

Outlook

Hughenden Parish Magazine
St Michael and All Angels



In Flanders fields the poppies blow

November 2013

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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Dear Readers,

“They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.”

The cover of this issue, as in November last year, reminds us of Remembrance Day, falling in this month. It is the formal occasion when the nation remembers the Fallen, not only of the two World Wars, but of the conflicts since and still that claim the lives of our service men and women around the world.

Later in this issue appears a modern memorial poem, which you may not have come across, and a photo of the National Memorial Arboretum, which we know some of the congregation have visited

Although Remembrance Day is about the service fallen, we cannot help but think of the civilians – men, women and children - killed, injured or displaced through war and civil unrest. The International Day of Prayer falls in November and focuses in particular on persecuted Christians in other lands.

As the seasons change and the autumn chill begins, our thoughts also turn to those nearer home who especially suffer in the cold through homelessness. In particular we think of the work of the Wycombe Homeless Connection and the Winter Night Shelter. The November Prayer for Wycombe particularly asks us to remember these people. We have also included some additional information about the work of the shelter.

Jane and Christopher Tyrer
Editors

From the Vicarage - November 2013

Firstly many thanks to Helen for stepping in to this slot and writing the letter when I was away on holiday in September. All I can say is that mis-laying my keys is a regular occurrence, as is the relief at finding them again!

I do apologise to regular readers of 'Outlook' if this seems like a return to an older theme that I have written about. However it also acts as a bit of a plug for an event that I have organised in my capacity as Area Dean. In truth actually, whilst I had the idea, Helen Byrne, who acts as my Area Dean Secretary has done most of the organisation, credit where credit is due! My advanced thanks to her for this.

The issue is same sex marriage. It has of course been decided by the will of Parliament that this will be permitted, but it does leave the Church with the question 'where now?' The Church of England will not be able to conduct same sex marriage ceremonies for the foreseeable future, but that won't stop the debate within the Church itself about whether

it should. One of the drivers of this debate I expect will be our own area bishop Alan Wilson. For those of you who have followed what Bishop Alan has written in the media and in his Blog it is apparent that his own journey has led him to championing the rights of same sex couples and he has been a very vocal supporter of the government's recent move to permit same sex marriage.

I like Bishop Alan, I respect him and I freely submit to his authority as my Bishop. I have taken seriously what he has written and said. In all honesty there is much in me that would happily like to go all the way with this and support the rights of same sex couples to marry, not only in civil law but also in the Church. There is a big part of me that really gets this argument, and I realise that not to do so will leave Christians and the Church stranded on a culturally irrelevant island which others will see as a 'homophobic haven.' In conversations with my daughters, they really don't see the issue. Maybe there isn't an issue; maybe it would be good now to move on.

And yet....and yet, why do I feel so uneasy? I have argued elsewhere in these letters that I don't believe that it is simply a case of cultural relevance. If that were the case then we should really be moving on a host of other issues in order to keep ourselves in touch with our culture. I don't actually think that Christians can start from the point of view of arguing that our views (and therefore our behaviour) should necessarily change just because the values of our culture have changed. In regards to same sex marriage, yes, I understand that this is an affirmation of monogamous faithful relationship, very much a Christian idea, and so a persuasive one and yet are we permitted to go the distance?

The Bible has to have a look in here; it remains for Christians after all, authoritative in all matters of faith and conduct. This, incidentally, is another thing that has seen a huge cultural shift: the place of biblical principles in our national life. For Christians even to seek to refer to the Bible in is largely seen as irrelevant. Nonetheless Bishop Alan and others who share his views do take the Bible seriously, they argue that just as we see a 'direction of travel' in

the Bible with the issue of slavery and the place of women, from oppression to liberation, so the same is now being shown to be true of the valid place of same sex partnerships.

However, not all are convinced by this argument and there is another view to be heard. One of these is from Rev Malcolm Duncan. Malcolm is the minister of Gold Hill Baptist Church, a very dynamic, forward looking and socially engaged church in South Bucks. Malcolm is also a writer and a speaker of note. (Some of us have heard him at Spring Harvest.) Malcolm was very much in favour of civil partnerships when these became law, arguing for instance that it was wrong for same sex partners to be denied rights of property or inheritance, a view I very much agree with. Nonetheless he argues against re-defining these partnerships as marriage and he does so because on what he believes to be biblical grounds. His view is that whilst we see a 'direction of travel' in the Bible with slavery and women, we do not see this in regard to sexual conduct and behaviour. But why don't you hear what these men have to say for themselves? It was at Spring

Harvest earlier this year, when I was listening to Malcolm Duncan speaking that I first had the rather crazy notion of putting Bishop Alan and Malcolm Duncan, together for a conversation about the whole issue.

When I got round to acting on this idea to my astonishment they both said yes. Below is the outcome of this discussion, an

event taking place at All Saints Parish Church on November 26th. Both men are Christians with contrasting views about this issue. I think it promises to be a very interesting evening, if you think so too then make sure you come along - but first make sure you book a place with Helen Byrne.

Simon

An evening organised by The Wycombe Deanery
Same Sex Marriage
Where now for our churches?

A conversation between

The Right Reverend Dr Alan Wilson
Bishop of Buckingham

and

The Reverend Malcolm Duncan
Lead Pastor of Gold Hill Baptist Church

All Saints Parish Church
High Wycombe
Tuesday 26th November
7.30pm – 9.30pm
Admission from 7.00pm

See next page for booking details

To book a place, please email helenbyrne67@googlemail.com. There will be an opportunity during the evening for the speakers to answer pre-submitted questions. If you have a question, please submit it by email to Helen Byrne.

No parking is available at the church but town centre car parks are in close proximity. A facility for dropping off can be made available for those with limited mobility.

There will be no charge for the evening, but there will be a retiring collection to cover costs and any profits will be donated to The Wycombe Homeless Connection.

Bishop Alan Wilson

As the Area Bishop of Buckingham, Bishop Alan Wilson is well known to many. He has also become well known in the media and many will have engaged with his thinking through his Blog. There he describes himself as 'Child of God by adoption and grace, husband of Lucy, father of five, jumped up vicar (area Bishop of Buckingham).'

Rev'd Malcolm Duncan

Rev'd Malcolm Duncan is the Founder and Director of Church and Community and leads Gold Hill Baptist Church. Malcolm is also a local church leader, a broadcaster, a writer and actively engaged in a number of areas of advocacy. Malcolm was born in Northern Ireland. He studied theology at university and has been leading local churches for a number of years. A passionate communicator, Malcolm has also regularly written, broadcast, taught and lectured on the themes of mission and engagement by the church.



News from 'Christians in the Community'

We recently enjoyed a ladies 'Quiet' Day at the Naphill Methodist Chapel – it wasn't a totally silent day as some people might imagine but with groups exploring prayers, and an artistic workshop, we were brought closer to God.

There will be **a coffee morning on the 9th November** at the Naphill Methodist Chapel
There will be tea/coffee, cakes, raffle and bric-a-brac.



Also plans have been made for Christmas – **carol singing in the pubs on Wednesday 18th December** and the **Carols by Candlelight in the Naphill Village Hall on Sunday 15th December** (times will be available in the next magazine)

Norma Clarke.

National Trust Events



7-8 November 10 am - 4 pm	Hedge laying course	Traditional Chiltern Hedge Laying	£50 per person Booking essential – estate office.
14-15 November 10 am – 4 pm	Hedge laying course	Traditional Chiltern Hedge Laying	£50 per person Booking essential – estate office.

Mothers' Union

At our October meeting we were delighted to welcome John Mumford of Pann Mill Restoration Group, a sub-section of The High Wycombe Society. The history of Pann Mill probably goes back to the Domesday Book in 1086, where the entry for Desborough Hundred includes reference to 6 mills worth 75/- a year, and it is reliably thought that Pann Mill was one of them. The current restored building, on the London Road, opposite the ruins of St. John's Hospital, is the 4th or 5th rebuild of a mill on that site, with milling activities being on-going until 1967. The name Pann Mill may come



from fact that it was owned by the Pinel family at one time; who were one of, up to as many as, 30 families living in, and getting income from mills, along the 11 miles of the River Wye from West Wycombe to Bourne End.

In 1921 it is recorded that Pann Mill was bought for £2,000 and the purchase included a number of horses, a pony and cart and various pieces of plant and machinery. During the recession of 1920's, for some reason, the milling machinery was converted to run on electric motors rather than water power, and local people have reported knowing that vegetables were taken to the mill for milling into animal feed.

Following the closure of the mill for commercial purposes in 1967, there were plans by the local council to demolish the mill to make way for a much contested plan for a road across The Rye. In 1971 The High Wycombe Society was formed and managed to stop the demolition so that they saved part of the original building – and the road plan was dropped. In 1974 Marks and Spencer celebrated its centenary. Each store was allowed to select a local charity to support and the staff at the Wycombe store selected Pann Mill, so that funds were then available to allow some restoration and re-building works to commence. Restoration work is still on-going nearly 40 years later! Some new building work has taken place; the machinery has been restored and replaced, with contemporary pieces of equipment bought in from other sites when necessary.

The current waterwheel was made at Hobbs Foundry in Lane End in 1859. The restoration project work has involved installing and restoring various parts of the internal workings of the mill, which are made of both wood and metal and designed so that any wheel with metal teeth always meshes with wooden cogs on the next wheel to reduce noise; more importantly to eliminate the possibility of sparks in dust-filled air, which could trigger an explosion. In fact metal wheels with slots into which wooden teeth are fitted is a very cost effective method of construction, as when individual teeth wear they can easily, and cheaply, be replaced one tooth at a time. I was surprised to learn that a mill stone (about ½ a ton in weight) is made up of pieces of stone cut and fitted together, then held in place by a steel band clamped around the edge. The faces of the stones need constant care – called 'dressing'. The bottom stone is fixed – the 'bed stone' – and the top one rotates – the 'runner stone', and the space between the stones (they NEVER touch – more potential for explosions!) is controlled and this determines the grade of the flour. To produce good quality flour the millstones need to rotate at 100+ rpm, whilst the water wheel driven by water from The Wye, running through a series of sluice gates and a 'leat', rotates at about 5 rpm. So all those cogs and gears (wood against metal) forming a 'gear chain', are geared to enhance the water wheel speed to output the required speed to drive the mill stones.

Pan Mill flour was of such high quality that it was used in the kitchens of Hampton Court in the days of Henry VIII, and when they re-create banquets from that era: it is still used today, for authenticity. The mill is in action a number of times a year to grind local wheat to produce wholemeal stone-ground flour.



One of the future restoration projects will be to install another piece of contemporary machinery which will allow the mill to output white flour and bran as two separate commodities, rather than wholemeal flour, which is, of course, bran and flour milled together.

Pann Mill Restoration project's sole income comes from selling flour (£1.20 / kilo) and donations from the public. The mill is open and operational for public viewing on three annual open days (May, July, and September) and at other times, by special arrangement – see www.pannmill.org.uk.

Next month's meeting will be on Nov 5th when we will be welcoming Alan Jaycock, whose talk is called 'A View of God's Creation through pictures' - the meeting will start at 7.30 p.m. (not 8.00).

Jane Tucker

In a Flanders' Garden: Richard Ball: February 2012

Attention!

Regimented,
Row upon row,
Uniform in dress white,
Guarding a parade ground
Below our tread.

They know nothing
Of the spring of the lawn,
The exuberance of the flowers.
And what can we understand
Of their experience?

Bombarded by the sights,
Sounds and stench of battle,
Others' groans and screams
Defeated the generals' plans,
Reinforced their terror.

Former comrades-in-arms,
Social beings,
Thinking and feeling,
Now decaying soldiers
Known unto God.

CHURCH AUCTION

*To raise funds for the Work and Ministry of
Hughenden Parish Church*



**Saturday 16th November 2013
At Hughenden Village Hall**

**Viewing from 10.00 am: Lunch from 12.00 noon
Sale starts at 2.00 pm**

Please can you look out items for the sale? Lots can include Antiques, Furniture, Jewellery, Craft Items, Pictures, Wine or Hampers etc. We try to ensure that each lot is worth £10+

We also have an Auction of promises so can you please consider what you might be able to include here.

But so importantly if you can come along on the day and support this event it makes it a real outreach and brings the church and the community together in a fun activity. Please keep this day clear in your diary if you possibly can.

Great auctioneers this year include Arthur Johnson

**Please call Frank Hawkins on 01 494 565050
to offer items or promises or for other inquiries**

24/7 Prayer for Wycombe

We may be reluctant to admit that summer, with all that lovely sunshine, has disappeared and that we are into the autumnal months now, but the Wycombe Homeless Connection is very much aware of the colder months ahead and their need to plan for the Winter Night Shelter from January through March next year. There are seven churches involved in offering their premises during the winter nights providing a place to sleep, a hot meal at night and cooked breakfast in the morning. I believe there are three shifts a night, evening when the meal is prepared, cooked and served, overnight when there is an opportunity for everyone to get some sleep, and morning when the breakfast is cooked and served.

There is a tendency to attribute just the Winter Night Shelter to this ministry. However, that is far from the truth as they work tirelessly throughout the year supporting and helping people move on with their lives and there are many ways in which they can be helped to achieve that goal. They receive very little statutory support so it is imperative that they raise funds continually. Naturally they welcome donations in any form and regular donations are especially valuable as it allows them to plan ahead. However, the proceeds of fund raising events are very welcome and at St Michael's we have had, I think I'm correct in saying, three Papa Truck musical evenings when the proceeds have gone towards to work of WHC.

As their guests prepare to move on to accommodation of their own, the WHC aim to provide basic needs to enable them to prepare meals. Household items, food and clothing (winter clothing and sleeping bags at the moment) are helpful throughout the year. Their website has lists of their needs but it would be wise to contact their office before arriving with donations of this kind as they have limited storage space.

By the end of October the WHC hopes to be able to offer a Drop-in Centre in the space vacated by St Andrew's Bookshop and Cafe on Castle Street, just below their office. This centre will be open daily from 10 am to 1 pm and will be offering advice and help with form-filling etc. They are busy preparing it now. Last, but by no means

least, they welcome our prayers and that's where 24/7 Prayer for Wycombe comes in.

St Michael's is committed to praying for Wycombe on the second Thursday of each month; this month it falls on **14th November** from 8.00 am to 8.00 am on Friday. Our Prayer Room will be set up in the North Room with all the usual facilities available. Prayerfully consider signing up for one hour, or part of an hour if that's all you can manage, bringing ministries like WHC and the many others taking place in Wycombe before God. Our sign-up sheet is on the table at the back of the Church together with the Prayer Points for the month. One more date for your diary is the **monthly Prayer for Wycombe**, which takes place on **Saturday, 2nd November**, at Christchurch Flackwell Heath from 6 – 9 am. Any further information is available from Simon (563439), Jacky (07921 258822) or Yvonne (563960).

Yvonne Cook

Taken from WHC website

WHC was named community group of the year in the Community Champions Awards 2013

These bi-annual awards are organised by the Wycombe Partnership, the local strategic partnership for the Wycombe district that brings together the local public, private, voluntary and community sectors. Wycombe has such remarkable community involvement that the competition was fierce.

Chair of Trustees Sheena Dykes told the audience that the award was recognition of the commitment of WHC's volunteers and staff as well as the wide community support that funds the organisation.

Winter shelter statistics

In 2013, Wycombe Winter Night Shelter ran from January through March, reverting to the pattern of 2011 and previous years. In comparison with January through March 2012, shelter occupancy was 20% up on the same period last year. Looking behind this, we found that guests stayed on average 40% longer, since it was harder to find places to move into – and that in turn limited the number of individuals sheltered, since the shelter was full and overflowing at many points in the season.

The number of individuals we sheltered was down from 2012, due to the later start and to the longer average stay. However, this does not give the whole picture, since for the first time Wycombe District Council (WDC) implemented a Severe Weather Emergency Protocol, housing rough sleepers in B&B accommodation when the forecast night-time temperature was zero or below for three or more nights. Consequently, the overall demand for bed-nights in the town was even higher than indicated by our own statistics. WDC provided 120 bed-nights in January and February alone, typically accommodating individuals who were on the waiting list for our shelter.

Shelter statistics	Referrals	Bed-nights	Guests	Average nights	Average occupancy
2013 (Jan-March)	67	908	39	23.3	10.2
2012 (19 Dec-March)	96	839	49	17.1	8.1
2011 (Jan-March)	72	840	47	17.9	9.2

International Day of Prayer

Sunday, November 3rd, is the International Day of Prayer and the Religious Liberties Commission – Release, Christian Solidarity Worldwide, the Evangelical Alliance and Open Doors – have issued a joint call for the church in the UK to use this day to bring our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ before God in prayer.



Very few weeks go by when Syria is not mentioned in our Sunday Intercessions and, indeed, all the charities supporting persecuted Christians are constantly making us aware of the plight of the Syrian people as civil war continues to rage through their country and has done for over two years now.

In truth, persecution is spreading rapidly and there are now fifty countries where being a Christian is dangerous and life threatening. Those of you who receive magazines and email information from some of the above charities will know that reading what is happening to our persecuted brothers and sisters is unpleasant and painful but we have to do it; they are appealing to us for help, they are asking us for our prayers.

Prayer Cards and laminated bookmarks with a prayer by The Rt. Revd. John Pritchard, Bishop of Oxford, are on the table at the back of the Church. Do take one or go on line and download one to incorporate with your daily prayers.

There are petitions that can be signed calling on Western Governments, including our own, to use their good offices to work towards and support efforts that allow freedom, equality and justice for all without discrimination. You can view them on line and prayerfully think about signing them. I will have one with me each Sunday if you feel you would like to sign it.

*"In my distress I called to the Lord; I cried to my God for help.
From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears."
Psalm 18, verse 6*

Yvonne Cook

Godly Play in Ely

The huge empty nave felt heavy with history as I walked quietly through it on the Monday evening. The windows were full of a deep and dense Chagall like colour. Evensong had already taken place and there were few people still in the cathedral. The lighting was dim, a singing practice was underway somewhere in the vicinity and the sole verger was smiling encouragingly. He was probably hoping the remaining visitors would soon leave so that he could lock up.

This was Ely and my first few hours there of a three day visit. I was staying at a Christian retreat house just five minutes' walk from the Cathedral. However, if your mind is starting to paint a picture of peace and solitude, a little Bible reading, quiet times in the chapel etc. then think again. I was on a 3 day course on Godly Play with each of the days being fully timetabled from 8.30 am to 8.30 pm. I really wasn't sure I would have time to get to the cathedral so I had found my room, left my suitcase and gone out again immediately, hence my early evening visit.

Things are though, never quite as you think they will be and at the end of introductions and 'orientation' on the first morning, I felt brave enough to speak up and voice my 'need' to go to 5.30 Evensong. I

had never been to Ely before and I may never return, I badly wanted to go to that service. Of course, several people agreed with me, we manipulated the timetable a little and I loved my hour there in the choir with just the boys singing on that particular evening. And, to complete my Cathedral tour, I missed lunch on the last day so that I had time to go and walk the labyrinth in the entrance of the Cathedral. 'Walk it now!' says the notice on the wall. 'People will get in your way, you will have to stop and wait, people may be annoyed or confused at the strange directions that you are taking. That is just like life. Walk it now!' And so I did and was glad to have done so. I find labyrinths fascinating, no less this one. Apparently the length of the labyrinth is the height of Ely's enormous tower. The tower and the Cathedral building itself are both truly vast, emphasised maybe by the little city that gathers round about it. The Benedictine monks that began building in the 12th century are thought to have been totally disinterested in the practicalities of size. Their one purpose was to have somewhere that was a fit place to show their worship of God. I found the place awe-inspiring so maybe that means they succeeded.

And, when I wasn't at the Cathedral during those three days I was indeed working hard. The title Godly Play is rather strange I think and I don't know what it may communicate to you. It is about the spirituality of children and I was there in my capacity as RE coordinator at the school where I teach. The theory and practice of Godly Play originated in America about 15 years ago and is based on the principles of Maria Montessori, an Italian educationalist, probably best known for her work with nursery aged children. The underlying idea is of helping a child do something for themselves, through exploration that is allowed to be quite free and wide ranging. Godly Play is also founded on the belief that all children are naturally sentient and spiritual creatures and it is this that separates humans from animals.

I practised telling Bible stories using beautiful wooden resources: figures of people, temples, Noah's Ark etc. to children, or indeed adults, sitting quietly in a circle. The storyteller does not make eye contact with the listeners (very counter intuitive for a teacher) but allows the story itself to hold their attention. Afterwards there are wondering questions: I wonder which part of the story you liked best? I wonder what you think is the most important part of the story? No one has to answer. This is not an alternative RE lesson but the

opportunity for a spiritual experience. Then comes the response part of the session. Children are asked what they would like to do.....paint, draw and colour, write, look at the books or indeed play with the Godly Play resources. There is no requirement to produce something, there is no show and tell, you do not have to display anything. Your personal response may have everything or nothing to do with the story that has just been shared. The time ends with a 'feast' which may be a little juice, a slice of apple and a sweet. Godly Play is practised in many areas of the world, not only the USA and the UK. It is widely used in Germany and Scandinavia and has recently been introduced to Australia and the Far East. The approach can be used in churches and schools and I realised it would only need tiny changes to be completely appropriate for adults. It is thoughtful and meditative; you take your own experience and spirituality to the session and take away what is appropriate for you.

As my train left Ely for Cambridge and then Kings Cross, I was able to look back at the Cathedral, this enormous stone edifice, a testament to God on the flat and soggy landscape. The ship of the fens indeed.

Susan Brice.

Accommodation available



Lodger sought from December this year. Location one mile from Wycombe Centre near the Rye.

Please contact me for more details.

ceryllewellyn@hotmail.co.uk

Good Companions

Our October meeting featured a return visit from Ann Biggs whose topic on this occasion was Well Dressing in Derbyshire. After a brief history of the custom, which started with the celebration of the importance of water so essential to man's survival, it also obtained religious significance. Starting at Whitsun and then extending into late summer, it involved the making and erection at well heads of tableaux worked out of everyday items such as soil, flowers and plants



from gardens, crops and straw from farms and hair from people and animals, lambs' wool and even coir from coconuts. With the assistance of Ann's husband, Ian, we were shown slides taken from photographs by Ann's mother in the sixties and seventies of tableaux in the making and in position. Often the yearly programme would include a procession to the well, lead sometimes by a brass band with robed clergy and choir from the village church and congregation following. With a blow up to actual size we were able to see and appreciate the vivid colours and intricate work of the tableaux in their making and exhibition sometimes depicting biblical events, Jesus and saints, sometimes daily occurrences such as daybreak. We sat spellbound by their beauty and the skill and patience of their makers. We were able in an afternoon to "visit" and admire examples from different years and locations of an undoubtedly fascinating local custom.



Our **November meeting** will see a return visit from the **Chiltern W.I. Singers** so we look forward to a musical afternoon. Bookings will be taken for the Christmas lunch in December. Cost remains at £15 a head.

Michael Harris.

Floodlighting Dedications

Floodlighting dedications received too late for previous magazines were for:



15 – 21 September Sara Badrick was remembering with much love her dear husband John.

20 - 27 October Barbara and Alan Willson are celebrating having had both their sons and families together in England for the first time in some years.

So far there are no dedications for November.

Lin Smit

Communicants – September

Sundays

1st 17 + 39 = 56
8th 27 + 69 = 96
15th 19 + 25 = 44
22nd 21 + 66 = 87
29th Michaelmas 26 + 33 + 77 = 136

Weekdays

14th Holy Cross Day 3
21st St Matthew 3

From the Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

On Sunday, 6th October: Rose Josephine and Edmund Thomas, children of James and Joanne Green of Stocking Lane, Hughenden Valley.

Letters received

A Thank You from Wales.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone from Hughenden for all the cards and very kind wishes following the sudden passing of my dear husband John.

Hughenden was very much part of our lives when we lived in Kingshill: our children were baptized there and we renewed our wedding vows on our Silver Wedding. We were lucky enough to have just celebrated our Golden Wedding.

Once again many thanks for all your kind thoughts which Sara has passed on to me.

PS. Many memories spring to mind of life at the church, John helping the washing up (pre washing machine days), church yard clear up, especially B B Q after, cake making and flower arranging: happy days!

Pat Horne

Dear Friends

I just want to send you all my loving Christmas greetings and to thank you again for all your cards, letters and phone-calls following my dear John's traumatic illness and passing ahead to Jesus.

I was especially so, so comforted that so many of you made the effort to come down by coach and cars to John's triumphant thanksgiving funeral service. I felt so very grateful to have you all there, singing lustily, a great wave of power, witnessing to Christ's victory over death. We do so need to proclaim this in our troubled world and we jolly well did!

Please forgive me if I don't send so many individual cards and printed letters this year, that John and I always did together, but I will ask Stan to put a joint one on your church board, and please know that it comes with my sincere love and prayers.

Jane Eastgate

Wycombe Women's Aid

Wycombe Women's Aid provides support to women and children experiencing the effects of domestic violence by offering safe, temporary and emergency accommodation as well as practical and emotional support.

The MU supports this local charity throughout the year and likes to make a special effort at Christmas time, which can be so traumatic and worrying for them.

We collect items of toiletries, underwear, toothpaste and brushes, nightwear, and gift vouchers are especially welcome.

If you feel you can help, please hand any items to MU members or bring them along to our advent service in Church House at 8pm on Tuesday 3rd December.

Andrea Samuel

Valley Wives: October

This month we had our A.G.M., followed by a supper and games to celebrate the 47th Birthday of the Valley Wives. Originally named the Valley Young Wives, it reflected its then connection with the younger members of the Mother's Union. Following the general notices, Jill gave the Leaders Report, bringing back memories of the many interesting and enjoyable evening meetings and occasions we have shared this year, and asked us to encourage friends and neighbours to join us as she outlined our varied future programme, which includes a local history talk with memorabilia, a visit to the hearing dog centre, and a belly dancing evening. Jill thanked the committee members for their loyalty and hard work throughout the year. On behalf of all the members, Margaret presented Jill with flowers and chocolates to thank her for her tireless leadership, dedication and friendship to us all. Doreen read the treasurer's report for Josie, saying that our fund raising efforts e.g. Dinner Theatre and monthly raffle, enabled us to keep the Membership Subscription at £25, with visitors paying £3. Norma reported that our stall, in aid of South Bucks Hospice raised £334.75 and we were also able to make our usual £60 Christmas donation to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Jill and all the committee members were willing to serve again and were voted

in for another year. Business being concluded we commenced supper followed by a lovely birthday cake made by Josie. Presents were distributed and a prize given to the table that had the most quiz answers correct. **Membership subscriptions are due at the next meeting on November 1st** when Keith Baldwin is giving a talk entitled "All the Queen's Horses and all the Queen's Men" New members welcome.

Joan Steel

November Recipe – Spiced chicken and bacon casserole

Ingredients (for 5-6 people)

1 lb (450g) Chicken breasts, preferably free range
8oz (250g) Streaky Bacon
1½ lb (700g) Baby New Potatoes (extra potatoes can be cooked as well, separately)
1 small head of Cauliflower
1 small head of Broccoli
1 large Red Pepper deseeded
1 large Green Pepper deseeded
1 yellow pepper deseeded
12oz (350g) peeled Sweet potatoes
2 medium Carrots
1 medium Corgette
1 stick of Celery, stringy bits removed
1 medium Parsnip, scraped clean
1 small tin of Sweetcorn
1 tin of chopped Tomatoes
1 tablespoon of freshly chopped Basil
1 tablespoon of freshly chopped Chives
1 tablespoon of freshly chopped Parsley
1 large Onion chopped
5 large Runner Beans sliced
4oz (110g) fresh Mushrooms
½ a squeezed Lemon
1 crushed Garlic clove
1 level tsp mixed spices
1 level tsp ground cumin powder

2 pints water
1 glass of red or white wine (optional)
4 tablespoons of Sunflower or mild Olive Oil
Pepper and Salt to taste
1 desertspoon of freshly chopped Rosemary or teaspoon of dried Rosemary

Method

Place 2 tablespoons of the oil into a large saucepan or wok and then heat, adding the chopped chick breasts and streaky bacon. When the meat is fried (but don't overcook), place in a large casserole dish and squeeze half a lemon over it. Put to one side. Prepare and chop the vegetables. Sauté the vegetables in the rest of the oil for a few minutes, and then add to the casserole with the tinned sweet corn, tinned chopped tomatoes, freshly chopped herbs, all the spices, pepper and salt. Crumble chicken stock cubes into the water and add cornflour. Add this to the casserole. Crush the garlic clove and stir in with the wine if using. Cook in a hot oven for about ½ hour at 230 C (450 F, Gas 8). Then turn the temperature down to 170 C (320 F, Gas 3) and cook for an hour. Add a little more water to the casserole if it appears to be drying out.

I made up this recipe a couple of weeks ago and so enjoyed it that I thought I would share it with you all. Naturally, if you haven't got all these ingredients you can always vary the recipe, adding what you like. That is the joy of cooking. You can make each recipe your own so have fun.

Ann Way



November's Prayer Topics

<p><u>8th Scouts/ Guides/ Cubs/ Brownies/ Beavers/ Rainbows</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanks for existing leaders who devote so much of their spare time offering opportunities for young people to develop into well rounded individuals and good citizens, and for finding additional leaders to work alongside them - For strength within leadership teams at all levels to make the right decisions based on the needs of the young people and the beliefs of the movements.
<p><u>9th Church Cleaners</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That all church visitors and congregations will respect the building, and its contents, and not make unnecessary work for the cleaners, so that the church building can reflect the glory of God at all times.
<p><u>16th Tiny Tots/ Hughenden Toddlers</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For more Mums and toddlers from the local community to fill the gaps left by those who 'graduated' to school this academic year. - That families from the community will always feel welcomed and at home in and around the church.
<p><u>19th Local businesses Pollination 2</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For Lisa, Georgia and Susan (three generations of the same family) as they manage Pollenation 2 in Naphill. - Thanks for the support received from customers in 2013 - That the existing support will continued into 2014
<p><u>21st Naphill Lunch Club</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the capacity to provide the lunches to match the need for the service, and for the benefits of comradeship for all those who attend, who may not otherwise get out - Healing for helpers and their families so that the lunches can continue
<p><u>26th Deanery Synod/Area a Dean</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For God's blessing on the Deanery meeting on "Same Sex Marriage – Where now for the churches?", to be held on 26th November, for God's guidance on Rt Rev Alan Wilson and Rev Malcolm Duncan as they hold a conversation and explore this important subject. - For guidance and strength for Simon as he continues his role as Area Dean alongside his ministry at St. Michael's and for guidance over the on-going problems with Parish Share

The Lectionary – November

		Readers		
		8am/6pm	9am	1045am
3rd	Fourth Sunday before Advent			
	Isaiah 1, 10 -18	P Hynard	S Badrick	
	2 Thessalonians 1, 1 – 12	J Holmes	D or H Lowe	
	Luke 19, 1 – 10	Priest	Priest	S Dean
	Evensong: Psalm 145			
	Lamentations 3, 22 – 33	E Bailey		
	John 11, 1 – 44	S Brice		
10th	Third Sunday before Advent			
	Job 19, 23 – 27a	J Wilson	L Smit	H Isaacs
	2 Thessalonians 2, 1 – 5 & 13 – 17	C Carter	L Stallwood (check	H Byrne
	Luke 20, 27 – 38	Priest	Which lesson)	Priest
	Psalms at 9 am: 17, 1 – 8			
	Evensong: Psalm 40			
	1 Kings 3, 1 – 15	M Morgan		
	Romans 8, 31 – 39	B Brice		
17th	Second Sunday before Advent			
	Malachi 4, 1 -2a	J Godfrey	J Dauncey	Informal Service
	2 Thessalonians 3, 6 -13	A Stacey	A Moore	
	Luke 21, 5 – 19	Priest	Priest	
	Evensong: Psalms 93 &97			
	Daniel 6	A Johnson		
	Matthew 13, 1 – 9 & 18 - 23	L Stallwood		
24th	Christ The King (Sunday next before Advent)			
	Jeremiah 23, 1 – 6	J Kendell	E Sadler	R Stone
	Colossians 1, 11 – 20	A Jaycock	H Farrar-Hockley	M Stone
	Luke 23, 33 – 43	Priest	(Check which NT)	Priest
	Psalms at 9am: 29 & 110			
	Evensong: Psalm 72			
	1 Samuel 8, 4 – 20	L Smit		
	John 18, 33 - 37	S Brice		

Duty Roster November

0800 Service	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Sidespersons</u>
All Saints' Day	Andrew Cole Alan Jaycock Edie Sadler Andrew Cole	Philip Hynard Grantley Hoath
First Sunday 3 rd November	Lin Smit	Judy Wilson TBA
Second Sunday 10 th November	Judy Wilson	Jean Godfrey TBA
Third Sunday 17 th November	Alan Jaycock	Denise Barrow Jean Godfrey
Fourth Sunday 24 th November		

0900 Service	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Sidespersons</u>	<u>Intercessions</u>
First Sunday 3 rd November	Alan Jaycock Rex Harris	Edie Sadler	Arthur Johnson
Second Sunday 10 th November	N/A	N/A	N/A
Third Sunday 17 th November	Alan Jaycock Andrew Cole	Edie Sadler	Christopher Tyrer Tyrer
Fourth Sunday 24 th November	N/A	N/A	Louise Stallwood Richard Stallwood

1045 Service	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Chalice</u>	<u>Sidespersons</u>	<u>Intercessions</u>
First Sunday 3 rd November	N/A	N/A	Janes Family	Sunday School
Second Sunday 10 th November	Lois Comley or Christopher Tyrer	Tom and Kirstie Brewer	Anne and John Smalley	Claire Godfrey
Third Sunday 17 th November	N/A	N/A	The Phillips Family and Rita Pulley	N/A
Fourth Sunday 24 th November	Lois Comley or Christopher Tyrer	Cath Cronk and Christopher Tyrer	Heather and Brian Morley Tim and Angela Aze	Heather and Brian Morley

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Prayer Team</u>	<u>Computer</u>
First Sunday 3 rd November	Ann Dean Clare Godfrey	N/A	Jane Tyrer
Second Sunday 10 th November	Ann and Mike Dean	Judith Camplisson Karen Williams Norma Clarke	TBA
Third Sunday 17 th November	Brian and Sylvia Clark	N/A	Jane Tyrer
Fourth Sunday 22 nd September	Penny Austin Christopher Tyrer	Judith Camplisson Karen Williams Norma Clarke	TBA

CALENDAR for November 2013

Morning prayer is said in Church at 7.45 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 7.30 am on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. **Bellringing practice** is Tuesday evening at 7.30 pm 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 7.45 pm. If you can read music you will be most welcome: speak to Neil Brice. **Art Group** meets in Church House at 1.45 pm on Tuesdays. Contact Bob Stone for more information.

NOVEMBER

Fri	1		All Saints' Day
		8.00 pm	Sung Eucharist: Church
Sat	2	7.30 pm	Concert in Aid of New Leaf: Church
Sun	3		Fourth Sunday before Advent
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
		9.00 am	Sung Communion
		10.45 am	All Age Family Service
		12 noon	Winter Warmers: Church House. In aid of Hearts and Souls
		12.30 pm	Holy Baptism: Tobias Cook
			Service of Commendation and Thanksgiving for the Departed:
		4.00 pm	Church, followed by tea and cake
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
		7.00 pm	Prayer Hour: Church
Tue	5	7.30 pm	Mothers' Union: Church House. 'An Evening with Alan Jaycock'
Wed	6	7.30 pm	Alpha Course: Church House
Fri	8	9.15 am	Mothers' Union Committee Meeting: North Room
		10.00 am	U3A photography group meeting: Church House
Sun	10		Third Sunday before Advent (Remembrance Sunday)
		8.00 am	Said Communion
		9.00 am	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.20 am	Act of Remembrance: Church
		10.50 am	Family Communion with JC club Please note time
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
		7.00 pm	Prayer Hour: Church
Wed	13	10.00 am	U3A meeting: Church House
		7.30 pm	Alpha Course: Church House
Thu	14	8.00 am	24 hours of prayer for High Wycombe: North Room
		8.00 pm	Leadership Team Meeting: Brian Clark.
Sat	16		Church Auction: Hughenden Valley Village Hall
Sun	17		Second Sunday before Advent
		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	19	9.00 am	Burnham and Slough Deanery Quiet Day: Church House
Wed	20	7.30 pm	Alpha Course: Church House
Thu	21	10.30 am	Tiny Tots' Service: Church
		8.00 pm	Parochial Church Council: Church House
Sat	23	10.00 am	Alpha Course Holy Spirit Day
Sun	24		Last Sunday before Advent: Christ the King
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)

		10.45am	Family Communion with JC club
		3.00 pm	Piper's Corner School: Christingle Service: Church
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
		7.00 pm	Prayer Hour
Wed	27	7.30 pm	Alpha Course: Church House
Thu	28	8.00 pm	Standing and Finance Committee: Brian Clark
Sat	30		Andrew, Apostle
		8.30 am	Mens' Breakfast: Church House
		9.00 am	Holy Communion: Church (30 mins)



The National Memorial Arboretum

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 565108

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
CYFA (School Years 10+)	alternate Sunday evenings in term time	Contact Mike Dean (463376) for details
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“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*