harris, E Sadler

Pentecost: Sunday May 27th

0800 A Jaycock

Visit Of The Blessed Mary To Elizabeth: Thursday May 31st

1000 A Jaycock, A Cole, E Sadler

Intercessions – May

0900

6th – Sara Badrick

20th – Andy McBarnett

1030

13th – Lois Comley & Family

27th – Claire Godfrey

AV Operator – May

John Smalley

The Lectionary - May

		Readers		
		8am	9am	1030am
6th	5th Sunday of Easter			
	Genesis 22, 1 – 18	C Carter	C Tyrer	
	Acts 8, 26 – 40	P Hynard	A Gee	
	John 15, 1 -8	Celebrant	Celebrant	
	Evensong:			
	Psalm 96			
	Isaiah 60, 1 -14	A Johnson		
	Revelation 3, 1 – 13	S Brice		
13th	6th Sunday of Easter			
	Isaiah 55, 1 – 11	J Wilson	E Sadler	
	Acts 10, 44 -48	J Godfrey (Downley)	A Moore : Check which lesson	
	John 15, 9 – 17	Celebrant		Celebrant
	Psalm at 9am: 98			
	Evensong:			
	Psalm 147			
	Isiah 22, 15 - 22	L Smit		
	Philippians 3, 13b – 4,1	M Morgan		
20th	7th Sunday of Easter			
	Ezekiel 36, 24 – 28	S Cole	H Farrar-Hockley	Informal Service
	Acts 1, 15 – 17 & 21 – 26`	J Kendell	D Lowe	
	John 17, 6 – 19	Celebrant	Celebrant	
	Evensong:			
	Psalm 147			
	Isaiah 61	S Brice		
	Luke 4, 14 – 21	E Bailey		
27th	Day of Pentecost			
	Ezekiel 37, 1 – 14	J Dauncey	L Smit	No 1030 service
	Acts 2, 1 – 21	A Jaycock	L Stallwood	
	John 15, 26 – 27 & 16, 4b – 15	Celebrant		
	Psalm at 9am 145			
	Evensong:			
	Psalm 139, 1 – 11			
	Ezekiel 36, 22 – 28	L Stallwood		
	Acts 2, 22 - 38	J Smit		



*On the Occasion of
Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee
Celebrating 60 glorious years on the throne*

Hughenden Parish Church (St Michael And All Angels) will be hosting a series of events to mark this auspicious moment in history

Festal Evensong ~ Sunday 3rd June, 6:00 pm

Featuring music taken from the coronation service in 1953, including Hubert Parry's *I Was Glad*.

Royal Jubilee Teas ~ Saturday to Tuesday 2nd - 5th June

From 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm each day, featuring suitably jewel encrusted culinary creations; with soup lunches served on the Monday from 12:00 noon.

Jubilee Flower Festival ~ Saturday to Tuesday 2nd - 5th June

Marking the event with a burst of horticultural wonderment. If you would like to help with the festival or could donate flowers please speak to Jean Godfrey (01494 522198).

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St. Michael and All Angels Hughenden

Our Mission is

“To enable all to follow Jesus Christ”

We shall live out this mission by:

i) Leading lives centred on Jesus Christ –

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

ii) Being seen and known in the wider Community by

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

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

That is appropriate to wherever people are on their spiritual journey

That is based on worship that is honouring to God and accessible and relevant to all

And that is led by prayer that engages with the will of God and his purposes