

Outlook

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St Michael and All Angels



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Welcome to Your Church

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

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

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

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

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

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Dear Readers,

Another year almost gone; they seem to fly past as one gets older. Surely, one of the most memorable things of this past year has been the TV programmes, the ceremonies and the stories of the First World War, the 'war to end all wars'. If only it had been. We, together with what seemed millions of other people, went to see the very moving and impressive artwork, 'Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red' by the artist Paul Cummins, staged in the moat of the Tower of London. 888,246 ceramic poppies, each one representing a man or woman lost in that terrible war. I overheard a number of people voicing the sense of loss and the effects on the families left behind. This must be one of the most viewed and most memorable artworks ever to be produced.

We have seen recently on our TV screens and in the newspapers, pictures of the remarkable Rosetta spacecraft which has landed its Philae lander on a comet three million miles away. The ingenuity of man in developing the technology which allowed this little piece of metal to send pictures back to earth, is quite breathtaking. Simon's letter on the following pages also talks about our awesome heavens and all the stars and comets which move around our planet.

As we approach Christmas, we remember again the story of the couple who travelled to Bethlehem to be counted; the annual trip. We also remember the shepherds who followed a star and then later, the wise men who saw it shining over the stable where the Christchild lay. Together with my colleagues on the editorial team, we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a blessed and peaceful New Year.



Sylvia Clark
Editor

From the Vicarage

December 2014

We were lured into a false sense of security in October, which seemed to break all records for high temperatures at that time of year. The unseasonal weather just made it to November, Saturday 1st was the hottest beginning of November I could remember. Two days later things had changed. We went to Oxford on the Monday and I dressed as for the week before; it was freezing!

The return of 'proper' temperatures as we head for winter, I hope will bring with them those clear night skies when we can really start to see the stars. Although there is some light pollution here, (being stuck in the bottom of a valley, this affects the horizons) overhead the skies can be surprisingly clear. I don't know most of what I am seeing, but I can navigate myself around the sky with some basic knowledge. I love looking at the night sky; I love having my mind 'boggled'. Most of us are buried in the here and now and are concerned with the immediacy of our lives. It is a humbling and awesome experience to simply go outside on a starry night and look up.

We are literally seeing the past. The distances of space and time become unimaginable as we contemplate even the most local part of our own galaxy. Whatever we are going through now, whatever muddle our world is in (and it is in a really horrible muddle at the moment) is less than the smallest blink in the context of the vastness of the universe. I find it oddly comforting to reflect on our own situation, 'this too shall pass'.

I also find it a very spiritual experience; I know that I am not alone in this. As a Christian I do not believe that what I see in the universe is a matter of chance. I believe that it is there because it is meant to be there and that behind all things is the intelligent activity and purposes of God. The first five words of the Bible are simply 'In the beginning God made...' I am not being fundamentalist about this; I have no problem with understanding the age of the universe as being billions of years, but behind it all, behind all the cosmological theories of how it all got going, behind the big bang and all that, is God.

The Psalmist attempted to articulate this wonder when he

wrote: 'The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge'. These are some of my favourite words in the Bible. It might be that when we stand under a night sky and feel so small and insignificant, God himself seems to be as remote and inaccessible as the stars in the sky. But this is not so. The mystery and wonder of the Christian message and perhaps why my smallness doesn't actually bother me, is that the God who caused the universe to be made has become a part of our 'smallness'. The letter to the Hebrews begins; 'In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his son, whom he appointed heir of all things and through whom he made the universe'. At St Michael's our Christmas midnight communion begins with the words 'Welcome all wonders in one sight! Eternity shut in a span. Summer in winter, Day in night, Heaven in earth, and God in man.' I have come to love these words, they bring to my mind the wonder and beauty of the night sky, and say



to me 'God, who made all of that, has become one of us'. God in Christ becoming one of us, that's what we celebrate at Christmas. He knows our situation, our joys, our sadnesses, our struggles and our triumphs. And he loves us through it all. To be sure the birth of Jesus cannot stand alone; as I have said before in one of these letters, we see the whole purpose of his coming brought into focus when we remember his death and resurrection; God's love overcoming the sin, the evil and the pain of this world and triumphing. Christmas is not a sentimental thing. Over the cradle we see the shadow of the Cross, but it is cause for such celebration. Immanuel, God is with us!

I hope that all readers of *Outlook* are able to experience this wonder for themselves as we celebrate Christmas, the birth of God in man. And on Christmas night, if by any chance we are blessed with one of those clear, crisp winter nights, if you are able to, go outside, look up and enjoy a moment of wonder for yourself.

And also, as *Outlook* is not produced in January, a very happy New Year to you all as well.

Simon

George Whitefield 1714-1770

The 16th December marks the 300th anniversary of the birth of this man, thought by many to be the greatest preacher England has ever produced, even though later eclipsed by John Wesley. From the age of 24 to his death, he commanded the largest congregations yet seen in America. Of his preaching it was written: 'No Englishman, dead or alive, has ever equalled him.' His work encompassed England, Scotland and Wales, as well as America.

His life provides a study in revival Christianity. In 1738, he followed Wesley to Georgia, the first of seven visits to America, returning to collect funds for an orphanage. When parish pulpits were denied him, he preached in the open air, often to thousands and on one occasion to an estimated 10,000. He spent his life in constant travel and preaching throughout the British Isles, moving his audiences by his eloquence and earnestness.

On many occasions he preached to miners in Wales and Gloucestershire who came straight from their pits to listen to him. As he wrote: "They were glad to hear of a JESUS who was a friend of publicans and came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance. The first discovery of their being affected was to see the white gutters made by their tears which fell plentifully down their black cheeks."

Whitefield began his day at 4am. He aimed to retire by 10pm but often he was still out on the road and in all weathers. He usually spent 40-60 hours a week actually preaching, to which can be added his travel, studying, corresponding and meeting people. His voice was not only powerful but beautifully modulated and controlled. It was said to have a most moving and melting quality. He was saintly – as Wesley and others acknowledged during his life and when he died. He died on the 30th September 1770 at Beeston in Derbyshire and the funeral sermon was delivered by John Wesley himself who asked, "Have we heard or read of any person since the apostles who testified to the gospel of the grace of GOD through so widely extended a space, through so large a part of the habitable world?"

The ultimate secret of his preaching power was that he was filled with the Spirit: he could say – with St Paul – “I am what I am by the grace of GOD”.

Acknowledgements: For more reading, please read the biography of Whitefield by Arnold Dallmore, from which I have drawn freely.

John Neal

24/7 Prayer for Wycombe



This year the Dorcas Project will be running another Christmas project, slightly different from last year. The Board of Trustees decided to provide small new gifts for children including books, colouring books, pencils and puzzles for children aged 0 -12; each gift is envisaged to cost approximately £5. They expect to receive referrals equivalent to the 265 received last year and any donations, whether those mentioned above or financial would be very much appreciated. I will try to keep you up to date with developments through the Church Notices, ie items they may be short of as the date of distribution to the children looms on the horizon.

Storage is still a problem for them even though they have managed to rent a little more space at their present venue, Playtrain at Cressex. However, access to that storage space continues to be an issue. Prayer is still very much needed for their Christmas project and for 500 square foot of dry, accessible, local, cheap storage space for holding their supply of clothes.

Many thanks to all of you who have donated clothes and baby blankets to this project and for the items some of you have already given for the Christmas project. My personal thanks to all the ladies on our Dorcas Laundry Team; between us all we have managed to prepare many bags of clothes ready for delivery to children in great need.

With the Advent season almost upon us please remember that for some Christmas is a time of great stress owing to various

circumstances. Thank God for the ministries involved in trying to make a difference at this time for those struggling to make ends meet; please remember street ministry such as Healing on the Streets and Chefs for Jesus, both on the streets of Wycombe every Saturday; also Street Angels out on Friday nights from midnight to 4 am on Saturday from Frogmore to the High Street and always ready to lend a helping hand to those out clubbing or meeting friends for a few hours at the end of the week; pray for their protection as they exhibit God's love to each person they meet.

Our committed Prayer Days for the next two months are Thursday, 11th December, and Thursday, 8th January, from 8 am to Friday 8 am. The prayer space will be set up in the North Room with all the usual facilities available. Please note that on 11th December there will be a team of bell ringers in the Bell Tower from 10 am – 1.30 pm. The sign-up sheet will be on the table at the back of the Church within a week of our last prayer day and the Prayer Points will be available at the last weekend of the month. Prayerfully consider signing up for an hour, or part of an hour, in prayer for all the ministries taking place in Wycombe.

Yvonne Cook

High Wycombe MS Society

The High Wycombe and District Branch of the MS Society held their annual Ploughman's Lunch and Mini Bazaar on Saturday 1st November at Hughenden Village Hall and a total of £645.00 was raised.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came and supported our event, it is very much appreciated. All the money raised will be used to help people with MS in the local area.

Belinda Peddle

Secretary
High Wycombe & District Branch - MS Society
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Services for children and their families this Christmas

*You are all very welcome to come and join us during this
Advent and Christmas time*



**Thursday 18 December, 10.30am
Tiny Tots Fun Worship**

There will be a Christmas theme at this service where we have a story, some songs, toys, tea and squash.

**Sunday 21 December, 10.45am
Christingle Service**

All children, their families and friends are invited to join us for this Service of fun and reflection.

**Christmas Eve, 3.00pm
Crib Service**

Come and hear the nativity story, and help build the familiar crib scene. Especially suitable for younger children. This year we are inviting children to dress up in their favourite character from the nativity if they wish.



**Christmas Day, 11.00am
Family Communion Service**

Everyone is very welcome to come and celebrate the birth of Jesus.

"I hear Christmas bells ringing"



***From a small country town
a short email message with universal address
wings its way around the world-wide-web
on a day
and at a time
conducive to conviviality***

***It was perhaps unlikely
and seemingly inconsequential,
demanding no answer
but perhaps inviting wonder,
with the suggestion that somewhere
beyond this tangled web
some still cling to ancient customs;
like tugging on ropes in tall towers
to make a gladsome sound.***

***Perhaps too it jogged
forgotten layers of mind into remembrance
that communication is nor just computation***

***Participation in clangourous sounds at Christmas
raises up wild and wondrous sensations
old as time***

***We each
have depths
a peal of bells can reach***

**Ron Cretchley 14.12.97
www.thinkingpoet.co.uk**

Mothers' Union

'Don't do it my way!'

At our meeting on 3rd November, our speaker, Mike Dean, gave a fascinating and entertaining talk on his journey to becoming a Christian. As he recalled events from his childhood and teen years, we all marvelled that he was, in fact, standing before us at all! He certainly seems to have been accident and injury prone, breaking many bones in his body, including his back - twice.

Mike told us that in his job he talked to lots of people and he had learned two things in life:

1. Never judge by appearances.
2. If you have children, grandchildren, etc who are not particularly interested in coming to Christ, don't give up on them and don't despair.

Mike's journey began in Manchester in a good family with a Methodist background and he moved south when he was seven. He struggled with guilt as he was always hearing that we were guilty of sin, that we had to be forgiven, etc, which put him off religion. Mike himself does sometimes miss a Sunday in church when he spends time with his sons at football or performing arts. He finds that he can often open up to people on touchlines and talk to them about what he does, the church and his involvement with St Michael's at Hughenden.

He was something of a rebel and by his teens he had written off two cars and been in trouble as a result of misbehaviour at football matches (although often in trying to help other supporters). He had become addicted to codeine which had been prescribed after his many fractures and this addiction took quite some time to overcome. Mike talked about the time when he had broken his back for the second time and his mother insisted on taking him to a faith healer in Sussex. Despite being in almost constant pain, Mike really did not want to go. However, on his return, after some time with this lady, he realized he was free from pain. His specialist, on seeing his later X-rays thought they belonged to someone else, before refusing to treat him any further because he had sought alternative help.

Mike could not explain what happened, but still wonders why 'miracles' don't happen for everyone.

His parents wanted him to do a 'serious' university course but instead he followed his interest and enrolled on a Transport degree at Cardiff. During this time he went with a friend by motorbike to Nottingham and met Anne who shared a flat with his friend's girlfriend. Next day he declared to his friend that he was going to marry Anne. Mike was 19 years old. They became engaged three months later, kept it secret for a year and were married in 1983.

Mike is a great 'doer'. He wanted to get a truck licence so he started a course on his 21st birthday and passed his test at the end of two weeks' training, becoming one of the youngest truck drivers in the country at that time. His ambition was to drive a truck to Saudi Arabia but he never got the chance! He worked with Eddie Stobart and as all the trucks in the fleet were named after women, he had a truck named after Anne for a Christmas present to her. Unfortunately she was less than impressed with this gift! He and Anne went backpacking around the world for two years and two more items on his wish list were ticked off in that time, one being to walk over the Himalayas and the other to drive the Trans-Canadian Highway.



On their return they tried Methodist churches but drifted away. One year Anne's parents came for Easter and asked where they were going for the Easter service. As a result they came to Hughenden Church where John Eastgate was vicar at that time and both he and Mike Wynter made them so welcome. Inspired by Jim and Ann Long, Mike and Anne later went to Spring Harvest held at the Butlins Camp in Minehead. This event is a huge gathering of Christians who listen to talks, share stories, attend seminars, worship, sing and generally enjoy themselves while growing in their faith. Although Mike was very reluctant to go, he found that the experience transformed his faith.

Until recently he worked for a large, international company, where he was voted the most inspirational leader out of the workforce of 300,000. For the last 20 years he has also enjoyed working with the church youth group. He and Anne have two teenage boys, Sam and

Matthew and they are all canal boat enthusiasts, saving up £2 coins to buy their own canal boat one day. Other loves are cycling and of course, football. Mike was a keen supporter and shareholder of Manchester United Football Club and when the club was sold he and others put their share money together and formed FC United of Manchester which is now part of the Northern Premier League Premier Division.



Mike told us how, when his sister was very ill and he could not see a way to help her, an anguished cry from him to God was answered in a mysterious way and help came in the shape of a place for her in a superb facility. This has resulted in her being well for the last five years.

Mike stressed that 'It has got to be God's way in the end – what He wants you to do'. In business he always felt that the customer was the top and there should be 'servant leadership' based on Christian principles. He was passionate about people leading the right way. 'We are there to serve and serve other people.' He always talked to God about his day, whether it had been good or bad. He knew God was always with him and listening to him. He said you have to be **in** a situation to be able to comment, advise, influence, etc, but you do not have to be **of** it.

Mike was very warmly thanked, not only for entertaining us but for sharing his remarkable story with us.

The Coffee Morning held on 21st October raised over £180 which, together with a 'top-up' made £200 to send to the Church in Baghdad. Thank you to all who contributed. On Tuesday 2nd December at 7.30pm in Church House we will have our Advent Communion, after which mince pies will be served. All are welcome at this service, including gentlemen! On that evening we will also be collecting items for Wycombe Women's Aid (see page 27 of the November edition of *Outlook*).

On Tuesday 6th January 2015, we will be joining the Epiphany Service in Church at 8pm.

Sylvia Clark

Floodlighting Dedications

Dedications received too late for the November magazine were for:

- 2 – 8 November Jean Godfrey was remembering with much love her dear husband Roy, particularly on 7 November, his birthday.
- 23 – 29 November Edie and all the Sadler family are wishing Cliff a very happy 95th birthday on 27 November.

So far there are no dedications for December or January.

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

News from 'Christians in the Community'

Although the dates are not fixed yet, we shall be carol singing in four pubs – The Black Lion and the Wheel, Naphill, and the Gate and the Harrow, Hughenden. The dates are Tuesday 16th December. Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th – look out for details in local press/flyers.



Details of Christmas services in Hughenden Church and the Naphill Methodist Church will be in the Christmas cards which will be delivered to all houses in the parish.

The annual Carols by Candlelight in Naphill Village Hall will be on Sunday 14th December at 4 pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

I wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Norma Clarke

Advance Notice for Lent!

For Lent 2015, St Michael's will be running a series of DVD talks on Tuesday evenings in Church House (or church if extra capacity is needed). The speaker will be the excellent Simon Ponsonby. Simon is the Pastor of Theology at St Aldates, Oxford and he led the morning bible studies this year at Spring Harvest in the week St Michael's were there. The DVD talks are recordings of these studies.

More details will follow in the February *Outlook* but the dates for your diaries are 24th Feb and 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th March. The first four dates are the DVD talks, finishing on 24th March with a film.

Helen Byrne

Wycombe Homeless Connection

An idea to help the Homeless People this Christmas

As the weather turns much colder, we feel more strongly about those in our midst who have no warm, safe home. We help approximately 300 local people every year in this situation - right here in High Wycombe.

This year would you consider sending a donation to Wycombe Homeless Connection rather than spending money buying and posting Christmas cards? You might send Christmas greetings in an email instead, mentioning that you have supported us.

Please look at our website to find out how to donate, or simply text your gift to 70070 (eg WYHC08£10)

Now is the time to sign up as a night shelter volunteer, please look at our website for details (www.wyhoc.org.uk). Thank you.



Penny

December's Prayer Topics

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| <p><u>2nd Church Wardens/ PCC/ Leadership Team</u></p> | <p>Church Wardens - Thanks for good fellowship between the churchwardens. – Pray for God’s blessing on them as they continue in their respective duties PCC/LT – Pray for God’s blessing on Clare Godfrey as she takes on the role of Lay Chairman</p> |
| <p><u>13th Gardeners/ Grave Diggers</u></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanks that the mowing team has kept the churchyard grass tidy - Pray that when new helpers are sought, there will be people ready to take on the task - Thanks for the strength and devotion to restore and maintain the graves of the Fallen so that they are never forgotten. |
| <p><u>17th Bookstall all who run it and use it</u></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That God will guide Elaine to choose books for the bookstall that will be helpful to people. - Pray that the library continues to be used and that the books in it bring blessings to their readers. |
| <p><u>23rd Men's Breakfast</u></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanks that it was possible to hold a Men’s Breakfast on Nov 29th - That visitors from another church saw the potential and got the buzz to organise something similar at their Church - That someone will come forward and support/take-over so we have a more regular events going forward. |
| <p><u>24th National Trust</u></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thank you for one of the busiest half terms ever, the weather was glorious and the children all enjoyed the activities - Pray that plans to open of the site through January and February will prove successful - Thank you for the many volunteers who give their time to ensure the successful running of the National Trust. |
| <p><u>26th Alpha Courses</u></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanks for all Alpha ‘graduates’ from completed courses - Thanks that the 2014 course did not suffer from any significant technical hitches - Pray that across the world more and more people will come to faith in Jesus through Alpha, and similar courses. |
| <p><u>Mission Prayer – Wycliffe</u></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pray that the Lord will create a desire for His Word among those who have trusted in Him but lack the Scriptures in their language. - Pray that God will call skilled and passionate mother-tongue translators - Pray that workers will be able to discern which media should be employed as vehicles for transmission of the Word to the hearts of the people. |

January's Prayer Topics

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| <p>4th Stewardship/ Finance</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanks for the success of the Church Gift Day - Pray for the members of Standing and Finance Committee as they set the budget for 2015. |
| <p>10th Bon Ami</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanks for our existing customers - Pray for more new customers in the future. - Thanks to everyone who donated filled shoeboxes for Romania. |
| <p>14th Local Police</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That our new local Policewoman Caroline Merriman can settle in speedily and soon find her way around - That the recently heighten security level within UK will prove effective |
| <p>22nd Flower Arrangers</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thank you to the extra people who helped with the flowers for Harvest Festival, which was much appreciated. - Pray for help to decorate the church for Christmas - Thank you to the members of the congregation who give donations towards the cost of the flowers |
| <p>25th Good Companions</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For new people to join in and bring new life to the group so that it can continue to meet and flourish, and hence provide companionship and enjoyment to all it's members. |
| <p>31st Spring Valley Centre</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pray that the staff and guests will all enjoy a stress-free and happy Christmas - Pray that 2015 will prove to be a positive and progressive year for staff and guests. |
| <p>Mission Prayer - Open Doors</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That God will change the hearts of leaders in North Korea to end the persecution of Christians - For Iraqi and Syrian Christians who permanently live in fear for their lives - For protection for Christians in isolated parts of India that they stay free from attacks. |

HUGHENDEN VALLEY COMMUNITY SHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hughenden Valley Community Shop is a wonderful asset, and dependent on volunteers to keep it open - and more volunteers are needed!

If you are interested, why not call into the shop and see what goes on and how much fun it is to volunteer (it is a wonderful way to get to know what is going on in the village!). You do not have to commit to whole days or even whole mornings or afternoons, although that would be great. Even if you could only do a couple of hours say, once a week or fortnight, or even once a month, this would be very helpful.

Opening times: 7.30am - 6pm Monday to Friday
 8am - 3.00pm Saturday
 8am - 1.00pm Sunday

A lot of hours to cover!

If you would like to talk to a volunteer to find out more about what's involved or to ask any questions, Christine Powell would be delighted for you to give her a ring on 01494 564198.

If you are willing and able to volunteer please call Louise Jones on 01494 564244

Church Bookstall

We have twelve new (to us) sets of books for house groups to use, thanks to Rita. They are with the others at the back of the church on the bookshelves near the vestry.

I have had to move some sets out to make room for them so if your group would particularly like one of the old sets, they are in the cupboard under the books for sale shelves. Please help yourselves.



Don't forget to use the library! The stock changes a bit at a time, so do have a look.

Also, just a reminder that the books for sale change approximately every month. If there is a particular book you would like, or anything else from St Andrews, let me know and I will get it.

Happy reading!

Elaine Morley

The Softer Option

As Churchwarden, I was approached a number of times over the past year or so, by parishioners asking if we could have cushions in the pews. As people get older, the pews seem to become harder to sit on and as our lovely church is not only used for services, weddings, etc, but also now and again for meetings and concerts, the question of padding was raised. In the early part of this year the subject was discussed at the PCC and approval was given to go ahead, subject to the costs being covered by donations.

I am delighted to say that these have, in fact, been willingly given and I am sure you will have noticed that the wine coloured long cushions have now been in place for some weeks. There was a suggestion at one time that before they were used, there should be a 'blessing of bottoms' but perhaps that would have been a step too far!



I would like to say a big thank you to all those who have helped to purchase the cushions. Long may you sit in comfort!

Brian Clark, Churchwarden



Galanthus

fundraising in aid of Child Bereavement UK

Present

A Christmas Carol Concert



Friday 12th December 2014
at 7pm

St Michael & All Angels, Hughenden

Tickets £5. Please Contact Rob on 01494 881768 or
rob@robinnes.org



Includes a glass of mulled wine
and a mince pie



Featuring school choirs from
Hughenden Valley, Great Kingshill,
Naphill & Walters Ash,
& Chiltern Music Academy Senior Brass Ensemble

Child 
Bereavement UK
REBUILDING LIVES TOGETHER

December/January Recipe

Veggie Aubergine Supper

I made up this recipe many years ago as I have a daughter-in-law who is a vegetarian. Her husband, my eldest stepson does a lot of cooking and I thought he would probably enjoy this meal. It is very easy. If you don't have all the ingredients you can use others such as mushrooms and peppers but the nuts are essential.

Ann's Veggie Aubergine Supper



Ingredients (for two people)

1 large aubergine cut lengthwise (half an aubergine per person)
Olive or sunflower oil
Half a stick of well stripped celery
1-2 garlic cloves
1 thick slice of lemon
4-6oz cashew nuts
4oz strong cheddar cheese
2-3 sprigs of fresh basil (or 1 teaspoon of dried herbs)
2-3 sprigs fresh parsley
1 slice of wholemeal bread
1 shallot or small onion chopped
1 egg yolk (another one if you are using more aubergines)
A good grating of nutmeg
Pepper and salt
A good grating of parmesan cheese
¼ pint tomato juice
1 tin of passata

Method

Cut the aubergine in half length ways. Scoop out the centre, leaving a lining about ½" thick. Sprinkle the insides with a little salt and leave it upside down on a plate to let any oily juices run out while you prepare the filling.

Grate the cheddar cheese and chop the nuts and the prepared celery, onion and garlic finely (or use a food processor). Mix together

and then add the bread crumbs, the innards of the aubergine, lemon juice, egg yolk and the grated parmesan.

Divide the mixture between the aubergine halves and then place in an oven proof dish. Pour in the tomato juice. Cook for about 45 minutes in a medium oven until the cheese on top has melted and is nicely browned. Serve with new potatoes with a little mint and some nice broccoli and extra tomato and onion sauce if wanted.

Ann Way

Valley Friends

The Grand Canyon

Following the notices, Jill introduced with pleasure our speaker, Michael Hoey, who retired from the Royal Engineers in 2009 about the same time as becoming a Grandfather. This inspired him to do something grand to mark the occasion! So as well as cycling the whole tow path of the Grand Union Canal, he walked the Great Wall of China, having previously done charity work organising exhibitions, teaching and doing other community work.

Michael's challenge now was to cross the Grand Canyon in Colorado. He planned to take the route from north to south on the Bright Angel Trail and gave us a vivid explanation, with slides, of the enormous and truly awesome geography and geology of the area. The Colorado River is 1,500 miles long and covers 277 miles from east to west. Geologists flock to study the various rocks forming the canyon. Its width varies from 15 miles to 100 miles and the inner canyon varies from a few yards to 11 miles wide at the point where Michael crossed at one of three crossings. There are three small villages here. The fault called Bright Angel Canyon crosses the canyon looking towards the north rim which is 7,000 feet above sea level, with 8,500 feet difference between the north and the south rim.

The climate varies with the altitude, being very hot and wet at the bottom where there is lush vegetation. A forest of mainly pine trees and junipers covers miles of flat land on the mountains, with sage plants covering the ground. There are wild flowers and wild animals including snakes and various birds. The trail passes some temples and

an Indian reservation where cattle were grazing. There are some resting lodges where the all important water taps are to be found for water bottles to be replenished. The Bright Angel Trail is used by mules carrying freight that is heavier than their own body weight, but they are very nimble on the steep paths.

Michael showed us some dramatic slide views and wonderful coloured sunsets. He walked 50 miles in all, sometimes walking twelve miles a day. He was warmly thanked for his interesting talk and heartily congratulated on raising £5,500 to refurbish St Mary's church.

On December 5th we are making a Christmas table decoration with Londer Gray who is providing everything but we can add our own flowers etc if wished. Please bring £5.

Joan Steel

What if the three wise men had been three wise women? Well, they would have asked for directions and arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, brought a casserole and given the child must more practical gifts.

Susan Periman from *A Bucket of Surprises* by J John & Mark Stibbe

Good Companions

At our November meeting we were entertained by Joan Dark and Rosemary Field, vocalists, with piano accompaniment from Monica Stephen in a programme of well known songs, some of which dated from the days of the 1914 - 1918 war which we have recently been recalling. Wearing period dresses they led us in singing some of the choruses (sheets handed round reminded us of the words so we could join in). Included in one or two instances, were parodies of the serving troops as they endured appalling conditions in the trenches and dugouts and witnessed the mass slaughter, while making limited advances. Perhaps it was all summed up in the recitation of Rupert Brooke's famous poem 'The Soldier'.

We greatly appreciated the reminder of songs and tunes which we had learned in our childhood days and also about the events



behind them. Thank you to the three ladies.

Our December meeting sees our customary Christmas lunch. Next year's programme begins with the January meeting which will take place on 8th January in the small hall. It has been put back a week to avoid the bank holiday on the first of the month. Annual subs will be due. These remain at £15 per head.

Michael Harris

Decorating the Church for Christmas

As usual, we will be decorating the church with holly, evergreens, sprayed seed heads, etc from about 9.30am on the morning of Christmas Eve. Any donations of seasonal greenery are most welcome and it would be wonderful to see some extra helpers to make the church look really beautiful and festive.



Jean Godfrey

From the Parish Registers

Holy Baptisms

On Sunday, 19th October:

Sebastian Thomas and Charles David, sons of Neil and Marina Roblett of Main Road, Naphill.

Rafferty Edward Rhys, son of Rhys Willis and Emma Dickinson of Hughenden Road, High Wycombe

On Sunday, 2nd November:

Annabel, Daughter of Patrick and Suzanne Mackeown of Wyndham Avenue, High Wycombe;

The Departed:

Peter Frederick Elliott, aged 82;

Dennis Edward Brown, aged 94;

Charles Leslie Roberts, aged 91.

The Lectionary – December 2014

| Date | Lesson | Readers | | |
|------------------------|--|-----------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| | | 8.00 am/6 pm | 9.00 am | 10.45 am |
| 7th | Second Sunday of Advent | | | |
| | Isaiah 40, 1 – 11 | P Hynard | R or A Gee | C Godfrey |
| | 2 Peter 3, 8 – 15a | J Holmes | J Palmer | |
| | Mark 1, 1 - 8 | Priest | Priest | |
| | Evensong: Psalm 40 | | | |
| | 1 Kings 22, 1 – 28 | A Johnson | | |
| | Romans 15, 4 – 13 | B Brice | | |
| 14th | Third Sunday of Advent | | | |
| | Isaiah 61, 1 – 4 & 8 – 11 | J Wilson | H Farrar-Hockley | P Austin |
| | 1 Thessalonians 5, 16 – 24 | L Smit | S Brice (check | H Byrne |
| | John 1, 6 – 8 & 19 – 28 | Priest | which lesson) | Priest |
| | Psalm at 9 am: 126 | | | |
| | Evensong: Psalm 68, 1 – 20 | | | |
| | Malachi 3, 1 – 4 & 4. all | L Smit | | |
| | Philippians 4, 4 – 7 | S Brice | | |
| 21st | Fourth Sunday of Advent | | | |
| | 2 Samuel 7, 1 – 11 & 16 | A Stacey | C or J Tyrer | Informal Service |
| | Romans 16, 25 – 27 | J Dauncey | A Jaycock | |
| | Luke 1, 26 – 38 | Priest | Priest | |
| | No Evensong: Service of Nine Lessons and Carols | | | |
| 28th | The Holy Innocents | NB: one Service only | today at 10am | |
| | Jeremiah 31, 15 – 17 | | Volunteer please | |
| | 1 Corinthians 1, 26 – 29 | | Volunteer please | |
| | Matthew 2, 13 - 18 | | Priest | |



The Lectionary – January 2015

| Date | Lesson | Readers | | |
|------------------------|--|----------------|---------|------------------|
| | | 8.00 am/6.00pm | 9.00 am | 10.45 am |
| 4th | Second Sunday of Christmas | | | |
| | Jeremiah 31, 7 – 14 | | | S Clark |
| | Ephesians 1, 3 – 14 | | | |
| | John 1, 1 – 18 | | | |
| | Evensong: Psalm 135 | | | |
| | Isaiah 46, 3 – 13 | | | |
| | Romans 12, 1 – 8 | | | |
| 11th | The Baptism of Christ | | | |
| | Genesis 1, 1 – 5 | | | R Stone |
| | Acts 19, 1 – 7 | | | M Stone |
| | Mark 1, 4 – 11 | | | Priest |
| | Psalm at 9 am: 29 | | | |
| | Evensong: Psalms 46 & 47 | | | |
| | Isaiah 42, 1 – 9 | | | |
| | Ephesians 2, 1 – 10 | | | |
| 18th | Second Sunday of Epiphany | | | |
| | 1 Samuel 3, 1 – 20 | | | Informal Service |
| | Revelation 5, 1 – 10 | | | |
| | John 1, 43 – 51 | | | |
| | Evensong: Psalm 96 | | | |
| | Isaiah 60, 9 – 22 | | | |
| | Hebrews 6, 17 – 7, 10 | | | |
| 25th | The Conversion of Paul | | | |
| | Jeremiah 1, 4 – 10 or Acts 9, 1 - 22 | | | J Steel |
| | Acts 9, 1-22 or Galatians 1, 1 – 16a | | | A Dean |
| | Matthew 19, 27 – 30 | | | Priest |
| | (Acts 9 must be used) | | | |
| | Psalm at 9 am: 67 | | | |
| | Evensong: Psalm 119, 41 – 56 | | | |
| | Ecclesiasticus 39, 1 – 10 Colossians 1, 24 – 2, 7 | | | |



DECEMBER 2014 CALENDAR

| | | | |
|-----|----|---------------------|---|
| Mon | 1 | | Andrew the Apostle |
| | | 10.00 am | Holy Communion: Church (30 mins) |
| Tue | 2 | 8.30 am | Private Booking: Slough & Burnham Deanery Quiet Day: Church House |
| | | 7.30 pm | Mothers' Union Advent Service: Church House |
| Wed | 3 | 7.30 pm | Alpha Course: Church House |
| Thu | 4 | 9.00 am | Christmas Unwrapped: Great Kingshill CE Combined School |
| | | 6.00 pm | Naphill Cubs and Scouts Carol Service: Church |
| Sun | 7 | | Second Sunday of Advent |
| | | 8.00 am | Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) |
| | | 9.00 am | Sung Communion |
| | | 10.45 am | All Age Family Service |
| | | 12 noon-3pm | Winter Warmers: in aid of WaterAid |
| | | 6.00 pm | Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon) |
| Tue | 9 | 11.30 am | Private Booking: South Bucks Counselling Service: Church House |
| | | 6.00 pm | Naphill Guides and Brownies Carol Service: Church |
| Wed | 10 | 7.30 pm | Alpha Course: Church House |
| Thu | 11 | 8.00 am | 24 hours of prayer for High Wycombe: North Room |
| | | 7.00 pm | Private booking: Zither Concert, Church House |
| Fri | 12 | 7.00 pm | Private booking: Christmas Carol Concert, Galanthus: Church |
| Sun | 14 | | Third Sunday of Advent |
| | | 8.00 am | Said Communion |
| | | 9.00 am | Mattins (Book of Common Prayer) |
| | | 10.45 am | Family Communion with JC club |
| | | 6.00 pm | Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon) |
| Wed | 17 | 11.00 am | Pipers School: Prep and Pre-prep Carol Service |
| | | 2.00 pm | Great Kingshill CE Combined School: Carol service |
| Thu | 18 | 10.30 am | Tiny Tots' Fun service: Church |
| | | 10.30 am | Friendship morning: Church House |
| Sun | 21 | | Fourth Sunday of Advent |
| | | 8.00 am | Holy Communion (said) |
| | | 9.00 am | Sung Communion |
| | | 10.45 am | Christingle Service |
| | | 6.00 pm | Candlelit Service of Nine Lessons and Carols |
| Wed | 24 | | Christmas Eve |
| | | 9.00 am | Holy Communion: Church (30 mins) |
| | | 3.00 pm | Crib Service |
| | | 11.15 pm | Midnight service of Holy Communion |
| Thu | 25 | | Christmas Day |
| | | 8.00 am | Said Holy Communion: |
| | | 9.00 am | Sung Communion Service |
| | | 11.00 am | Family Communion Service |
| | | 5.00 pm | Carols by Candlelight (60 mins) |
| Fri | 26 | | Stephen, Deacon, Martyr |
| Sat | 27 | | John, Apostle and Evangelist |
| | | 10.00 am | Holy Communion: Church (30 mins) |
| Sun | 28 | | First Sunday of Christmas, Holy Innocents' Day |
| | | NB: 10.00 am | Holy Communion with Carols. This will be the only service in this church today |

JANUARY 2015 CALENDAR

| | | | |
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| Thu | 1 | | Naming and Circumcision of Jesus |
| Sun | 4 | | Second Sunday of Christmas |
| | | 8.00 am | Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) |
| | | 9.00 am | Sung Communion |
| | | 10.45am | All Age Family Service with baptisms |
| | | noon-3.30pm | Winter Warmers: Church House - in aid of Alzheimer's Society |
| | | 6.00 pm | Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon) |
| Tue | 6 | | Epiphany |
| | | 8.00 pm | Sung Eucharist: Church |
| Thu | 8 | 8.00 am | 24 hours of prayer for High Wycombe: North Room |
| Sun | 11 | | Baptism of Christ |
| | | 8.00 am | Holy Communion (said) |
| | | 9.00 am | Mattins (Book of Common Prayer) |
| | | 10.45 am | Family Communion with JC club |
| | | 6.00 pm | Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon) |
| Thu | 15 | 10.30 am | Tiny Tots' Service: Church |
| Sun | 18 | | Second Sunday of Epiphany |
| | | 8.00 am | Holy Communion (said) |
| | | 9.00 am | Sung Communion |
| | | 10.45 am | Informal Family Service with JC Club |
| | | 10.30 am | Private booking: Church House |
| | | 6.00 pm | Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon) |
| Sat | 24 | 10.00 am | Marriage Preparation Morning: Church House |
| Sun | 25 | | Conversion of Paul OR Third Sunday of Epiphany |
| | | 8.00 am | Holy Communion (said) |
| | | 9.00 am | Mattins (Book of Common Prayer) |
| | | 10.45am | Family Communion with JC club |
| | | 1.00 pm | Private booking: Church House |
| | | 6.00 pm | Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon) |

Communicants – October

Sundays

5th 19 + 38 = 57

12th 21 + 82 = 103

19th 19 + 30 = 49

26th 29 + 72 = 101

Weekdays

18th St Luke 6

28th Sts Simon and Jude 7

The Lost Soul



An inexperienced young pastor was to hold a graveside burial service at a pauper's cemetery for a down-and-out man with no family or friends. Not knowing where the cemetery was, he made several wrong turns and got lost. When he eventually arrived an hour late, the hearse was nowhere in sight, the digger was next to the hole and the workmen were sitting under a tree eating lunch.

The diligent young priest went to the open grave and found the vault lid already in place. Feeling guilty because of his tardiness, he preached an impassioned and lengthy service, sending the deceased to the great beyond in style.

As he returned to his car, he overheard one of the workmen say to the other, 'I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years and I've never seen anything like that!'

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National Trust Events – December

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| Sat 20th | Countryside Workout | Countryside volunteering (one-off or regular) | 10am – 4pm |
| 1 st – 21 st (excl 24/25) | Christmas at Hughenden | See the manor decorated; enjoy carols, musicians, Christmas readings | 11am – 3pm |
| 6 th & 7th | Father Christmas | Father Christmas and Christmas craft activities | 11am – 4pm |
| 13 th & 14th | Father Christmas | Father Christmas and Christmas craft activities | 11am – 4pm |
| 20 th & 21st | Father Christmas | Father Christmas and Christmas craft activities | 11am – 4pm |
| 26 th – 31 st | Christmas trail | Garden-based trail with Christmas theme | 11am – 4pm |

Contact Booking Office on 0844 249 1895 for price and booking details

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.

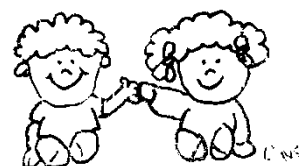
Judith Camplisson – 01494 565108

Babies & Toddlers @ St. Michael's

Babies and Toddlers @ St. Michael's meets every Thursday from 9.30 -11.30am 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 Kirstie Brewer – 07881 958002

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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| SERVERS | Andrew Cole | 442191 |
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Our Mission is

“To enable all to follow Jesus Christ”

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

i) Leading lives centred on Jesus Christ –

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

ii) Being seen and known in the wider Community by

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

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

- *That is appropriate to wherever people are on their spiritual journey*
- *That is based on worship that is honouring to God and accessible and relevant to all*
- *And that is led by prayer that engages with the will of God and his purposes*

In this season of 'goodwill to all men', we pray for all those who have no homes or families to care for them. We give thanks for all the volunteers who so willingly give of their time to bring food, warmth, shelter and especially love to those who have so little. Lord, we ask your blessing on them all.