

Outlook

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St Michael and All Angels



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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.

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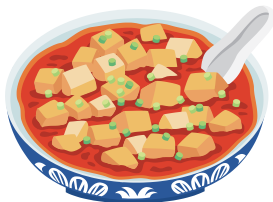
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Dear Readers,

In compiling this month's issue, it was noticeable how many of the items are about food and drink: reports of feasts partaken of, and invitations to snacks and banquets to come! By the time you read this, we will also have enjoyed the Burns Night Supper at its new bigger venue in the Village Hall. Is it the time of year: memories of Christmas (over) eating, or the wish to ward off the chill with a few extra calories that make our thoughts turn to winter warmers? Or is it that, as a church community, fellowship often means sharing hospitality and conviviality with one another? Having just returned from the Tiny Tots Service, where there was a huge array of sweet and savoury goodies provided in Church for the toddlers – and their accompanying adults- it seems that the latter is probably the case.



This makes it all the more poignant to remember that some in our apparently affluent community do not have sufficient to feed themselves, let alone engage in the simple pleasure of sharing with others.



(Image from One Can Trust)

Jane and Christopher Tyrer, Editors

From the Vicarage

February 2013

There has been water under the bridge of course since the vote about the consecration of women as bishops at the General Synod of the Church of England's meeting in November. The motion of course was narrowly lost. I thought that it might be worth writing what this particular vicar thinks about that.

Firstly, it needs to be understood how General Synod votes. There are three Houses, those of Bishops, Clergy and Laity, and the voting is by House. To get a motion passed there needs to be at least a 75% majority in everyhouse. This statistic looks astonishing by comparison with any other body where a 51% majority would suffice. The motion to consecrate women bishops was lost by a few votes in only one of the Houses, the House of Laity. We need to remember this: overall there was a clear majority in support of the motion in all the Houses. The bar is set so high to ensure that controversial and difficult issues have clear overwhelming majorities. It might make changing the direction of the Church a bit like turning an ocean liner with a lawnmower

engine, nonetheless it does safeguard against quick judgments based on very narrow majorities. However, I can't understand why once a motion is decided upon it seems that it cannot then be revisited for another five years.

I confess to being truly surprised when the motion didn't go through. There had been a delay following the May Synod, when the motion had been sent back to the House of Bishops to look again at the issue of safeguarding those parishes who could not accept the ministry of a woman as a bishop. The objections then came from the 'pro' camp. In November it seems that some in the 'anti' camp were unhappy about the nature of the safeguarding and so managed to block it. I have tried to understand the details of the proposals and the reasons for the objections: I won't try to explain them here!

This really is this is not an issue of *if* it goes through, but *when*. I would be very surprised if the General Synod does not now look at some way that this can be looked at before five years.

That remains to be seen however. One of the consequences of the result was some sabre rattling from politicians who threatened to enforce sex discrimination legislation on the Church unless they come into line. I have even heard some in the 'pro' camp welcoming such a move. Are they mad? Let's invite the politicians to decide on this one, what other issues will they then feel free to step in and make demands about? I do feel though that those who have made such an issue of opposing this motion might have now shot themselves in the foot as patience for their point of view is wearing thin and when it is finally decided the safeguards offered in November might well not be a part of the package.

I wish to make it clear that I supported and will support the move to consecrate women as bishops. The issue for me is not whether my bishop is a man or a woman but do they have a calling and will they further the ongoing mission of the Church? I believe the calling of church leadership belongs to women as much to men, and those difficult texts in the New Testament which talk about leadership have to be read in the light of culture and context. I also look

at the calling of women by Jesus, who first appeared to a woman following his resurrection. There are implications about this, May I please quote Tom Wright (a recent Bishop of Durham) in a letter to the Times on 23 November 2012:

"All Christian ministry begins with the announcement that Jesus has been raised from the dead. And Jesus entrusted that task, first of all, not to Peter, James, or John, but to Mary Magdalene. Part of the point of the new creation launched at Easter was the transformation of roles and vocations: from Jews-only to worldwide, from monoglot to multilingual (think of Pentecost), and from male-only leadership to male and female together.

Within a few decades, Paul was sending greetings to friends including an "apostle" called Junia (Romans xvi, 7). He entrusted that letter to a "deacon" called Phoebe whose work was taking her to Rome. The letter-bearer would normally be the one to read it out to the recipients and explain its contents. The first expositor of Paul's greatest letter was an ordained travelling businesswoman.

The resurrection of Jesus is the only Christian guide to the question of where history is going. Unlike the ambiguous “progress” of the Enlightenment, it is full of promise — especially the promise of transformed gender roles.”

Amen to that bit of theology I say but spare a thought and a prayer (or rather many) for our new Archbishop who has now inherited the unenviable task of steering this once again through General Synod.

Simon



(A view of the General Synod taken from its website: details of structure, rules and proceedings can be obtained at:

<http://www.churchofengland.org/about-us/structure/general-synod.aspx> Eds)

ANNUAL REPORT BOOKLET

It is that time of year again when I need to ask all those involved in **Church Activities** to write a brief report for the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**, which is to be held on **Sunday 21st April 2013 following the Morning Service at 10.00am**. I would be grateful if you would submit your reports to me, preferably by email, **before 10th of March** so that I can compile the booklet in time for everybody to see it before the meeting. My email address is penny.austin@tiscali.co.uk. I shall look forward to receiving your reports.

Early notification of diary date

As mentioned above, in Penny's reminder, the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place after a combined 10 am service on April 21st. This will be followed, as in last year's successful venture, by a bring and share lunch to which all are invited – and invited to contribute.

Co –ordination, nearer the time, through Sylvia Clark and Jane Tyrer.

Communications in our Church

How to ensure everyone, both within our Church or those who know little of St Michael's, can get accurate, up-to-date information about what our Church is about, as well as simple details of times of services and other events, is increasingly complex. In the 21st Century, many expect to be able to gain their knowledge at the click of a mouse, others prefer more traditional methods. A challenge to us is to use all available methods, including the Church Notice Boards (both inside and outside St Michael's) to best advantage to inform, welcome and (mindful of our 4Ps) to *proclaim* what we do and what we are about. In particular we must seek ways to give meaning to our statement:

Welcome to your Church

Over the next few weeks I shall be trying to bring together people and ideas to further better communications within our Church. Ben Brice has already done a great deal of work on our website, but he relies on being given the up to date information. Alan Jaycock has started extending our 'rogues' gallery' of photographs of 'who does what', to make it easier for newcomers, in particular, to identify those they may need to contact. In the meantime, if you feel there are things that need addressing about the mechanics or content of communication, please contact me on 01844 344650 or mjanetyrer@btinternet.com.

Jane Tyrer
Co-ordinator Communications Group



REMEMBRANCE

“At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.”

Continuing the series of histories of The Fallen commemorated in our Church: see also appeal later in the magazine.

Private Harold Cecil Avery was a casualty of the First World War [1914-1918]. His Service Number was 285068 and he served in the 1st Battalion of the Oxford and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. He was the son of Jane and Henry Avery of Moseley Cottages, Naphill. He died on the 16th April 1917, at the age of 17 years, probably from injuries sustained during the 1916 offensive on the Somme. His name and details are recorded on Pier and Face 10 A and 10 D on the Thiepval Memorial. He was awarded both the Victory Medal and the British War Medal.

Private Frederick Henry Bennett was also a casualty of the First World War. His Service Number was 104134 and he enlisted in Canada into the 7th Battalion of the Canadian Infantry, the British Columbian Regiment. His mother was Mrs G Bennett and lived at Pipers Corner. Pte Bennett was born on the 20th May 1893, at Ightham in Kent and died on the 18th August 1918 aged 25 years. He is buried at the Choques Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

Private Harry [Henry] Brooks likewise served and died in the First World War. He was born in Bledlow Ridge in 1890 and was baptised at the local Church on the 6th April 1890. His parents were William and Sarah Brooks and they lived at Church Lane in Bledlow Ridge at the time of their son's birth. Pte Brooks enlisted into the 5th Battalion of the Oxford and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, in Oxford and his Service Number was 16747. He was killed in action on the 21st March 1918, in Flanders

and is buried in the Montescourt-Lizerolles Communal Cemetery, Aisne, France. He was 28 years of age. There is a Memorial to him also in High Wycombe Hospital. He was awarded the Victory Medal and the British War Medal.

Gunner John Nelson Brown also served and died in the First World War. He was born in Naphill in 1895 and his father is named as James Brown. He enlisted in High Wycombe into the 156th Heavy Battery of the Royal Garrison Artillery and his Service Number was Gunner 297228. He died of his wounds in Flanders on the 22nd August 1917 at the age of 22 years. He was buried at the Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinghe, Belgium. He was awarded the Victory Medal and the British War Medal.

Private Leonard Dollery was born in 1892 in Botley, Hants. His parents were Charles [1864-1921] and Emily, nee Blow [1863-1939]. His childhood was spent in Hampshire, in Botley and Eastleigh, until he married Amy Mundy in 1917 in High Wycombe. Their home was on Coombs Hill, Naphill. He enlisted in Gosport in Hampshire into the 1st/8th Battalion, Manchester Regiment, being given the Service Number 57459 and was killed in action the 30th August 1918, in Flanders, at the age of 26 years. He is commemorated, alongside our own Commemoration, in the Manchester Cemetery and was buried at Riencourt-Les Bapaume. There were no children and there is no record that his widow remarried. He was awarded the Victory Medal and the British War Medal.

Christopher Tyrer

Floodlighting Dedications

There are no floodlighting dedications to report this month.

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

Multiple Sclerosis Society

On behalf of the High Wycombe and District Branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who gave a donation in memory of Norman Chalk to the branch, it is very much appreciated. A total of £778.00 was donated and, in agreement with Heidi, the money will be split between branch funds and the new Ambulance Appeal. Thank you all once again,

The Society will be holding a **Ploughman's Lunch** on **Wednesday 20th February 2013** at Hughenden Valley Village Hall. The doors open at 12.00pm and lunches will be served at 12.30pm. Lunches will cost £5.50 and there will be a Raffle and a Bring and Buy Stall.

All the proceeds from the event will go towards helping people with MS in the local area.

Belinda Peddle, Secretary
High Wycombe & District Branch - MS Society, 01494 443917

The work of New Leaf



One of our local charities which our Church generously supports is a project that delivers volunteer led mentoring and practical support to offenders sentenced to 12 months imprisonment or less, planning to return to Buckinghamshire at the end of their sentences. As Chair of the Steering Group, may I acknowledge gratefully all the prayer and support that you give us.

New Leaf was set up in 2010 for Buckinghamshire and has expanded since for Milton Keynes in 2011 and for Oxfordshire in 2012, having won funding from the Home Office Community Innovation Fund. We have passed the 300 mark of those whom we have helped and are focussing our attention on how we operate to provide a flexible service to all who seek it. We turn no one away, except on mentor

risk and late application grounds and, if at first success eludes our mentees, we will go on trying to help as and when asked.

All those – male and female – who are sentenced to a period of imprisonment of 12 months or less receive no help from the Probation Service either during or at the end of their sentence. They are given a modest discharge grant [£46] on release and are on their own from the moment of release. These offenders are amongst the most chaotic in their lifestyles, have a range of problems – drugs, alcohol, mental health, debt, housing and family [to identify a few] – and are the most prolific re-offenders. Many are institutionalised recidivists. It ought to be no surprise to those in Government that 45% of these people re-offend, frequently on their day of discharge.



The first three months after release are critical: so we need to plan. A great deal of work is done during the sentence to prepare for release: motivation, preparation and encouragement.

Having someone to meet in prison, plan with, relate to before and on release can be reassuring and eases the anxiety of release for those about to be discharged. For too many, prison is their home, with a sense of belonging and security.

New Leaf offers high level, up to six days a week, support through a team of volunteers. Every mentee is met at the prison gates and has somewhere safe to be taken to. Appointments with agencies have been made; counselling over personal, debt and family issues has been arranged in advance. If necessary that support will last for 12 months. There is an emergency release pack, each costing £13.50p, given to all mentees which contains toiletries, raincoats and goods necessary to cover the immediate needs. It is all available 365 days a year and is all undertaken by unpaid volunteers who are reimbursed their expenses only. We have an army of volunteers, including all ethnic minorities, ex-offenders who have broken their cycle of reoffending and the ages range from the 20s to the 60+ s.

We are a faith based organisation, firmly rooted in the Prison Chaplaincies. We cater for all faiths and none and we are part of the Thames Valley Partnership, which works with all those who operate within the criminal justice system and allied services to provide long term solutions to the problems of crime and social exclusion. The Partnership's Patron is the Bishop of Oxford; the Bishop of Buckingham

is Bishop for Prisons and the Bishop of Dorchester has become a keen supporter since we moved into Oxfordshire. I am a Trustee of the Partnership and, space and interest permitting, I will write about other aspects of the Partnership's work in coming issues.

As I write this, the Justice Secretary is giving a speech which will impact upon our work. At first sight, it sounds like good news for those in the volunteer sector, with proposals that all those released from prison will receive community support, including short term prisoners. In truth what is proposed is to block contract with providers such as G4S who will subcontract to organisations such as ours. The sting will be in the performance targets: already we are seeing evidence of "cherry-picking" potential release mentees and the reclaiming of grants from charities for "underperformance." Passing the risk to the volunteers' organisations equates to "passing the buck." There are – and should be - better ways of achieving a laudable aim.

We do not ignore victims of crime. Every person who is turned away from committing offences, even for a matter of weeks or months, creates fewer victims. Even extending non offending periods in a recidivist achieves a purpose. There will come a time when those periods are elongated into permanence. "Performance targets" do not take this into account.



What can **you** do? Pray, please, for our work. Praise GOD for our volunteers and ask for His guidance to those who provide leadership to the project. I am frequently heard to say and do so again now without apology, that prayer has at least two attractions: it costs nothing and it is guaranteed a receptive audience.

Christopher Tyrer

Further information on the Ministry of Justice's intentions can be found at :

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/news/features/less-crime-fewer-victims-safer-communities>

(The above piece refers to the Prison Chaplaincy Service. Readers may not be aware of its role. The Ministry of Justice states:

Chaplaincy is committed to serving the needs of prisoners, staff and faith communities. Chaplains from a wide range of faith traditions work with the Prison Service, including Buddhist, Church of England, Free Church, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Roman Catholic,

and Sikh. Chaplains are appointed on the basis of their skills and competences and to meet the need of prisons and their particular population. **Eds)**

Real Easter Eggs

The order forms have arrived for this year's Real Easter Eggs. We shall be taking orders with forms available at church over the next few weeks. As in the past, all orders must be accompanied by cheques made payable to G.H.Wilson. Each egg cost £3.99 and will include a copy of the Easter story, an activity poster and a sticker set.

We will need to have all orders in with a closing date of Sunday 3rd February in order to get free postage, so please get your requests into us before that date.

Any queries you may have, please contact us on 01494 - 438380 or gandj@btinternet.com.



We have had amazing responses over the past 2 years we have run this scheme, so let's see if we can surpass the total this year.

Remember you don't have to have children or grandchildren for whom to buy eggs. What's wrong with a little self-indulgence while supporting a Fairtrade cause? Why not be a closet chocaholic and help beat last year's order. (We won't tell).

George and Judy Wilson.



ANATOMY OF LOVE

No prying eye
nor probing knife
dissects her.
Sunder sense from soul
you'll not bisect her.
Though some may try to maim
none can affect her.

No cynic's sneer
nor carping jest
infects her.
Plunder soul for self
you'll not subject her.
Only fools forever damned
reject her.

If you seek out love
you'll not detect her.
Should love come to you
till death protect her.
And gently take her hand
but don't direct her.

Ron Cretchley

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Grandfather Clock – Church House

I once asked the question 'How long has the grandfather clock been in Church House?' I asked all the former churchwardens who had been involved in the past and they all said the same; it had always been there. It was even there when Arthur Johnson moved into Church Cottage! They also said that over the years the clock had been repaired on many occasions to keep it going.

A couple of years ago we noted the clock had stopped chiming. You may remember that last year we put a note in the church magazine asking if there were any retired clock repairers who could help. As always, someone comes forward and we found ourselves such a person.

The first thing he noticed stamped into the mechanism was the maker's name, Richard Kenfield of Winchester, 1750 - 1790. It may be that the clock had found its way down from the Manor at some point in its life. If you know better, please let us know.

I am very pleased to say that the clock is now fully restored and is chiming on the hour and the half hour. For this we must give thanks to Judy Dauncey who has had the work carried out in remembrance of her late husband, Wing Commander Dickie Dauncey. Many thanks Judy.

Brian Clark, Churchwarden

New Year's Day Luncheon.....

..., would have been better named "New Year's Day Feast" as Arthur's fund-raising effort for altar frontal replacements got off to a delicious start for those of us who enjoyed the occasion.

Anyone who has eaten Arthur's cooking knows only too well what amazing dishes he prepares in conjunction with his vegan diet. A four-course luncheon consisted of smoky Caribbean salad, followed by a choice of 2 soups, which in turn only led us onto the delights of pecan-nut roast or Christmas pie made with hot-water crust pastry (no mean feat in itself).

All these main courses were accompanied by a medley of seasonal vegetables. Delicious.

After some breathing space we were then offered a choice of 6 desserts, followed by chocolates, liqueurs and tea or coffee.. Those who came to the lunch know just how delightful the whole occasion was. However, Arthur would be the first to admit that it was

only achieved with the help of sous-chef Sue Brice, assistant cooks Cathryn Carter and Jean Godfrey, our "nippies", Jean again and Cathy Dolan and the inestimable wine-waiter Len Rickarts.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon and we cannot recommend the occasion highly enough to anyone who is perhaps a little uncertain about attending such an event. More similar fund-raising events, please Arthur, before too long, and hopefully an increase in the 20 who enjoyed such a New Year's Day feast.

PS. And thank-you for taking my gluten-free diet into account. As a consequence, I didn't miss out on anything. Yum, yum.

Judy Wilson

Prayer Hour

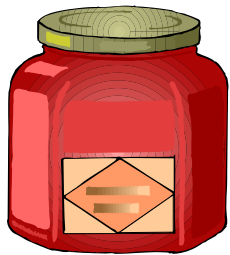
We meet at 7:00 pm on Sundays, directly after the Evensong Service. During the lighter evenings and warmer months, we can be found in the North Chapel. However, during the darker evenings, we can usually be found 'toasting our toes' over the heater in the little chapel at the end of the North Aisle. There's no shortage of events to bring before God during the hour we spend at church; the world, the community and our own church.

We also take down the Prayer Requests from the Board at the back of the church and bring them before God. We always welcome feedback as we can then pray for any new issues that may have arisen and thank God for answered prayer. During this peaceful hour we have periods of silence as we seek to listen to what God has to say to us. If you can't come but want us to pray about something on your heart, you can leave a written request on the Prayer Board, or call Yvonne (563960). Inevitably, there will be some Sundays when we cannot meet, for numerous reasons. At times like these, Prayer Requests on the Board will be brought before God, at church, during the week. Please continue to leave your Prayer Requests, we really welcome them.

Yvonne Cook

Winter Warmers

The next **Winter Warmers*** on February 3rd, 12noon - 3.30, will be in aid of PROGRESSIVE SUPRANUCLEAR PALSY.



Judy Dauncey will also have the new season's **Marmalade** for sale.

Please come!

**Warming home made soup lunches in Church House, for those who have not yet partaken!- Eds*

Mission Promotion Group

One of the Task Groups set up by the PCC is the MPG, encouraging our Congregation to pray for the overseas Missions that St Michael's supports, to increase awareness and understanding of their work, to channel fundraising and to be active in engaging in the short and long term projects undertaken by them. We have decided this year to support four charities overseas: the Ebenezer Children's Centre, Bugoye-Kasese, Uganda, Mission Aviation Fellowship, Wycliffe Bible Translators and Open Doors, a charity serving persecuted Christians worldwide. We provide information on a board at the back of the Church and literature on the table by the main doors. From time to time, members of the MPG will write articles for publication in the Parish Magazine. We hope to hold a Service on one of the Third Sundays for providing more information.

This month I am writing about MAF, which is a dynamic Christian organisation operating more than 135 aircraft across about 30

countries in the developing world. Thus they reach some of the world's most isolated people. In partnership with over 1000 organisations they bring physical and spiritual care to those who need it most. The flight missions include aid, relief and development agencies, government departments and churches and the work covers healthcare, emergency help, development and delivering the Word of GOD. Without MAF, some peoples and communities simply cannot be reached, let alone assisted.

Two examples must suffice: in Ecuador, health teams are flown into the jungle to deliver immunisation and health education; in Lesotho, the Flying Doctor Service provides treatment where 30% of the population is infected by AIDS/HIV.

Please pray for the work of MAF and for those engaged in often hazardous undertakings.

Christopher Tyrer

The Coffee Cupboard!

It seems hard to believe, but our Coffee Cupboard at the back of church has been in operation now for some nine months. We have become so used to the convenience with which we can prepare and serve our after-10.45am refreshments, that the days of trudging up and down the path to Church House, carrying flasks of coffee, jugs of water, etc are now a distant memory.

From contributions made after this service, we have been able to make donations to Hearing Dogs for the Deaf and also to The Talking Newspaper, both of which organisations have thanked us warmly.

I'm sure you will agree that our churchyard is very well kept and we want to keep it that way. Mowing is carried out by a dedicated team. However, the existing machine has reached the end of its life and has become difficult to handle and in fact one or two on the rota have had to resign as they can no longer manage it. Thankfully, a couple of new volunteers have stepped forward, but the fact remains that we need a new mowing machine. There is a saying, 'Charity begins at Home' so with that in mind, we are intending to

give a donation from the refreshment contributions towards the purchase of a new mowing machine for the churchyard. I do hope you are in agreement with this. Of course we will also continue to give to local charities as often as we can.

My thanks to all who prepare and serve the refreshments each week. We can always use additional helpers so please let me know, either in church or by phone if you are willing to assist. After all, it's only a couple of times a year and it's 'easy peasy' now that we have the Coffee Cupboard!

Sylvia Clark, 562801

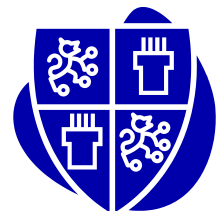
National Trust Events in February

Countryside workout

Third Saturday of every month until 15 June. 10am-4pm.
Help with scrub clearance, coppicing and nature surveys.

Create a crest

Sat 16 – Sun 24 February. 11am-4pm.
Design and make a coat of arms for your family.



Bushcraft

Sun 17 Feb. 9am-12noon or 1-4pm.
Learn outdoor skills of shelter-building and fire-lighting.

£25
Booking:
0844 249 1895.

February's Prayer Topics

<p><u>1stFamilies and Family Life</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For guidance coping with the current economic climate plus recent changes to child benefit and tax credits - Work/Life balance – pressures at work limiting family time - For guidance through the process of choosing which school will be best for each individual child and clarity through the application process - For confidence and strengthen when making judgements on bringing up children when guidance from 'experts' may be conflicting
<p><u>5thMother's Union</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For guidance at the AGM this month for members to come forward to serve on the Committee and take responsibility for the organisation of our branch - At the global level for the new MU Board of Trustees which will give better representation to all World members. We pray for Lynne Tembey as she takes up her role as Worldwide President
<p><u>15thChurch Magazine/Printers/Distributors</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For support and help to the team of printers that they can produce a good magazine without technical problems - That the distributors are sustained, particularly during bad winter weather, to ensure that our parish magazine reaches all our parishioners and church visitors. - Thanks for the work done by both printers and distributors
<p><u>27thParish Council/Local Councillors</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For those dealing with the challenges of planning application issues - For guidance, wisdom and understanding for all juggling financial limitations and aiming to make the best use of limited resources
<p><u>29thHousegroup Members and Leaders</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pray that a new Housegroup will develop from the Alpha course - Pray that current Housegroups might strengthen and act as support and encouragement to each other - Pray that the various Lent courses and/or books studied, may prompt thought and reflection as we prepare for Easter

30th MS
Society

- For all the new volunteers as they take up roles in the local branch
- For all existing volunteers as they continue support for people with MS
- For carers, families and friends and those who have MS
- For new sufferers of MS and also those who research to find a cure

24/7 Prayer for Wycombe

We are now entering into our third year of joining approximately 40 other churches in Wycombe and the surrounding area to cover our town and the ministries which take place there. During the first three months of the year prayers for Wycombe Homeless Connection, as they run their Night Shelter during these winter months, will be foremost in our minds. We have already heard that they expect homelessness to increase by 80% during 2013, and this will include families too because of a complete change in the Benefit System. Another two charities which will also need our prayers are The One Can Trust and the Dorcas Project, as they seek to provide extra food parcels for struggling families and clothing for children from 0-6 years.

Our chosen day for prayer is always the second Thursday of the month and this month falls on 14th February, not a difficult one to remember as it's also St. Valentine's Day. The Prayer Room will be set up in the North Room, approachable by the outside door, and tea and coffee will be available if you need a hot drink before you leave. Do put the heaters on, please don't be cold, and when you leave the Prayer Room empty turn them off.

If you could spend an hour, or part of an hour, in prayer for our town, either in the Prayer Room or at home, that would be wonderful. Usually the sign-up sheet finds its way to the table at the back of the church within a week of our Prayer Day and the Prayer Points join it at the end of the month.

If there is any news that comes to light between the monthly Outlooks, it will appear in the Church Notices, or there will be a 'fly-sheet' at the back of the church.

Further information may be obtained from Simon (563439), Jacky (07921 258822) or Yvonne (563960).

Yvonne Cook

Mothers' Union

We wish to thank everyone for the wonderful support for our annual Christmas collection of gifts for Wycombe Women's Refuge. We have received a letter of thanks. We do appreciate the support from all the congregations.

A busy Christmas season started with us hosting the South Bucks Area Winter meeting on November 21st where we heard Rev. Jim Taylor, now curate at Princes Risborough, speak about his life as a Prison Officer before deciding to train for the Priesthood. It was a fascinating talk and it stimulated many questions.

We enjoyed the fellowship of around fifty Mothers' Union members over lunch in Church House. The



Rev. Simon Cronk then joined us to celebrate the Eucharist: thank you, Simon.

At our December meeting we welcomed the arrival of Advent with a Celebration of The Eucharist by Rev. Fred Friend. We were pleased to welcome visitors and guests. Thank you to everyone for the generous collection that enabled us to buy gifts for the housebound and lonely in the Parish.

We were well represented at both of the Christmas Unwrapped sessions for the Great Kingshill and Hughenden schools. We enjoy helping at these mornings and seeing such a positive reaction from the young people. The Tiny Tots Christmas service was another happy occasion and we chatted to parents and grandparents.

Our next meeting is the **AGM on February 12th**: please note the change of date. We will meet for mulled wine and nibbles from 7.30pm onwards: the AGM will start at 8pm.

After the AGM, Alan Jaycock will speak on his experiences as a carer. We hope to see you all at the meeting. Visitors are most welcome.

Barbara Willson

Our House Groups - Programmes for Lent

It seems quite strange to be writing about Lent so close after Christmas, but Easter Sunday falls on 31 March this year, which means Lent starts on Wednesday 13 February. Our House Groups have been busy planning their programmes for Lent. If you don't currently belong to a House Group then Lent could be an ideal opportunity for you to come along and try one, everyone is welcome. Below is a guide of all the groups, when and where they meet, and their programmes for Lent.

Monday Mornings – 10.15am (Ladies' Group)

At 9 South Maundin, Hughenden Valley, HP14 4LZ

Dates meeting during Lent - 18/02, 25/02, 04/03, 11/03, 18/03

This group will be following the York Course 'Glimpse of God':

Contact Judith Camplisson 565108 or Ann Long 564009

Alternate Monday Evenings – 8.00pm

At San Michelle, Cryers Hill

Dates meeting during Lent - 18/02, 25/02, 04/03, 11/03, 18/03

This group will be following the York Course 'Glimpse of God':

Contact Geoff Lovell 566180

Alternate Tuesday Mornings during term time – 9.30am to 11am

(Young mums)

At Manor Farm House, Coates Lane

Dates meeting during Lent (12/2), 26/2, 12/3

This group will be following a Christian parenting discussion book, or similar:

Contact Heather Morley 528633

Tuesday Evenings – 7.45 for 8.00pm

At 39 Selwood Way, Downley HP13 5XR.

Dates meeting during Lent 12/02, 26/02, 12/03, 19/03, 26/03

This group will be following the York Course 'Glimpse of God':

Contact Anne Dean 463376.

Wednesday Evenings – 7.30 for 8.00pm

at 8 Brackenwood, Naphill

Dates meeting during Lent - 20/02, 27/02, 06/03, 13/03, 20/03, 27/03

This group will be following the York Course 'Glimpse of God':

Contact Frank Hawkins 565050

Wednesday Evenings (usually, but may vary)– 7.45 for 8.00pm

at 34, Brimmers Hill, Widmer End, HP15 6NP

This group will be following St John's Gospel:

Contact Christopher Tyrer 01844 344650

Alternate Thursday Evenings – 8.00pm

At Clover Cottage, Warrendene Road

Dates meeting during Lent 21/3 (also 7/4 and 21/4)

This group will be following Proverbs:

Contact Derek or Jean Godfrey 565956

Helen Byrne



Two more dates for your diary

Friday 22nd February

**Mother's Union
Fair Trade Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy**



Church House

10am to 12pm

Sunday 3rd March

**Mother's Union will be serving
Winter Warmers in Church House**



Homemade soup etc

All monies to MU charities

Valley Wives

Jenny Rayment, 'The Calico Queen ' gave us a talk on Patchwork and Quilting entitled: 'All Tucked Up and Twiddled'.

Jenny has travelled throughout the world giving lectures on fabrics, judging quilting shows and taking teachers' workshops. We were shown the wonderful collection of quilts that Jenny had made using every quilting and patchwork technique known! Many of these are demonstrated in her book: "Tucks Textures and Pleats". She started with calico, which is relatively inexpensive and shows off the textures of the designs well. Her quilt collection however includes dozens of fabrics, designs and techniques. Panels of pleats folded in different ways were very effective as were sculptured spheres, hexagons, circles, flowers, fans and a highly textured effect from triple layered fabrics. In her workshops Jenny shows nine different designs and also demonstrates creative crafts, making toys, felt hats and bags.

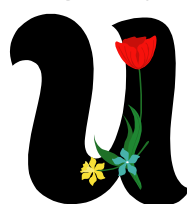
This talk was the one of the most entertaining and humorous we have ever had at Valley Wives because during showing us examples of her wonderful skills and techniques in quilting, Jenny told us many hilarious accounts of her life experiences and tales of very amusing situations she encountered on her travels. The talk ended with everyone overcome with laughter when after a story about a Royal waitress, Jenny "morphed" into a Bunny Girl waitress (complete with outfit including tray, crockery and so on, all realistically made of fabric). Susan gave the vote of thanks for a most entertaining, humorous and interesting talk.

Our January meeting was a most enjoyable games evening arranged by Jill and Doreen, ending with refreshments and a chance to chat and exchange news of Christmas and New Year festivities.



On February 1st we have a talk by Krissie Streatfield entitled 'Buzz about Bees'. **The interesting object** will be something starting with the letter **U**.

New members always welcome.



Joan Steel

Good Companions

Our December meeting featured our usual year-end Christmas lunch. Our guest was Simon, and, after he had said grace, we tucked into a delicious three-course meal finishing with coffee and mince pies. We ended the afternoon with some carol singing.

Our January meeting began on a sad note with news of the death of our oldest member, Bill Beadle, who passed away just seven days before his ninety ninth birthday. We observed a minute's silence in his memory.

Our guest speaker was local resident and churchwarden, Brian Clark, who recounted his days spent in Soviet Russia where he was working from 1989 to 2000. He was involved in the construction and running of food factories producing Heinz baby foods which were not exported but sold to the local population. He told us how the Communists maintained control over the media, and travel and permits had to be obtained from the place you wished to visit. He described the beginning of the collapse of the system with the advent of Gorbachev and later Boris Yeltsin and the formation of looser ties between former U.S.S.R. states. He observed the return to the churches of traditional icons, previously banned, and wounded Russian personnel from Afghanistan.



He pointed out that under communism the Russian currency (the rouble) was worthless, externally, suggesting that economics was at least partially responsible for the collapse of the communist system. We are grateful to Brian for a fascinating account of those times seen from the inside.



Members will be saddened to learn of the death of former member Hilda Ridgeley within a month before her one hundredth birthday. Hilda had been a member for many years until her frailty meant that she could no longer attend our meetings.

Michael Harris

From the Parish Registers

Holy Baptism:

On Sunday 25th November:

Jack Christopher Wright, son of Peter Wright and Joanna Ryland, from Braeside, Naphill;

On Sunday 2nd December:

Loghan-Lee Cameron, daughter of Sarah-Louise Murphy, who was baptized at the same time, from Stokenchurch;

On Sunday 9th December (at the confirmations):

Sean Rourke.

The Departed

Norman Albert Chalk, aged 86

Terrence Donald Trout, aged 79

Communicants – November and December

November

Sundays:

4th 21 + 41 = 62

11th 22 + 82 = 104

18th 22+ 47 = 69

25th 22 + 79 = 101

Weekdays:

1st All Saints 33

21st District MU 41

27th Deanery Chapter 13

30th St Andrew 5

December

2nd 20 + 52 = 72

9th 24 + 69 = 93

16th 15 + 55 = 70

23rd 19 + 71 = 90

30th 20 + 73 = 93

4th MU Corporate 32

24th Christmas Eve 16

25th Christmas Day 96 + 31 + 37 +
97 = 261

(The reported number for Christmas Day, when excluding, as required, those known to have communicated at more than one service, is 249.)



URGENT NOTICES

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION



This year will see a complete revision of the Church Electoral Roll. Whether you are already on it or wish to be added to it, you **must** complete a new form and hand it to the Electoral Roll Officer, David Cornwall. This must be completed before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in April.

RECORDS OF THE FALLEN

I am now in the process of putting the finishing touches to a pamphlet which will contain the biographies of all The Fallen in the First and Second World Wars and since. I have been informed that there is information within the knowledge of members of the Congregation which should be included. **PLEASE** will anyone get in touch or write to me about these details. Some have indicated information orally – for instance about two being related as cousins. I have not found this detail in the records, so I need to have it again, please. Once it is printed I shall not be revisiting what has been an interesting but lengthy process.

Christopher Tyrer



Duty Roster February

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0800 Service	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Sidespersons</u>		
First Sunday 3 February	Andrew Cole	Philip Hynard Grantley Hoath		
Second Sunday 10 February	Lin Smit	Judy Wilson TBA		
Third Sunday 17 February	Judy Wilson	Jean Godfrey TBA		
Fourth Sunday 24 February	Alan Jaycock	Denise Barrow Jean Godfrey		
0900 Service	<u>Servers</u>		<u>Sidespersons</u>	<u>Intercessions</u>
First Sunday 3 February	Alan Jaycock Rex Harris	Edie Sadler	Ann Moore Keith Dean	Christopher Tyrer
Second Sunday 10 February	N/A	N/A	Keith Dean Eileen Dean	N/A
Third Sunday 17 February	Andrew Cole Andy MacBarnett	Edie Sadler	Christopher Tyrer	Arthur Johnson
Fourth Sunday 24 February	N/A	N/A	Louise Stallwood Richard Stallwood	N/A
1045 Service	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Intercessions</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Coffee</u>
First Sunday 3 February	N/A	Sunday School	Anne Dean Clare Godfrey	Jenny Phillips Clare Godfrey
Second Sunday 10 February	Lois Comley	Yvonne Cook	Anne and Mike Dean	Clare Godfrey Jean Godfrey
Third Sunday 17 February	N/A	N/A	Brian and Sylvia Clark	Jean Godfrey Susan Devereux
Fourth Sunday 24 February	Lois Comley	Jane Tucker	Penny Austin Christopher Tyrer	Susan Devereux Elaine Morley
	<u>Creche</u>	<u>Sidespersons</u>	<u>Prayer Team</u>	<u>JC Club</u>
First Sunday 3 February	Sylvia Clark Ann Long Joy Bradley	Janes Family	TBA	Mark Sherrington Helen Collins Kirstie Brewer
Second Sunday 10 February	Shirley Brown Mark Sherrington Vicki Michell	Anne and John Smalley	TBA	Jean Godfrey Sylvia Clark Nickie Marsh
Third Sunday 17 February	Elaine Morley Louise Murphy Anne Smalley	Brian and Sylvia Clark	TBA	Ann Long Lucy Rippon Anna Pedrette
Fourth Sunday 24 February	Pam Felix Jane Lomas Christine Powell	Heather and Brian Morley Tim and Angela Aze	TBA	Elaine Morley Angela Aze Lizzie Hurrell

Chalice Administration				
10 February	Maureen and Bob Stone			
24 February	Rita Pulley and Lois Comley			

Christmas Unwrapped

Christmas Unwrapped (an interactive session run in St Michael's with local primary schools) was again run very successfully in December. Classes from Hughenden and Great Kingshill were expertly led to better understand the meaning of Christmas by Mike Dean and Erica Holt from Wycombe Youth for Christ. Mike's particular expertise is in telling excruciating Christmas jokes, and encouraging the children to make a huge amount of noise – which they greatly enjoyed. The presentation using slides, videos and a booklet was led by Erica. She explained some of the misconceptions about Christmas (a cave, not a stable; possibly no donkey and not necessarily three wise men) and helped the children distinguish between what was important and peripheral about the festival.

Refreshments were provided, and Simon led a closing prayer.

A good time was had by all, including the army of helpers.

Thank you letters have been received from the children showing not only that they enjoyed the sessions, but that they worked in helping them focus on the meaning of Christmas.

Christmas was indeed unwrapped!



Calendar –February

Morning prayer is said in Church at 7.45am on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 7.30am on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Bellringing practice is Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Belltower. Why not come and learn to ring? You'll be very welcome. Speak to David Cornwall. Choir practice is Wednesday evening at 7.45pm. If you can read music (and particularly if you are a soprano or tenor) you will be welcome. Speak to Neil Brice.

Art Group meets in Church House at 1pm on Tuesdays. Contact Bob Stone for more information.

Sat	2		Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)
		12 noon	Sung Eucharist, followed by lunch in Church House
Sun	3		Second before Lent
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
		9.00 am	Sung Communion
		10.45 am	All Age Family Service
		noon-	
		3.30pm	Winter Warmers: Church House - in aid of PSP
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
		7.00 pm	Prayer Hour: Church
Tue	5	8.00 pm	Mothers' Union: Church House
Sat	9	10.30 am	Teas Organisers Meeting, Church House
Sun	10		Sunday next before Lent
		8.00 am	Said Communion
		9.00 am	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.45 am	Family Communion with JC club
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
		7.00 pm	Prayer Hour: Church
Tue	12	8.00 pm	Mothers' Union AGM: Church House please note new date
Wed	13		Ash Wednesday
		8.00 pm	Holy Communion with hymns, and Imposition of Ashes: Church
Thu	14	8.00 am	24 hours of prayer for High Wycombe: North Room
Sun	17		First Sunday of Lent
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Sung Communion
		10.45 am	Informal Family Service with JC Club
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
		7.00 pm	Prayer Hour
Thu	21	9.30 am	Hughenden Toddlers: North Room
		10.30 am	Tiny Tots' Service: Church
		10.30 am	Friendship Morning: Church House
Sun	24		Second Sunday of Lent
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.45am	Family Communion with JC club
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
		7.00 pm	Prayer Hour

Lectionary – February 2013

Date	Lesson	Readers		
		8.00am/ 6.00 pm	9.00 am	10.45am
3rd	2nd Sunday before Lent			
	Genesis 2, 4b – 9 & 15 – 25	C Carter	J Tyrer	H Byrne
	Revelation 4	P Hynard	J Palmer	
	Luke 8, 22 – 25	Priest	Priest	
	Evensong:			
	Psalms 147			
	Genesis 1, 1 – 2, 3	M Morgan		
	Matthew 6, 25 – 34	S Brice		
10th	Sunday next before Lent			
	Exodus 34, 29 - 35	J Wilson	R or A Gee	
	2 Corinthians 3, 12 – 4, 2	L Smit	L Stallwood (check which NT lesson)	
	Luke 9, 28 – 43a	Priest		
	Psalms at 9am: 65			
	Evensong:			
	Psalms 89, 1 – 19			
	Exodus 3, 1 – 6	B Brice		
	John 12, 27 - 36a	B Doran		
17th	1st Sunday of Lent			
	Deuteronomy 26, 1 – 11	J Kendell	D Hamley	Informal
	Romans 10, 8b – 13	A Stacey	A Jaycock	
	Luke 4, 1 – 13	Priest	Priest	
	Evensong:			
	Psalms 119, 73 – 88			
	Jonah 3	A Johnson		
24th	2nd Sunday of Lent	Jenkins		
	Genesis 15, 1 - 12 & 17 – 18	A Jaycock	H Lowe	S Clark
	Philippians 3, 17 – 4, 1	J Godfrey (Downley)	E Sadler (Check which lesson)	J Camplisson
	Luke 13, 31 - 35	Priest		Priest
	Psalms at 9am: 27			
	Evensong:			
	Psalms 135			
	Jeremiah 22, 1 – 9 & 13 – 17	L Smit		
	Luke 14, 27 -33	E Bailey		

Regular Meetings and Organisations

Friendship Morning



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

Judith Camplisson – 01494 56510

Toddlers @ St. Michael's



Hughenden Toddlers @ St. Michael's meets every Thursday from 9.30 -11.30 am in Church House. Come for chat, play, craft and refreshments. Included every third Thursday of the month will be **'Tiny Tots', a time of fun worship in Church.**

For further details contact Helen Peters (01494 716772)

House groups

Weekdays

See weekly notice sheet for details and article above

CYFA (School Years 10+)

alternate Sunday evenings in term time

Contact Mike Dean (463376) for details

D-CYFA (School Years 7 – 9)

alternate Sunday evenings in term time

Contact Mike Dean as above

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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:***

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*