

Outlook

Hughenden Parish Magazine
St Michael and All Angels



May Blossom: *Crataegus monogyna*

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Welcome to Your Church

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

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

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

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

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

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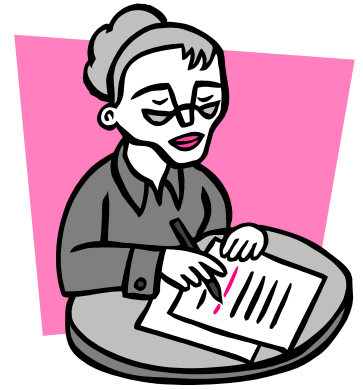
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Dear Readers,

We have a particularly varied content for you this month, with a definitely international flavour. Perhaps prompted by Sylvia Clark's antipodean diaries in the last few issues, we have thoughts from Carcassonne and Peru as well as a report of The MU contribution to the UN Commission on the status of women.

Nearer to home we have reports on a talk on Coventry Cathedral and – even nearer - the Good Friday Walk of Witness through Hughenden Valley.

Exotica of a different type can be found in reports of our organisations indulging in belly dancing and amorous reminiscences!

On more serious themes: we have two explanations of the complications surrounding the expected legislation for the ordination of women bishops, and a piece explaining the sowing of remembrance poppies in the church yard. (You will probably have seen the planted patch on the right of the path as you go up).

There is also poetry, and notices about future events including a concert, those held by the Chiltern Society, a ploughman's lunch, and Naphill fete as well as the 'usual' monthly meetings.

We would therefore like to thank all those who contribute to the magazine, and those whose time and talents go to make the events reported here happen in the first place.

Jane and Christopher Tyrer, Editors

From the Vicarage – May 2014

At the Diocesan Synod (the governing body for the Diocese of Oxford) in March, Christopher Tyrer and I were privileged to take a small part in what we hope will turn out to be an historic event. In 2012 the move which would have led to the consecration of the first women bishops in the Church of England was narrowly defeated at the General Synod (the governing body for the Church of England). This led to an enormous amount of consternation, pain, and quite a bit of anger. The decision was soon followed by a pastoral letter from our diocesan bishop, John Pritchard who did not express himself in his usual temperate and considered manner: he was angry and frustrated and it showed.

I was in favour of the motion and was surprised and taken aback when it did not go through. However, I did remember thinking, hadn't we prayed about it? What did the very strongly worded letters say about how God worked through all of this? It seemed to me at the time that any reference to God had largely been left out of the picture.

I have no eye for detail, especially when it is applied to church law and legislation! In 2012 what these details were eluded me. A paper we were presented with at the March Diocesan Synod this year did try and explain. The following is from that paper:

'The previous legislation was shaped around the obligation on the House of Bishops to prepare a statutory code of practice, which was to have been subject to the approval of the General Synod.....There were concerns during the final approval debate, that, while the House of Bishops had already produced an illustrative draft code of practice, Synod was being asked to approve the legislation without being sure what the final form of the statutory code would be. The new legislation does not provide for a statutory code. Because the proposed arrangements are now to be set out in a House of Bishops' declaration there can be certainty about the text before Synod comes to final approval of the measure and amending Canon. This is because the declaration, unlike the statutory code of practice,

can be made before final approval of the legislation.'

Now, most of that remains gobbledygook to me (although my good friend Judge Tyrer would disagree!) However it seems in 2012 there was unhappiness, both from those who were for and from those who were against the measure because they were being asked to vote for something which had not yet been completed. From conversations at the time it also seemed that some were discontented that the measure did not go far enough, and still allowed for an 'opt out' clause, and others who were opposed feared that their place in the church would not be protected.

Much water has flowed under the bridge since then. Firstly, there came the appointment of a new Archbishop who brought with him extensive experience of conflict resolution and bringing adversaries together. This took place in a series of sessions at General Synod in which people with opposing views were enabled to speak and listen in facilitated meetings away from the debating chamber. I have heard that these sessions were remarkably well-handled and proved to be a catalyst in the debate. What resulted was a

much simpler declaration from the House of Bishops with five guiding principles (which I am not able to write here, as space will not allow but I am sure they can be easily found) which was accepted at the November Synod last year. However this was an article 8 measure.

Hold on to your hats this now gets very exciting! Basically: 'Article 8 of the constitution of the General Synod provides that certain kinds of legislation may not receive the final approval of the General Synod unless they have first been approved by the majority of the dioceses at meetings of their diocesan synods.'

I told you that it would be exciting, but it actually was: to be a part of voting this through, the motion being 'that this Synod approve the proposals embodied in the draft Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure and draft amending Canon No 33'. These drafts will now go back to General Synod for final approval. I will go on record now as saying that I would be very surprised if all this does not now get final acceptance in General Synod.

At the Synod, Bishop John had the grace and humility to say "I

was wrong, we were saved from ourselves: 2012 was not the right time; this is a far better measure". The five simple principles opens the way for women bishops and affirms them fully in their ministry; but also keeps within the Church those who on the grounds of theological conviction, are unable to receive the ministry of women bishops or priests, 'The Church of England remains committed to enabling them to flourish within its life and structures.....'

This offer was a stroke of genius and grace which needed some very skillful handling and I dare to say the influence of the Holy Spirit. We might mutter and moan at the C of E, but it was a privilege to be a part of a church that was able to do this. If you would like to see some further facts and figures please read what Christopher Tyrer has written.

As an addendum, two days later Helen Peters and I were in

Swanwick in Derbyshire at the beginning of an excellent four day Diocesan Clergy Conference. The principle guest at the conference was Bishop Victoria Matthews, Bishop of Christchurch in New Zealand, which is an Anglican province that does ordain women bishops. Her story can be heard on the audio files on the Diocesan website: follow the link to 'Imagining Faith'. She was Bishop when the earthquake struck and has been at the center of the church response throughout this difficult time. She is a remarkable woman and a remarkable Christian, and I have no doubt a very fine bishop. All the presentations from the conference are on audio file, I especially commend Graham Tomlin's two Bible studies and an exhilarating talk from Sam Wells: they are all there on the site.

Simon



Victoria Matthews, Bishop of Christchurch in the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. In 1994 she became the first ever female bishop in the Anglican Church of Canada.

Women in the Episcopate.

At the Diocesan Synod held on Saturday the 22nd March [and thus too late for the April parish magazine and the Annual Booklet] Synod debated a Motion that sounded legalistic but produced a debate that was both stimulating and profound.

The Motion simply read "That this Synod approve the proposals embodied in the draft Bishops and Priests [Consecration and Ordination of Women] Measure and draft amending Canon No 33."

The history can be summarised shortly. It will be recalled that in November 2012 General Synod debated and voted against a similar but significantly different Motion, based upon different and inferior draft legislation. The disappointment was huge and the subsequent expressions of feeling were strong. As Simon remarked recently and has written in his elegant letter here in the magazine, when considered against what is now advanced there can be little doubt but that the Holy Spirit guided the previous outcome.



A new scheme was prepared based upon three principles: greater simplicity, a clear embodiment of the principle that those who dissent from, as well as those who assent to, the ordination of women to the episcopate are both loyal Anglicans and a broadly based measure of agreement about the shape of proposed legislation before the process was commenced.

All Diocesan Synods were asked to debate and vote upon the new scheme before Thursday the 22nd May. If a majority passes the Motion in the terms set out above, there will be a further vote in General Synod in July. The Final Approval stage, at which 2/3rds majorities will be required in every House, may also be taken in July. If approved, the Measure will be sent for final approval by both Houses of Parliament.

The debate at our Diocesan Synod was full, generous and inclusive. It was acknowledged that the new draft proposals are much simpler in form and have a stronger protection and provision for those

opposed to the development. Speakers on both sides of the argument addressed Synod and did so with love, respect and humility. There was a complete recognition that the time had come for progress and that the new draft Measure is a great improvement on the one that it replaced. In particular it has provided comprehensively for those who feel unable to accept female ordination or female elevation to the episcopate.

The voting was as follows:

House of Bishops: unanimously in favour: none against and no abstentions;

House of Clergy: 43 in favour; 3 against and no abstentions;

House of Laity: 57 in favour; 1 against and 3 abstentions.

I voted in favour, having considered prayerfully the material provided well in advance for the debate and recognising that there are those whom I represent who do not share my views. I believe that the voting result confirms that we are heading in the right direction.

Christopher Tyrer

Commemoration Poppies

The Diocese of Oxford is taking part in a special campaign to see a patch of red poppies growing in every churchyard in commemoration of those who died in WW1. So, after consultation with church leaders,



it was agreed to plant our patch on the grassed area to the right of the footpath as you enter the main gate from the car park.

On 11th April a nucleus of churchyard mowers, with guidance from a well-known local landscape gardener (retired), mixed the seed with fine compost, broadcast it by hand onto the mowed grass, raked it in, and watered. The seed was specially made available for this campaign, with £1 of the cost of each packet going to the British Legion.

Wild flowers are not easy to propagate, so we shall all be watching carefully for signs of growth. With a bit of luck the poppies should flower in July.

John Holmes

Advance Notice!

Churchyard Tidy-up Evening

Friday, 20th June 2014

from 5.30 pm to approximately 9.00 pm

Followed by freshly cooked hot dogs and burgers
and a jar or two of ale or glass of wine

Bring your garden tools, clippers, secateurs, spades, forks,
trowels, rakes – in fact anything you can think of to tidy
our churchyard and make it even more beautiful.



But most importantly

PLEASE BRING YOURSELVES!

Mothers Union Meeting 1st April 2013

Coventry: the City of three spires

The April meeting was well attended with several gentlemen joining us to hear our guest speaker, Professor John Whiteman, Past Master of The Worshipful Company of Glass Sellers of London, talk about Coventry cathedral. Although he now lives in Beaconsfield, he was born in Coventry just before the Second World War started so he has a strong affiliation with the city. His family owned a major glass and glazing business there.

Coventry has had three Cathedrals in the past 1000 years: the 12th century Priory Church of St Mary, the medieval Parish Church Cathedral of St Michael and the modern Coventry Cathedral, also named for St Michael. Coventry's fortunes and story are closely associated to the story of its Cathedrals - a story of death and rebirth.

Coventry's earliest cathedral, dedicated to St Mary, was founded as a Benedictine community by Leofric, Earl of Mercia, and his wife Godiva in 1043. Built on the site of a former religious house for nuns, its sheer size is some indication of the wealth which Coventry acquired in the middle ages.

In 1539, with the dissolution of the monasteries, the See of Coventry and Lichfield was transferred to Lichfield and the former cathedral fell into decay. Only in 1918 was the modern diocese of Coventry created in its own right, and the church of St Michael designated as its cathedral.

The majority of the great ruined churches and cathedrals of England are the outcome of the violence of the dissolution in 1539. The ruins of St Michael's are the consequence of violence in our own time. On the night of 14 November 1940, the city of Coventry was devastated by bombs dropped by the Luftwaffe. The Cathedral burned with the city, having been hit by several incendiary devices.



The decision to rebuild the cathedral was taken the morning after its destruction. Rebuilding would not be an act of defiance, but rather a sign of faith, trust and hope for the future of the world. It was the vision of the Provost at the time, Richard Howard, which led the people of Coventry away from feelings of bitterness and hatred. This has led to the cathedral's Ministry of Peace and Reconciliation, which has provided spiritual and practical support, in areas of conflict throughout the world.

Shortly after the destruction, the cathedral stonemason, Jock Forbes, noticed that two of the charred medieval roof timbers had fallen in the shape of a cross. He set them up in the ruins where they were later placed on an altar of rubble with the moving words 'Father

Forgive' inscribed on the Sanctuary wall. Another cross was fashioned from three medieval nails by local priest, the Revd Arthur Wales. The Cross of Nails has become the symbol of Coventry's ministry of reconciliation

Her Majesty the Queen laid the foundation stone on 23 March 1956 and the building was consecrated on 25 May 1962, in her presence. The ruins remain hallowed ground and together the two create one living Cathedral.



John's presentation included a brief history of Coventry Cathedral and the involvement of his family's company, Coventry Glass. John explained that Coventry was a major target in the war because of its huge industrial works supplying the war effort.

He particularly spoke about the powerful use of glass in the new cathedral where the most important aspect of the design by Basil Spence was to ensure that the old cathedral ruins were visible through the magnificent window screen that forms the entry and covers the whole of the rear of the Cathedral.

The evening ended with a Vote of Thanks being extended to Professor Whiteman and it has left many of us with the desire to visit or revisit Coventry Cathedral and perhaps view it with new eyes.

The "Father Forgive" Words by the Cross in Coventry are important. The provost of the Bombed Cathedral, on Christmas Day 1940 declared that "when the war was over he would work with those who had been enemies to build a kinder, more Christ-child-like world."

Perhaps today's world needs to reflect often on those wise words.

Diane Hawkins

Witness, Walking, Waist and Waste

Good Friday saw the annual procession of the Cross from The Harrow Public House to Church along Valley Road. For those who attend

often, it is a moving experience which includes the effort of carrying the Cross [two at a time and, beware – the front end is considerably heavier and less manageable] and stopping at various locations, street junctions in particular, to listen to Gospel Readings and to pray. It is quite vigorous exercise, especially when **some** set off at a cracking pace!

Those whose athleticism is of the more gentle variety soon imposed forbearance.

This year there was a difference and I do not refer just to the warm sunshine. Thanks to the Deans and the Williamses, we had bin-bags and litter pickers. Not only did we witness our faith to those who passed by but we did a practical piece of litter clearing.

I was astonished – as I think were we all – by the volume of litter we collected. Four large bin-bags were filled and some carried larger items of jettisoned junk in addition.



There was another difference: passing cars saw what we are about and slowed as they passed the procession. Usually they speed by: perhaps it was the prayer for their safety, although I doubt that they heard it. And some people came out of their houses deliberately to observe.

The verges and hedgerows along our way look cleaner and tidier – for now! Thank you to those whose idea it was, those who picked and bagged, those who walked and prayed and from those whose girth got a much needed challenge. We pray for more harvesters – in every sense – next year.

Christopher Tyrer

Floodlighting Dedications

Dedications received too late for the April magazine were for:

20 – 26 April

Stan Cole and family are remembering June with love and affection, particularly on 22 April, her ninth anniversary.

There is one dedication so far for May.

18 – 24 May

The Tyrer family will be celebrating Christopher's 70th birthday on 22nd May.

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

Rotas

Many people are involved in helping at services: 'meeters and greeters', sidesmen, interceders and readers to name but a few. Rotas (apart from readers) are no longer in the magazine, but displayed in the porch and/or sent round by email or by hand.

If you are having difficulty knowing when your 'turn' is, please let the co-ordinator involved know. If you are unable to cover your commitment, **wherever possible please try and swap and let the co-ordinator know.**

If you cannot swap, please let the relevant co-ordinator know.

Inevitably there are occasions such as sudden emergencies or illness when absences are unavoidable but it helps the smooth running of services when these are kept to a minimum.

Thank you to all those whose contributions to services are so valuable and varied.

From **COMPULSION**

Round the clock the ritual flight proceeds:
he leads,
she follows;
in and out of one box,
then they try the other.
To be mated
is to give chase unabated;
to play the hound in hot pursuit of fox.

On May-day
they cease their play.
With beaks bearing nesting-stuff
they squeeze themselves like pot-holers
into cavernous gloom
working at their wonderful compulsions.

Two days later,
urged by our compulsions,
we pack to go away.
The drama just begun,
we're cheated of the fun of silent watching,
and sorry we can't stay.

Our vigil is a kind of contemplation
in which we rid ourselves of crone compulsion.
With thrift of words
and scarce a thought
we identify;
ourselves becoming birds.

This is silent worship:
to feel God in the action of creation;
His artistry, a love-of-life compulsion.

Ron Cretchley 16.5.98 www.thinkingpoet.co.uk

24/7 Prayer for Wycombe

The Wycombe Homeless Connection may have closed its Night Shelter at the end of March but their Advice and Support Centre on the site of the old St Andrew's Book Shop, Castle Street, is open every weekday morning where their staff continue to help those in need. The shelter provided 827 bed nights and more than 1,650 hot meals for dozens of people. Seven churches were involved in providing venues and 300 volunteers staffed these venues. Please remember this ministry in your prayers as they continue to work tirelessly throughout the year helping those without accommodation to rebuild their lives.



Lighthouse 2014 may be three months away but the trustees and management team are already planning for that last week in July/beginning of August, when children in Wycombe will enjoy a fun filled week at three sites. They are already requesting volunteers so if you have a yen to join the teams on these three sites, do head over to their website and have a look at their requirements. The Craft Collecting List is already available and will be appearing on the table at the back of the church very soon. Just a few things that are readily available to most of us, namely toilet roll tubes, 2 pint plastic milk bottles, washed and with lids on and cereal boxes (already flattened) will get you started on your collection. Their Prayer Diary is also available for downloading from their website and requests are beginning to appear in the monthly Prayer Points.

The King's Centre on Desborough Road also asked for prayer last month. Their CAP Centre opened this year and provides free, excellent and practical help for families and individuals who find themselves in debt and are struggling to find their way out of it. Pray for a steady response from those most in need of help with debt to come forward and accept the counselling this ministry offers.

The Encounter Trust, who co-ordinate the Love Wycombe Event on Pentecost Sunday in Frogmore, are also focusing on Credit Unions and Debt this year. Love Wycombe will occur on **Sunday, June 8,**

when churches in Wycombe and the surrounding area will come together for a service of praise and worship. Those who have attended before will know what joyous occasion this is: keep an eye on the Church Notices during May for more information.



Our Prayer Day this month is on **Thursday, May 8**, from 8.00 am to Friday 8.00 am in the North Room, which will be set up as usual. Prayerfully think about signing up for an hour, or part of an hour if that's all you can manage, bringing these ministries and all those taking place in Wycombe before God. The sign-up sheet is on the table at the back of the Church together with the Prayer Points for the month; these can be emailed to you if you wish, just let me know.

Yvonne Cook

“I am the Lord who heals you”

This is the theme of an evening with Martin Cavender and Alison Morgan of Resource. It's not often that we have Martin coming so close to our area to give an evening of Worship, Teaching and Prayer. The venue is Christ Church, Flackwell Heath, the day **Wednesday, 7th May**, and the time 7.30 pm. and admission is Free. What more could you ask? The only effort is jumping into the car and driving there.

There is a poster in the porch of the Church with all the relevant information.

Come and find out more about what God is doing among his people today!

Yvonne Cook

May's Prayer Topics

<p>1st Families and family Life</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanks for those parents who have brought their children for Baptism – Matthew in April and Matilda in May. Pray that the community of St. Michael's would find ways to support and encourage these families. - Pray for families where the children have exams – for parents to have wisdom, patience and integrity, to know how best to encourage their children through stressful times
<p>5th Mothers' Union</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For guidance as the committee manage getting all the necessary tasks covered by the most appropriate people - For MU members to be available for all the necessary support activities within St. Michaels' - Thanks for the success of the Winter Warmers and the £358 raised for MU Charities - For an AVP to be appointed to fill the South Bucks vacancy
<p>15th Church magazine Editors/Printers/ Distributors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>For editors</u> - We give thanks that the editorial team works well together. We pray for the mission of the magazine and that more people will feel inspired to contribute material to its content. - <u>For printers and distributors:</u> - We give thanks for the efficiency of the new printer and for the printing team and magazine distributors who willingly give of their time.
<p>27th Councillors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For our Lord's blessing and guidance on all those who volunteer for election to local office, that they can serve the communities and services for which they are responsible, with understanding and integrity
<p>29th House-groups</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That house-group members can hold onto faith in times of adversity. There are a lot of illness and relationship problems being suffered by close friends and family.
<p>30th MS Society</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please pray for our new volunteers as they start their new roles to help people with MS in the area. 2. Please pray for those people who are newly diagnosed with MS and their families and friends. 3. Please pray for those people who are currently going through or recovering from relapses.
<p>Answered prayer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanks for all involved in Easter Eggsplained, and the children from Hughenden and Great Kingshill who attended. - Muriel Smith is thankful that her face is currently pain free.

Valley Wives

Our March meeting began with Jill telling us of future dates to put in our diaries. These are:

- **6th May**, in the small village hall when Valley Wives will be inviting Residents for tea and cake from 2.30 pm - 4.30 pm.
- **Wednesday, 14th May** for our evening ramble, meeting at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall car park.
- **Village Day on 19th July**, when we will be taking part.
- A visit to Wycombe Magistrates' Court has been arranged for **20th October**, from 09.30 - 12.30 pm. Please let Doreen know if you are interested, as numbers are limited.

Jill then switched on the music for our speaker and Tina-Louise made her entrance giving us her "Belly Dancing Demo" in a beautiful peach and green mermaid costume and veil and playing finger cymbals to her dance.

Tina-Louise told us a little of the history of belly dancing which has been performed for thousands of years. It was used by women and children as a celebration of the female body in their own homes.

It was at college that Tina-Louise began belly dancing for a hobby and she found herself covering for the teacher when she was away. She had always loved Hawaiian Hula music which her father listened to. Tina-Louise studied Theatre Costume at college, making dresses for the Opera. After college she made wedding dresses, but found she needed to meet more people and decided to become an 'Avon lady'. In talking to her customers she found there was an interest in starting a belly dancing group and so she started a class of her own, showing the members how to make their own costumes.

We were shown pictures of her troupe in action and the stunning costumes they wear when performing for Cabarets etc. She also brought along her own costumes for us to see.

Tina-Louise has been dancing for 19 years and runs classes in High Wycombe, Beaconsfield and Chesham: information on www.tinalouisebellydance.co.uk for classes and booking of her Troupe, *The Bellyrinas*.

Finally we were got up and other, until we action at the much harder helping women flexibility it is was thanked



asked to participate, and rather reluctantly we tried to move our shoulders, first one, then the other, until we got a rhythm and then brought our hips into same time. Having tried it, we found it was than it looks. We were told it is very good for in childbirth and after; and for maintaining recommended for older people. Tina-Louise for a very interesting and entertaining evening. Our next meeting is on **May 2nd** when John Tyler will be telling us about "The Changing Wildlife of the Chilterns".

Carcassonne

I have recently returned from a trip to Carcassonne in south west France. It is a place I have long wanted to visit. I have read about it and pored over maps, googled it and looked at pictures. However, in the end you need to put your feet where others have trod before you and breathe the air that tells you the stories and the history of the fields and the buildings around you. So I went!

Part of my fascination with this area of France has emanated from the books of Kate Mosse: Labyrinth, Sepulchre and Citadel. This is a somewhat weighty trilogy that is a rather strange mix of the historical and the mystic set within the plot of a thriller. I admire the author's research and also her imagination, although I could do without the gratuitous violence that makes its appearance somewhere in each book. Maybe though I am being a little pathetic as the whole history of the Languedoc is drenched in violence, whether it is the crusades of the twelfth and thirteenth centuries or the Nazi persecution of the French resistance during the Second World War.

Reading these books, particularly the first one, Labyrinth, led me to investigate Catharism, a religion (although they called themselves Christians) that spread all over Europe in the eleventh century and represented a real danger to the Roman Catholic Church. Catharism possibly stemmed from the doctrines of Zoroaster (sometimes called Zarathustra) and can be termed dualist. Cathars distinguished the Spirit, the work of God, from the body and all other matter, as the

work of Satan. They rejected the Old Testament and the sacraments but referred to the New Testament and in particular the Gospel of St Luke. Their religious services were extremely simple and their only prayer was the Lord's Prayer.

Rome felt so threatened by the Cathars, whom they considered to be heretics, that several crusades were undertaken in the 12th and 13th centuries. The castle of Carcassonne was a stronghold for the Cathars, but having been deprived of their water supply the siege there ended and thousands of people were burnt to death. The last known Cathar, Guillaume Belibaste was burnt alive in 1321.

As I said, horrendous violence done in the name of God. No wonder I heard whisperings around every corner when I visited the medieval cite.....always just out of reach.

I wrote this on the plane coming home:

Walls thick with age, saturated with the memories of fear and fighting.

Walls to defend; to separate those who follow one God or two.

Blood running with hatred, futile and unreasoning.

Torture in the name of religion and still the noise of history bounces off the ancient pathways.

Now honey coloured stones are lit at night and tourists stare.

The medieval cité stands above the town, encircled with secrets, holding them close.

But, gift shops and cafés can't mask the power of the stories.

Feud and siege under the hot sun, the smell of fright soaking into the stones.

Twenty first century visitors breathe deeply, the steps are steep.

But beware, for the dust is full of screams and with narrowed eyes

There are the shadows of the past, barricaded and starving.

Just around the corner, the Carcassonne of the Cathars is waiting.

Susan Brice

'Taste and see that the Lord is good'

Naphill Fete Saturday 14th June

Hughenden Village Day 19th July

St. Michael's will be at these community events and is seeking as many members of the congregation as possible to be involved

Please contact Revd. Helen Peters: helen.peters@peters-research.com

Recipe for May

Little honey and raisin sponge buns



This recipe is very suitable for encouraging young children to cook. Even those as young as four - with suitable supervision - can manage these simple buns

Ingredients

125 gm self-raising flour
1 level teaspoon baking powder
25 gm caster sugar
75 gm well-flavoured set honey
25 gm runny honey
125 gm soft margarine
2 large eggs
125 gm washed seedless raisins or sultanas



Method

Preheat oven to gas mark 3/180 C/fan 160-170 C
In a large bowl sift flour and baking powder. Add the caster sugar, set honey, margarine and egg
Whisk together until creamy and lighter in colour. Stir in the dried fruit.

Prepare some bun tins with paper bun cases and put two teapooonsful of the mixture in each one. Cook for about 15 minutes. When they are risen and golden, remove from the oven and whilst still hot pour over a little runny honey to glaze. Cool on a wire rack. Enjoy!

Ann Way

The Return of

Hughenden Mothers' Union

PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH

(with Arthur's famous breads)

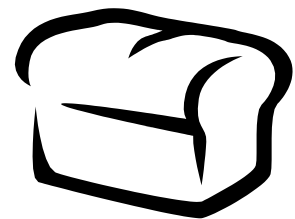
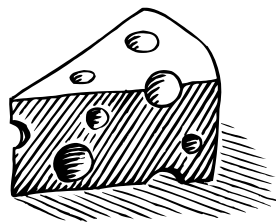
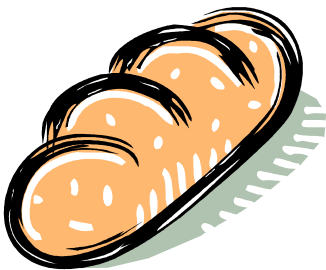
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TUESDAY, 1st JULY 2014

from 12 noon to 2.30 pm

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Good Companions

Our April meeting welcomed as guest speaker Joan Dark, who, on a return visit and under the title of "Whatever happened to Passion" described to us in her own rhyming verses the perils and problems, trials and tribulations of those seeking to establish romantic relationships.



In light hearted vein we heard how their sometimes ingenious plans came to nought, ending in disappointment and failure.

Referring back to the fifties, she described how both ladies and gentlemen set about attracting each other in matters of dress, hairstyle etc. This must have recalled to a good many of us our own amorous adventures in those heady days of courtship!

Many thanks, Joan, for a very amusing and entertaining afternoon; we look forward to your return later in the year with your friend Rosemary Field for a musical date.



We had begun the meeting in cheerful rendering of "Happy Birthday" to long standing member and committee member, Sylvia Kinch. Many thanks, Sylvia, for your cheerful assistance over many years in collecting the subs., selling the raffle tickets, and keeping the records of members' attendances amongst other tasks.

In **May** we have a return visit from much travelled Mary Deacon, this time featuring her experiences in Kenya.

Michael Harris

Packing for Peru

Into the suitcase with the T-shirts and sandals went the Cadbury's chocolate and the Branston pickle, a bag of hand-knitted dolls' clothes, an assortment of outgrown, but still wearable, children's shoes, and a pile of books, including a slim volume entitled "Unlocking Mission and Eschatology in Youth Ministry". Those with family members living abroad will be used to taking all sorts of things from home when going to visit them, though our collection of items might seem a little unusual.



We are currently in Lima, capital of Peru, visiting our son Paul, daughter-in-law Sarah, and granddaughter Sophia (two in May). Paul and Sarah have been CMS mission partners here since 2007, working in some of the poorer areas of the city. Sarah works with children and Paul with teenagers and young adults. The slim volume is explained by Paul's studying for an MA in Youth Ministry and Theology, the bag of shoes will be given by Sarah to children who need them and the doll's clothes will be enjoyed in play schemes.

As well as setting up and running groups linked to Anglican churches in the city, an important part of Paul and Sarah's role is to train local people to do the work. Paul also travels to other parts of the country to encourage new youth groups, and organises summer camps for young people during the Christmas holidays.

Lima is a busy, noisy, dusty city, set in the desert which stretches along the Pacific coast, with the Andes rising up behind. As the city has grown dramatically in recent years, so it now sprawls up the valleys and the steep, bare slopes. Wooden shacks house ever more migrants from the mountain and jungle areas of Peru as they come looking for work and the continually growing population provides a challenge for the local churches. With half the population of the country being under the age of 25, there will continue to be plenty for Paul and Sarah to do here!



Our suitcases will be lighter on the way home, though we'll no doubt be packing some alpaca blankets or traditional brightly coloured fabrics to bring home with us. If you'd like to know more about Peru or CMS, do ask David or me when we come home in mid-May!

Charlotte Tester.

An unmissable Arts Festival Concert

Clive Fairbairn writes to invite everyone to a special Spring Concert taking place in our Church at 6.00 pm on **8th May** as part of the Wycombe Arts Festival.

I will be conducting a small orchestra of young professional players – including daughter Charlotte and her friends – in a short early evening concert (one hour only) to include well known music by Mozart, Bach and Gershwin.

Wycombe Festival Strings has been formed especially for this event and will feature seasoned soloists, Rebecca Miles (recorder), Robert Vanryne (trumpet) and Nicola Fairbairn (oboe) in Bach's glorious **Brandenburg Concerto No.2.**



Although **Eine Kleine Nachtmusik** is also extremely familiar to most music lovers, few know that one section of it is missing. Mozart originally wrote 5 movements, but one Minuet was subsequently torn out of the score. Some music historians believe that his widow Constanze, pressed by financial worries, sold one movement when Mozart died. I have orchestrated one of his piano Minuets to replace the missing one: do come and see if you like it!

Gershwin's **Lullaby for Strings** is a beautiful gem from his younger years, completing a programme that will be too good to miss. And if you arrive at 5.30 you will be welcomed by tea and cakes and a chat with the players!

Tickets available in advance from the Festival Box Office on 01628 483597 or at the door: £10 (student/child £5).

(Flyers in Church: Eds)

Mothers' Union at the 58th UN Commission on the Status of Women



(Report received from MU 'Head Office' which may be of general interest)

This year's United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) was, on more than one occasion, described as a lifetime opportunity to shape the international development agenda in a gender sensitive way. This year's CSW, hosted from 10th to 21st March at the UN headquarters in New York, focussed on the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in furthering gender equality and the empowerment of women; which naturally led to discussions about the global development agenda following the MDG deadline of 2015. The 2013 UN High Level Panel Report, *A New Global Partnership: Eradicate Poverty and Transform Economies through Sustainable Development*, recommended a specific goal on achieving gender equality, as well as 'gender mainstreaming' throughout the proposed set of 12 new goals. To the delight of many non-governmental organisations (NGOs) lobbying at CSW, these recommendations were reflected in the final agreements of the CSW.

Reaching the agreements – 'agreed conclusions' – is always a tense process but, after last year's comparatively on-schedule deliberations on violence against women and girls, there were concerns this year that there would not be an outcome. Disagreements on national sovereignty (i.e. how prescriptive the agreed conclusions should be for each country), sexual and reproductive rights (SRR), sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) and the role of the family took negotiations to the wire – but fortunately consensus was achieved just after the official closing of CSW on 21st March.

Mothers' Union was represented at CSW this year by Rhoda Luvuno Wabukala, Provincial President of Kenya, and Rachel Aston, Social Policy Officer. As an organisation with 'consultative status' at the United Nations, Mothers' Union can attend the two week Commission and seek to influence the outcome. Whilst NGOs can't sit in on government negotiations, they are able to speak with government representatives outside of those meetings, and Rhoda and Rachel were able to meet with the Kenyan, UK and European delegations.

Mothers' Union also worked with the UK Government even before arriving in New York, attending meetings with the Government Equalities Office who led on the negotiations and submitting amendments on the first draft of the agreements which were published before CSW started.

Mothers' Union successfully lobbied on certain text being included in the agreed conclusions, including references to women's equal access to justice and rights to inheritance; men and boys being engaged to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women; and ensuring girls' safe travel to school. The agreed conclusions also call on governments to ensure family friendly work policies and to encourage the media and internet service providers to strengthen self-regulatory measures to eliminate the exploitation of women and girls through the media. The task is now to hold governments to account on adhering to these voluntary agreements.

As well as Mothers' Union sending an official delegation, a number of attendees participating in the Anglican Communion's CSW programme were also Mothers' Union members, including members from Congo, Madagascar, Rwanda and Zimbabwe. Rachel also participated in this programme, representing the Church of England. To read the agreed conclusions go to www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw58-2014

Free events and walks this year to explore the Chilterns!!

The **Chiltern Society** is launching a fantastic new range of themed events and activities this year to encourage people to get out and explore the Chilterns or try out a new activity. These events start in early April and going through to the end of the year;

- Farm walks
- Glow worm walks
- One day map reading courses
- Night walks to see shooting stars
- Launch of the north Chiltern Way loop path and walking festival
- Wild flower and wildlife walks
- Nordic walking

The events are open to everyone (you do not have to be a member of the Chiltern Society in order to take part) and are free of charge (excluding some of the Nordic walking courses).

The full list of dates and activities are in the attached leaflet or can be seen on our website, this link takes you to the full listing and booking form <http://www.chilternsociety.org.uk/activ-events.php>

Letters received

I am writing to thank you and Hughenden Church House for your kind donation of £361 raised from your Winter Warmers soup lunch in March. The PSP Association relies solely on voluntary donations and



for this we are truly grateful. Please extend our thanks to all those who donated and thank you especially for all the hard work put into making this event successful.

The money donated will go directly towards helping those living with PSP and CBD, be it through funding our specialist Care Advisors, holding more local Support Groups or funding research into the causes, treatments and eventually a cure for PSP and CBD.

Thank you for your support.

Jean Kelly - Fundraising Manager PSP Association

(Note: readers will recall from earlier notices that PSP refers to Progressive Supranuclear Palsy and CBD is Cortico Basal Degeneration: Eds)

Communications

The communications group is charged with co-ordinating communications within our Church and considering how we communicate to those outside. We have come to realise that this is a somewhat endless remit, which we can only nibble away at.

So far we have concentrated on the following:

- Improving the look, tidiness and 'up-to-date-ness' of the notice boards in the porch and at the back of the Church. We are grateful to all those who have assisted in this regard. Incidentally: sticky dots are placed inside the glass cabinet in the porch to assist displays

- Tidying of the area immediately inside the Church and rationalisation of the leaflet display. We are grateful to Brian Clark and Ian Faulkner for the obtaining and re-siting of leaflet displays and noticeboards
- A planned improvement to the Church Gate noticeboard, including tree management and better use of the back of the noticeboard to offer a blessing to those leaving
- Enhancement of the website under the expert eye (and keyboard) of Ben Brice. If you have not looked at the website recently, please give it a visit. However Ben's work can only be as good as the information supplied to him. He would like updates from all the Church organisations for both the website and the welcome pack, which we wish to freshen up. We would particularly like to expand the information about the MU and the youth section.

For the future, our main next task is to develop a common 'look' for our publications: this will be a slow rolling process rather than a mammoth reprinting of everything in one go!

We do also want to find out how you think the Church should communicate. At the moment there are:

- Notices orally delivered in church services
- Weekly notice sheet
- This magazine
- The website
- Posters and hand-outs at the back of the Church
- Group emails



Is this sufficient? Is it too much?

We have had various feedback comments ranging from: 'I don't need to read the magazine, as I have the weekly notices' to 'I never get to know what's going on'.

Please let us know your views: good or bad: we cannot try to address them unless we know.

Jane Tyrer
Co-ordinator, Communications group

Communicants March

Sundays

2nd 21 + 45 = 66

9th 26 + 86 = 112

16th 25 + 43 = 68

23rd 16 + 79 = 95

30th 27 + 81 = 108

Weekdays

5th Ash Wednesday 39

19th St Joseph 7

25th Annunciation 31



From the Parish Registers

Holy Baptisms:

On Sunday 6th April: Matthew Thomas, son of Mark and Julie Dunlop of Greenwood, Walters Ash

Holy Matrimony

On Saturday 12th April: Philip Brown to Deborah Louise Carter

The Departed:

Roy Albert Franklin, aged 72

Philip Howland, aged 93

Donald Francis George Day, aged 79

We also record the death of Boyd Nisbet aged 77 years of Friars Gardens, Hughenden Valley

CALENDAR for May 2014

Morning Prayer is said in Church at 7.45am on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 7.30am on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. **Bell ringing 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 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.

Thu	1		Philip & James, Apostles
		10.00 am	Holy Communion: Church (30 mins)
		7.45 pm	Deanery Synod: Church
Sat	3	1.00 pm	Wedding of Robbie Reid and Sarah Smart
Sun	4		Third Sunday of Easter
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Sung Communion
		10.45 am	All Age Family Service
		2.15 pm	Church House Teas. Co-ordinator: Susie Chon
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Mon	5		May Bank Holiday
		2.15 pm	Church House Teas. Co-ordinator: Barbara Penfold
Tue	6	7.30 pm	Mothers' Union: Church House
Thu	8	8.00 am	24 hours of prayer for High Wycombe: North Room
		5.30 pm	Wycombe Festival Strings: Twilight concert
	9	9.00 am	Private booking: Church House
	10	1.00 pm	Galanthus Trust: Church House
Sun	11		Fourth Sunday of Easter
		8.00 am	Said Communion
		9.00 am	Matins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.45 am	Family Communion with JC club
		12 noon	Parochial Church Council meeting: North Room
		2.15 pm	Church House Teas. Co-ordinator: Sarah Dodd
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Wed	14		Matthias the Apostle
		10.00 am	Holy Communion: Church (30 mins)
		8.00 pm	Wycombe Arts Festival: Church House
Thu	15	10.30 am	Tiny Tots' Service: Church
Sat	17	12 noon	Wedding of Frazer Callingham and Emily Taylor
Sun	18		Fifth Sunday of Easter
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Sung Communion
		10.45am	Informal Family Service with JC Club
		2.15 pm	Church House Teas. Co-ordinator: Karen Williams
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Wed	21	8.00 pm	Wycombe Arts Festival: Church House
Sat	24	1.30 pm	Wedding of Andrew Buckley and Helen Leach
		2.30 pm	Private booking: Church House
Sun	25		Sixth Sunday of Easter
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Matins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.45am	Family Communion with JC club
		2.15 pm	Church House Teas. Co-ordinator: tba
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)

Mon	26		Spring Bank Holiday
		12 noon	Church House Lunches and Teas. Co-ordinator: Arthur Johnson
Wed	28	8.00 pm	Wycombe Arts Festival: Church House
Thu	29		ASCENSION DAY
		8.00 pm	Sung Eucharist: Church, followed by buffet supper
Sat	31		Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth
		9.00 am	Holy Communion: Church (30 mins)
		1.00 pm	Wedding of James Howlett and Victoria Putnam

The Lectionary – May

	Lessons	8a.m. / 6p.m.	9a.m.	10.45a.m.
	Readers:			
4th	Third Sunday of Easter			
	Zephaniah 3, 14 – 20`	A Johnson	R or A Gee	Matt Dean (check reading)
	Acts 2, 14a & 36 – 41	P Hynard	C or J Tyrer	
	Luke 24, 13 – 35	Priest	Priest	
	Evensong: Psalm 48			
	Haggai 1, 13 – 2,9	S Brice		
	1 Corinthians 3, 10 – 17	E Bailey		
11th	Fourth Sunday of Easter			
	Genesis 7	J Wilson	L Stallwood	Bob Stone
	Acts 2, 42 – 47	J Dauncey	B Brice (check which lesson)	Maureen Stone
	John 10, 1 - 10	Priest		Priest
	Psalm at 9am: 23			
	Evensong: Psalm 29			
	Ezra 3, 1 – 13	B Brice		
	Ephesians 2, 11 – 22	M Morgan		
18th	Fifth Sunday of Easter			
	Genesis 8, 1 – 19	A Stacey	J Palmer	Informal Service
	Acts 7, 55 – 60	C Carter	L Smit	
	John 14, 1 - 14	Priest	Priest	
	Evensong: Psalm 147			
	Zechariah 4, 1 – 10	B Doran		
	Revelation 21, 1 – 14	A Johnson		
25th	Sixth Sunday of Easter			
	Genesis 8, 20 – 9, 17	J White	A Moore	Joan Steel
	Acts 17, 22 – 31	A Jaycock	E Sadler (check which lesson)	Anne Dean
	John 14, 15 – 21	Priest		Priest
	Psalm at 9am: 66			
	Evensong: Psalms 87 & 36, 5 – end			
	Zechariah 8, 1 - 13	B Brice		
	Revelation 21, 22 – 22, 5	L Smit		



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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
D-CYFA (School Years 7 – 9)	alternate Sunday evenings in term time	Contact Anne Dean as above

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ALL contributions to be received by 15th May, please

Who's Who at St Michael & All Angels

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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*

Lord, we pray for all those throughout the world who are persecuted for their faith; particularly those seeking to follow you in Syria. May they be given strength, and persecutors come to understand wisdom and justice.