

# *Outlook*

Hughenden Parish Magazine  
St Michael and All Angels



*Maypole*

***May 2015***

## **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**

The traditional May Pole as shown on the front cover is, this year of course, over shadowed by our other 'May Poll' (the General Election!).

I was interested to find when looking through the Mothers' Union website a list of over 20 individual suggested Prayer Topics to be used in the run up to the Election, urging us all to engage in prayerful preparation before the big day. The topics suggested varied from thanksgiving for the candidates who are standing; praying for true and honest manifestos; engagement (not apathy) in the election process and also for wisdom and discernment before voting.

I also recently found myself at House Group studying 1 Peter where in Chapter 2 vs 11-12 he describes Christians as 'aliens and strangers in the world', in transit to a further life with Our Lord. However I have also heard Christians advised to act as ambassadors for Christ, to the world around us. Now ambassadors do not withdraw themselves from the world in which they live, but go out to act as good representatives of Our Lord. So we are guided to participate and support all aspects of everyday life, and of course many politicians are Christians – our own (at the time of writing) Steve Baker, is an active local Christian.

Whenever you are reading this magazine (before or after the Election) the prayer at the bottom of the back cover is still relevant.

Watch out in the magazine for two types of bells and Hughenden Manors fountains with no water!

**Jane and Bob Tucker, Editors**

## From the Vicarage - May 2015

Perhaps it good fortune that, with a trip to New Zealand lasting for the over half of April, I will at least be out of the country during the lead up to a general election!

I have written before about the reality of the consequences of public service cuts especially the hugely unjust 'bedroom tax'. I also think that it is a scandal that five years after the last general election, food banks are now a familiar and accepted feature in our social landscape, caused in the main by changes to how benefits are handled. I realise however that national debt needed to be tackled, and still does, but I take note of those who warn against pushing for too much austerity and the social consequences this will bring. I have been really angry about the official spin from the government and the Department of Work and Pensions that the very real economic hardships being felt by people who have relied on benefits, have not had anything

to do with their policies, this is just not so.



The church has something to say about

these things, especially about the reality of poverty in our midst. However Ian Duncan Smith, the Work and Pensions Secretary in a particularly vicious outburst in February disagreed. He mocked the Church of England's "dwindling relevance" after Bishops produced a pre-election pastoral letter. Ian Duncan Smith took this as an attack on Conservatives. "It is ironic that despite claiming to be non-partisan they only produce these reports when Conservatives are in government." This was refuted by C of E bishops who insisted that their intervention should not be seen as party political and was not intended to be a "shopping list" of policies, but rather making the case for why people should vote. I do wonder how many people in the Church have actually read this letter persuading us all to take our vote seriously given that it was 52 pages long! I have to confess that I hunted down edited highlights of the letter. Good old C of E, brevity is not it's strongest point!

I think Mr Duncan Smith's outburst was re-emergence of an age old notion that the church should stick to its own

'spiritual' agenda and leave politics to the politicians. I have to confess, I could not help but raise a smile when a few days after this particular clash, the senior Roman Catholic in this country, Cardinal Vincent Nicholls, waded in to the fray announcing that the changes in how benefits were allocated were "frankly a disgrace." That must have smarted, Ian Duncan Smith is a committed Catholic.

It is an old argument, 'stick to what you know, let us get on with running the world.' I have been reading another book by Tom Wright, the theologian and previous bishop of Durham, 'Surprised by Scripture.' Something of what he wrote resonates and so I will offer a few quotes here.



"All right we say, if God and the world are spilt so far apart we'll just do the God bit, giving people a private spirituality in the present and blissful hope in the future, but not engaging in radical questioning of the systems that result.....But Paul (the Apostle) would have nothing to do with that. He was in prison precisely because he

announced, and taught people to live by, a message in which Jesus claimed the ultimate rights over every aspect of human life. C.S Lewis famously summed this up by saying that there is no neutral ground in the universe. Every square inch, he wrote, every split second, is claimed by God and counterclaimed by Satan..... Taking this stand is dangerous, attacks do not usually come head-on. Satan regularly disguises himself as an angel of light. When a church or a Christian organisation hears the reminder that it is dealing with spiritual matters and must back off and let the world run everything else, we may not glimpse the horns, the hoofs, and the pointed tail, but the challenge to the lordship of Jesus the Messiah is nonetheless real..."

There is more of this strong stuff, and it is worth reading. I really don't claim that Mr Duncan Smith should be pictures with horns and hooves however I make the bold claim that the Church of Jesus not only has a right to be interested in the workings of politics and the 'ways of the world' it has an obligation. I also maintain that before all else our Christian faith, and with it the counsel of our

own conscience, should inform how we cast our vote.

In the meantime a general election looms, happy voting!

**Simon**

## News from 'Christians in the Community

Apart from the Easter period when we delivered cards around the parish, things have been rather quiet.

However, we shall be at the Napfest on June 5<sup>th</sup>. I'm not sure what we'll be doing but do come and find us.

**Norma Clarke**

## GOOD COMPANIONS

Our April meeting featured a return visit by three of the ladies from Cookham Hand Bell Ringers. They demonstrated their skill - each of them handling four bells at the time! - and delighted us with some well-known and much loved melodies. We had Amazing Grace, Singin' in the Rain (with the rhythmic "drip, drip"), and Percy Grainger's "Country Gardens" and other themes. From classical music we had the themes of the last movements of Beethoven's Pastoral and Choral symphonies, and the famous slow movement from Dvorak's "From the New World" symphony. A very tuneful afternoon by a group who have supported Helen and Douglas House, pardon the way I put it "to the tune of" well over four figures!



There is no meeting in May because of the elections. Instead we are having a lunch outing to the "Wheel" in Naphill where we had a similar meet up on 26th of March.

**Michael Harris**

## May Recipe - Coffee & Cream Gateau with Walnuts

### Ingredients

4oz/125g soft margarine  
4oz/125g caster sugar  
2 large eggs  
4oz/125g self-raising flour  
1 rounded teaspoon of baking powder  
½ pint of strong coffee, sweetened with 2 teaspoons of sugar  
1 tablespoon of brandy (optional), if not using brandy, use 1  
teaspoon of brandy flavoured essence  
½ pint of double or whipping cream  
8-10 shelled walnuts



### Method

You will need two 8-9 inch sandwich tins. Grease and line the two tins with greaseproof paper. Collect all the cake ingredients and place in a large mixing bowl. Whip them all together until the mixture becomes lighter in colour and slightly fluffy. It should drop off the spoon easily with a little shake. Divide between the two prepared tins and place in a pre-heated oven at gas mark 8 or 350F, 170C (if you have a fan assisted oven follow instructions for your cooker for Victoria sponge) for about 18-20 minutes, until the centre can be pressed lightly and doesn't leave an indentation. When cooked the cake should be a light golden brown. Cool on a wire rack until nearly cold. Return to the tins without the greaseproof and prick all over with a fork. Take the coffee and add the brandy or brandy essence. Pour a ¼ pint evenly over each sponge and let it soak in. Whip the cream until firm but easily spreadable. Place on sponge on a pretty dish taking care not to drop the cake as the coffee mixture will have made it a bit difficult to handle. (If the worst happens and it breaks up, just push it into shape again!). Spread the cream all over it, keeping about a third for the other half. Place the other sponge on top and spread the remainder of the cream over it. Fork it into swirls and then decorate with the walnut halves.

**Ann Way**





Where?... What? ..... When ..... ?

Karen's full name was Karen Jenkins she was a 32 yr old young lady from High Wycombe and was Kathie Faulkner's only daughter.

Karen died on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2010 having suffered from Pseudomyxoma peritonei (PMP) a rare cancer of the appendix, for 4 years. During this 4 year period there was little or no support for her condition and it was very apparent that certain needs, in particular to her age group, were not being addressed. Karen wanted to keep working as a Critical Care Nurse, but also she required help, when needed, with things like form filling plus the emotional needs of a vibrant young lady.

Karen's Big Smiles (KBS) was set up by Kathie, alongside Karen's friends, to help people like Karen. KBS have been given a unique opportunity to work with the new South Bucks Hospice in developing a new Young Adult Unit within the hospice, and as such KBS needs to raise £30,000 by mid-2016. This unit will put High Wycombe in the fore front of providing services to young adults with critical illnesses.

Many people are helping with this target and Wycombe Orpheus Choir have pitched in with a concert (advertised opposite) to help with fund-raising.

**To find out more about KBS contact Kathie in Church or on  
kathiejenkins@btinternet.com or 01494 451279**



# *"With a Voice of Singing"*

*All Saints Church, Marlow*

*Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2015: 7.30pm*

*A musical extravaganza with the  
Wycombe Orpheus and Swansea  
Dunvant Male Voice Choirs.....*

*Tickets £12*

*Proceeds to*

*Karen's Big Smiles*

*Charity Trust*

*Local charity set up to help*

*young adults with life*

*limiting conditions*



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## Dorcas Project

Jo Preston came to our April meeting to tell us about The Dorcas Project. Jo started by telling us that she doesn't like standing up and speaking and feels nervous because she's just an ordinary person – nothing special. Although she did say that her Grandmother felt that she had really achieved status as a speaker because she was addressing a Mothers' Union meeting!!



Jo grew up in Hazlemere, went to a Church Youth Club to 'meet boys', she did she meet Phil, who is now her husband, but she also met Jesus; and says she now sees the world through 'God Goggles', and wants to do what Jesus wants her to do.

Jo trained as a nurse but is now a Health Visitor, which she says is an eye-opener and a challenge. She was shocked by the level of poverty she saw in High Wycombe; across the town 15% of children live in 'income poverty', and in certain areas that rises to 25%. She sees 3 bedroom houses occupied by 5 families, one in each room and sharing the kitchen and bathroom; as that is all the rent they can afford.

After a trip to New Wine in 2010 she was drawn to pray that Our Lord He would 'break her heart with the things that break His'. Her heart was broken initially by a 3 yr old living with her Grandparents when her Mother fell into drug addiction, but because it was an 'informal' arrangement the Grandparents had no access to Child Benefit etc. so were trying to cope on a basic pension for all three of them. Jo knew she had to do something to help this family and another 9 ones with similar problems. She told her Church and they decided that as there were 10 families and the Church had 10 House-groups, they would take one family per House-group and produced a pack of clothes and some toys. The

Grandparents both sobbed when Jo handed over the parcel, and when Jo reported back to her friends they all asked – ‘What are we going to do next?’.

Jo and her friends read the story of Peter and Dorcas from Acts, and felt that Dorcas did small acts of kindness and helped people one at a time, and they wanted to do the same, by clothing children.

Dorcas Project started and they set 3 rules – 1) Good quality clothes 2) Presented nicely 3) One weeks’ worth of clothes for an under 5 yr old. Jo rang all her health visitor friends to get referrals and had 5 in their first month (2010) and in 2014 they gave 700+ parcels for children, up to 16 yrs old. As clothes are donated they are packed into bags by size etc. When they are needed they are gathered together and passed out to volunteers ‘washers and ironers’ (Yvonne Cook is our organiser for a team of ‘washers and ironers’), so that clothes are always sent out crisp and freshly washed. They are also carefully packed in carrier bags decorated to look like a present, and include a toy or book. The volunteers always pray over each bag before it is delivered. In 2011 Dorcas Project also started to offer School Uniform packs for the beginning of the new school year. Each pack also contains a suitable book or activity pack. BY 2014 the uniform packs became clothes vouchers, as it was easier to cope with different school uniform requirements on colour and style. The Christmas Project set out to give presents, which challenged the children’s literacy and motor skills; and in 2014 they packed and handed out 470; again all to families referred by various health professionals.

Jo said that when volunteers, or storage became a problem God stepped in and found a way through. Jo asked for our prayers for all the children and healthcare professionals she meets, and also for the ‘next steps’ for Dorcas, whatever Our Lord wants them to be.

**Jane Tucker**

## 24/7 Prayer for Wycombe

Most of you will be aware that The One Can Trust became a reality when Sarah Mordaunt was inspired by a vision to set up a food-bank in High Wycombe. At that time it became apparent that there were people in this area struggling to make ends meet and who needed relief. Thanks to the generosity of donors and support from a group of volunteers the food-bank was established four years ago.



The charity has settled into stable position now with storage space at the Big Yellow Box, easily recognised on the London Road, where a group of willing volunteers meet twice a week to sort the donations and assemble food into parcels specifically designed to meet the needs of various recipients for one week. These parcels are delivered directly and through a network of partner churches, organisations and pick up centres. The demand for food parcels averages around 250 a month, feeding approximately twice that number of adults and children, rising to around 300 a month during the winter months.

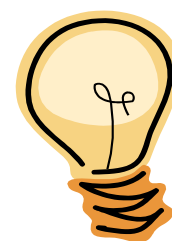
Sarah Mordaunt has now stepped down from her executive role with the charity and the Board of Trustees has been joined by Graham Peart, formerly the chair of trustees of Bucks Community Foundation. The trustees will now look at how best to move forward beyond providing individuals with the initial food aid, which will still continue, working within the community through other projects and addressing the long term needs of people regularly using the food-bank. Volunteers are always needed so if you have the time and would like to become involved in some way the email address is [onecantrust@hotmail.com](mailto:onecantrust@hotmail.com). The trustees pay tribute to the unstinting work of the many volunteers without whom there would be no One Can Trust and no food-bank. This is a condensed version of an informative email received recently.

There's still time to pray for and save a place at the WYFC 'Parenting Children for A Life of Faith' event to be held at the King's Church on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, 7.45 – 9.30 pm. The speaker is Rachel Turner, author and Children's Pastor, and it will be an opportunity to reflect on how parents and adults can help children to explore and be nurtured in their relationship with God; helping children to be God-connected not just God-smart. If you would like to find out more about Rachel, go to [www.racheltturner.org.uk](http://www.racheltturner.org.uk).

Our Prayer Day this month is Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May, from 8 am to Friday 8 am. Apologies to those of you who like to come to the prayer space because, yet again, I am away for a few days and will be unable to set it up as usual but all should be back on track in June. Nevertheless, prayerfully consider signing up for an hour, or part of an hour, bringing the ministries taking place in Wycombe before God but **at home**. The sign-up sheet and Prayer Points can be found on the table at the back of the Church.

**Yvonne Cook**

## FLOODLIGHTING DEDICATIONS



The only floodlighting dedication for May is:

24 – 30 May     In loving remembrance of Rev. Canon John Eastgate, our good vicar here from 1983 to 1994. He passed from time to eternity on 30 May 2013.

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**

## The joys of steam travel on our door-step

Travel through West Wycombe, turn right towards Bledlow then keep on going until the site of the old Chinnor cement works lays before you. Turn right down the hill and you will soon see a brown Heritage sign with a steam train symbol directing you towards Chinnor station.

The station that you see has been completely re-built exactly as the original station (unless you count the issue with the numbers of chimney pots!) by teams of dedicated volunteers.

Further volunteers have also re-furbished various railway carriages (brown and cream livery of GWR – of course!) and other rolling stock including diesel motor units and of course steam engines!

Those volunteers are all members of Chinnor and Princes Risborough Railway Association (CPRRA), who offer to be trained as Train Drivers, Fireman, Crossing Keepers, Signalmen, Stationmaster, Duty Line Manager, Booking Clerk, Train Steward and many more interesting roles, in order to run a safe and effective railway.

Bob can often be found in the Booking Office selling tickets whilst Jane occasionally serves in the Cambrian Buffet on the platform serving Bacon or Sausage Baps and various sandwiches, plus lashings of coffee, tea and canned drinks.

The trains from Chinnor station don't go right into Princes Risborough yet, plans for running over that last piece of track are being worked on, but the return trip from Chinnor to Thame Junction takes 45 minutes and runs through beautiful Chilterns countryside containing many different types of wildlife.

Being a volunteer with the railway is great fun – an opportunity to play with real trains!! Volunteers can be trained up to the required railway standards to operate as a driver, guard or signalman, or the health and safety standards necessary to serve sandwiches,



cakes etc. for public consumption. But most importantly we do all of these tasks alongside other people who also have a love for all that contributed to 'the glorious age of steam', and enjoy re-creating it in our little corner of the Chilterns.

The railway runs trains every Sunday from mid-March to end of October and then again through December. There are many special event weekends and over all Bank Holidays – Teddy Bear weekends when children with Teddy Bears travel free, Mother's Day and Father's Day specials when Mothers or Fathers go free; Wild Life specials when the trains travel slower and wild life experts are on-board give a running commentary on what can be seen. There are also evening events such as Quiz Evenings (with a Fish and Chip supper on board) or Murder Mystery Evenings.

If you want more information contact Jane or Bob Tucker.

## Communicants – March

### Sundays:

1st	18 + 39 =	57
8th	19 + 76 =	95
15th	19 + 35 =	94
22nd	19 + 90 =	109
29th	19 + 33 + 69 =	121

### Weekdays

19 <sup>th</sup>	St Joseph	5
25 <sup>th</sup>	Lady Day	13
31 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday in Holy Week	13



## Church Chuckle

A lady was nervous about her appointment with the dentist. Before leaving home she sought courage by reading the text for the day from her calendar – Psalm 81 vs 10 - 'Open thou mouth wide and I will fill it' !!

Christian Crackers – by Phil Mason



# Job Vacancy with Wycombe Homeless Connection

**Wycombe Homeless Connection** (WHC) is an award-winning registered charity tackling homeless locally. It is a community project of Wycombe churches, serving around 400 homeless or vulnerably housed adults each year, focusing on those who do not qualify for council assistance. We believe that every individual has worth and deserves a fresh start, no matter what their situation. Our vision is not just to meet immediate need, but to help our guests rebuild their lives.

## Support Worker (Part Time)

**High Wycombe**

**Salary: £19,500-23,500 pa pro rata depending on experience**

**Hours: 3 days per week (22.5 hours).**

**Some out of hours work will be required.**

**Location: Office-based with some local travel.**



We are looking for a dedicated, conscientious and collaborative person to join our team delivering advice, advocacy, resettlement and tenancy support services and a winter night shelter. The post holder will help to deliver WHC's existing services and will also take a lead role in developing a new service to tackle worklessness, calling on WHC specialist volunteers and other resources. The service will assist our guests to gain or maintain employment by:

- a. Helping them to access opportunities to pursue volunteering or other purposeful activity
- b. Developing relationships with other organisations which aim to assist people into employment so that our guests can access their help
- c. Providing practical assistance to ease the transition to employment for those guests who are starting work, as well as providing practical assistance to help homeless people in work to maintain their employment.

The successful candidate will be highly organised and have excellent interpersonal skills and good computer skills. He or she will have at least one year's experience of providing face-to-face services to individuals in areas such as community based work, social care, education or, ideally, in the homelessness sector. The ability to travel around the High Wycombe area, sometimes at night, is essential.

Please check the full details of the job content and job-holder requirements to be found in the accompanying job description.

Note: WHC is a Christian charity and due to the nature of the role and organisation there is an Occupational Requirement in line with the Equality Act 2010 for the post holder to be a committed Christian.

This post is subject to an enhanced check by the Disclosure and Barring Service. Information and application forms can be obtained from our website at [www.wyhoc.org.uk/news](http://www.wyhoc.org.uk/news). Informal inquiries can be made to James Boulton (Operations Manager) on 01494 447699.

**The closing date for applications is 12th April. Interviews will be held the week beginning 20th April.**

## Bell Ringing at Hughenden Church

You may have been walking in the Park on a pleasant Tuesday evening and heard the wonderful sound of church bells ringing out over the fields. You might have heard the occasional clash between bells or an abrupt stop. This is because Tuesday night is bell ringers' practice night.



There are eight bells in Hughenden Church, ranging in weight from 6cwt to just under 15cwt. The bells are in a chamber at the top of the tower and are rung from the ringing chamber on the floor below. When they are being rung the bells rotate through nearly a full circle, so skill is needed to control them. Each bell is attached to a huge wheel with a rope around a groove in the wheel and this is the rope that ringers below are pulling to sound the bell. The first task for a new ringer is to learn bell control and tower captain David Cornwall is only too keen to teach anyone who would like to learn. Do not fear – you do not have to be musical and a bell will not drop on your head!

On practice nights we are very lucky to be joined by ringers from other churches and this helps as there are not enough members of the current band to guarantee a good practise. Once the basics of bell control have been mastered the next task is to learn to ring 'in rounds' which means keeping your bell in the correct position with the other seven bells. Obviously it helps to have good ringers to guide any who are less confident. If you hear the same pattern of bells changing every now and then it is because the bells are ringing 'call changes'. This means someone is telling the ringers in which order to ring. And the next step is to learn one of the fascinating methods of which there are many.

The bells are rung for the 10.45 am service and once a year they are 'half muffled' for the Remembrance Day service. This means a cover is put over half the clapper of each bell so that the sound is alternately normal and then quiet. At other times you may hear the bells ringing without stopping for three quarters of an hour, or

for almost three hours. This is usually visitors ringing a quarter peal or a peal. The Hughenden bells are particularly good to ring and visitors come by arrangement and pay a small fee for use of the tower. If you are interested you would be very welcome to talk to David and to come and see what is going on for yourself. A word of warning: David says that three of the people he has taught to ring have become ordained – so anything is possible!

**Beryl Doran**

## **EASTER SERVICES ON A CRUISE SHIP**

I am lucky to have just returned from a cruise holiday. We flew to Singapore where we boarded our liner. We had been on her before. Lovely boat, it takes only 700 passengers and is very friendly and casual. We were to stop at Penang, Sri Lanka, three ports on the west coast of India, Muscat and fly back from Dubai. Absolutely amazing and I am so lucky.



I noticed on the news bulletin that there was to be a Sunday service only hours after boarding, so duly attended. Only nine of us were there then (it was short notice). Altogether we had five services. The priest was a retired Lutheran priest from Maine. He was great and had managed to bring palms through customs! He prayed specifically for my knee which was bad due to a recent fall and I was back on sticks. Good Friday was interesting as we were crossing the Arabian Sea and it was very rough! By Easter Sunday there were about a hundred in the congregation. There was also going to be a service for the staff at 10.30pm.

The priest and his wife were always seen about the ship, doing the obligatory laps around the jogging track and going on excursions.

A lovely retirement job and it enhanced and enriched the most important time of the year to Christians of many denominations. So Simon and Helen that is something to consider in the future????

**Sue Devereux**

# May's Prayer Topics

<p><u>2<sup>nd</sup> Church Wardens/ PCC/ Leadership Team</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pray for the new PCC as it starts on its work and especially for the new members, also for good communication with the PCC and constituents given to every member</li> <li>- Thanks for the better understanding between the Church and the National Trust</li> <li>- Pray for Simon and Cath as they travel in Australasia.</li> </ul>
<p><u>13<sup>th</sup> Gardeners/ Grave Diggers</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thanks for the work of Keith Dean as he retires from the mowing team. - Thanks that two young men have joined the team</li> <li>- Pray that the weather will be good on the days chosen for mowing our beautiful churchyard.</li> </ul>
<p><u>17<sup>th</sup> Bookstall all who run it and use it</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thanks that Cath has been able to take over the Church Bookstall from Elaine</li> <li>- For the books that are available, both new and 'pre-loved', to be just what the people who visit the bookstall are looking for, whether they know that's what they need or not.</li> </ul>
<p><u>23<sup>rd</sup> Men's Breakfast</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pray that a meeting of this special ministry to men will soon be possible again</li> </ul>
<p><u>24<sup>th</sup> National Trust</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pray for the swift restoration of our library ceiling and the Faust book both damaged in the recent water leak in The Manor.</li> <li>- Prayers of thanksgiving as always for all our volunteers who give up their time relentlessly to support us.</li> </ul>
<p><u>26<sup>th</sup> Alpha Courses</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- That many more of our congregation will encourage a friend, or a neighbour or a work colleague to come to the course. We do encourage you to come to the first supper meeting with the person so that they get over the "stranger in a group" situation.</li> <li>- That we get lots of people interested and make enquiries.</li> <li>- That plenty of helpers come forward to assist.</li> </ul>
<p><u>Mission Prayer – Open Doors - Kenya</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For the prevention of more al-Shabaab attacks - they have threatened further bloodshed</li> <li>- For healing for those who were injured in the attacks</li> <li>- For comfort for mourning families and the swift identification of bodies</li> <li>- For wisdom for the Kenyan government as they consider how to prevent extremist violence</li> </ul>

## Valley Wives – May Report

### The Restoration of Mary-Anne Disraeli's Garden

Our speaker Mr Frank Parge, the Head Gardener at Hughenden Manor, studied in his native Germany and learned to apply the most modern technology to gardening and also studied garden history. He has become known as a Landscape Engineer. Frank returned to Britain about thirty years ago, with his wife who was a trainee paediatric doctor at Stoke Manderville Hospital, and his two sons aged ten and three years old. Frank was free to look for work and found that Waddesdon Manor required someone with experience in garden design and knowledge of garden history, to restore their Victorian Parterre.

The National Trust reviewed his portfolio and accepted his application. They also found that he was happy to take charge of the 14,800 plants needed to recreate and build what was required. He had to be able to develop an underground irrigation system and a way of keeping the garden weed free. Some years later the head gardener at Hughenden Manor was retiring and Frank was invited to use his experience to advise on the restoration of Mary-Anne Disrael's Victorian Garden. Disraeli bought the Manor in 1848 and decided to change the house style from Georgian to Victorian Gothic.

The Victorian lay out of the garden followed, showing Mary-Anne's planting scheme of cutting shapes out of the lawn and planting flowers or trees in the centres. The restoration team copied this by using Victorian shapes of items in the house. Frank showed us slides of these and the Victorian Pergola that ran the length of the rear of the house and was demolished in the 1930's. Plants in the garden are protected from rabbits by surrounding them with green metal stakes, and gravel paths are covered with cloths when likely to be littered with clippings, leaves or hedge cuttings etc. The



fountain that was installed in Mary -Anne's plans, never functioned because there was no mains water to the Manor. However when planted with blue flowers and silver leaf plants it makes a stunning display. Volunteers provided by the National Trust Holiday Camp are needed to plant thousands of plants each year. To make the geometric patterns Frank draws lines on the earth which the students follow. The lawns are made up of a mixture of grasses mixed with micro clover and no lawn feed or water is needed. The walled garden is a learning centre showing vegetable and fruit growing ideas. Frank knows the exact acreage of the estate, where every tree is and its species. There are three glasshouses and the restored orchard is growing original old English apple trees, pears, cherries and plums, with bumper crops last year, Frank answered questions from the members and was thanked by Heather for a very interesting talk. Hopefully we are all inspired to visit the gardens in the near future when it's at its best.

On May 1st Our speaker is Richard Road with a talk entitled "Grandma Flew Spitfires"

This is an OPEN MEETING, Everyone is welcome to join us.

**Joan Steele**

## **From the Parish Registers**

### **The Departed:**

Ivy Rosie Whittle, aged 93  
Clifford Alabaster, aged 88



## **From A Bucket of Surprises by J. John and M Stibbe**

Corrie Ten Boom said 'Don't bother giving God Instructions; just report for duty.'



**Presents  
THE VICAR OF DIBLEY**

**Supporting Comic Relief  
at  
Hughenden Valley Village Hall**

**A stage play by Ian Gower and Paul Carpenter adapted from the  
original TV series by Richard Curtis and  
Paul Mayhew-Archer, with kind permission of Tiger Aspect  
Productions**

**Wyspas, formerly known as High Wycombe Musical Entertainments Society, have been performing in High Wycombe for 75 years! As part of the 2015 Wycombe Arts Festival, we will be performing this two act play with all your favourite characters from the hugely popular television series - relive the arrival of the new down-to earth female vicar, Geraldine Granger and meet again the many oddball inhabitants of the quiet village of Dibley - The pompous David and his son Hugo, the dippy verger Alice Tinker, the foul-mouthed Owen, the pioneering cook Letitia, the world's most boring man Frank and of course, 'no, no, no, yes' Jim!!**

**As most of 'The Vicar of Dibley' is set in a Village Hall, we are bringing the play to Hughenden Village Hall and hope you will enjoy it!**

**Performance dates & Times:**

**Friday 22nd May 2015 at 7.45pm**

**Saturday 23rd May at 2.30pm and 7.45pm**

**Sunday 24th May at 7.45pm**

**Tickets £10 and are available for sale from Lynn McMinn on 01494  
564667**

**For credit card bookings call Marlow Tourist Office on 01628 48359**



# Calendar for May 2015

Morning Prayer is said daily from Monday to Saturday. See weekly notices sheet for timings.

Bell-ringing Practice is Tuesday at 7.30pm – why not come and learn to ring?

Choir Practice is Wednesday at 7.45pm – if you can read music (and particularly if you sing Soprano) you'll be very welcome.

Fri	1		<b>Philip and James, Apostles</b>
		10.00 am	Holy Communion: Church (30 minutes)
		10.00 am	Private Function: Church House
		1.00 pm	Wedding: Edwin Appleton and Victoria Furness
		7.30 pm	Wycombe Arts Festival: Church
Sat	2	1.00 pm	Wedding: Jeremy Saul and Christine Drew
Sun	3		<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
		9.00 am	Sung Communion
		10.45 am	All Age Family Service
		2.00-5.00 pm	Church House Teas
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Mon	4	2.00-5.00 pm	Church House Teas
Tue	5	7.30 pm	Mothers' Union: Church House
Wed	6	7.30 pm	Wycombe Arts Festival: Church House
Fri	8	2.00 pm	Wedding: David Thompson and Charlotte Laid
Sun	10		<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.45 am	Family Communion with JC club
		2.00-5.00 pm	Church House Teas
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Thu	14		<b>Ascension Day</b>
		8.00 am	24 hours of prayer for High Wycombe: North Room
		7.30 pm	Sung Eucharist: Church
Fri	15		<b>Matthias the Apostle</b>
Sun	17	10.00 am	Holy Communion: Church (30 minutes)
			<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Sung Communion
		10.30 am	Informal Family Service with JC Club
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Tue	19	7.30 pm	Church House Teas Cheese & Wine Evening
Thu	21	10.30 am	Tiny Tots' Service: Church
		10.30 am	Friendship Group: Church House
Sun	24		<b>Pentecost</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.45am	Family Communion with JC club
		2.00-5.00 pm	Church House Teas
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Wed	27	7.30 pm	Wycombe Arts Festival: Church House
Sat	30	2.00 pm	Wedding: James King and Emma Hopkins
Sun	31		<b>Trinity Sunday</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.45am	Family Communion with JC club
		2.00-5.00 pm	Church House Teas
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)

## The Lectionary – May 2015

		Readers	
		8am/6pm	9am
<b>3rd</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>		
	Acts 8, 26 – 40	J Holmes	H Farrar-Hockley
	1 John 4, 7 – 21	P Hynard	J Palmer
	John 15, 1 – 8	Priest	Priest
	Evensong: Psalm 96		
	Isaiah 60, 1 – 14	L Stallwood	
	Revelation 3, 1 – 13	M Morgan	
<b>10th</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>		
	Acts 10, 44 – 48	J Wilson	E Sadler
	1 John 5, 1 – 6	L Smit	L Stallwood (check
	John 15, 9 – 17	Priest	which lesson)
	Psalm at 9am: 98		
	Evensong: Psalm 45		
	Song of Solomon 4, 16 – 5,2 & 8, 6-7;	L Smit	
	Revelation 3, 14 – 22	B Dortan	
<b>17th</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>		
	Acts 1, 15 – 17 & 21 – 26	C Carter	C or J Tyrer
	1 John 5, 9 – 13	J White	A or R Gee
	John 17, 6 – 19	Priest	Priest
	Evensong: Psalm 147		
	Isaiah 61	B Brice	
	Luke 4, 14 - 21	S Brice	
<b>24th</b>	<b>Pentecost</b>		
	Acts 2, 1 – 21	A Jaycock	A Moore
	Romans 8, 22 – 27	J Dauncey	B Brice
	John 15, 26 – 27 & 16, 4b - 15	Priest	(check which lesson)
	Psalm at 9 am: 104, 24 - end		
	Evensong: Psalm 139		
	Ezekiel 36, 22 - 28	A Johnson	
	Acts 2, 22 – 38	E Bailey	
<b>31st</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>		
	Isaiah 6, 1 – 8	A Stacey	S Brice
	Romans 8, 12 – 17	S Badrick	D or H Lowe
	John 3, 1 – 17	Priest	(check which lesson)
	Psalm at 9am: 29		
	Evensong: Psalm 104, 1 – 23		
	Ezekiel 1, 4 – 10 & 22 – 28a	M Morgan	
	Revelation 4	B Brice	

## Regular Meetings and Organisations Friendship Morning

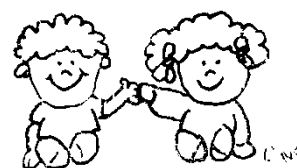


This is a get together in Church House on the 3rd Thursday each month at 10.30 a.m. It is primarily for those who are bereaved, who live on their own, and for those who are lonely. The emphasis is very much on companionship, and the atmosphere is light and cheerful. Please contact me if you think this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

**Penny Austin – 01494 529596**

## 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**

<b>House groups</b>	Weekdays	See weekly notice sheet for details
<b>CYFA</b> (School Years 10+)	alternate Sunday evenings in term time	Contact Mike Dean (463376) for details
<b>D-CYFA</b> (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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<b>TINY TOTS FUN WORSHIP</b>	Rev'd Helen Peters	716772
<b>AV AND SOUND SYSTEM</b>	Frank Hawkins	565050
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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 –**

- d. That is steadfastly based on the Bible and prayer*
- e. That is based on Jesus' example*
- f. 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*

**Let us not turn from the world, but be engaged within it.**

**May our politics be based on Gospel values, our motives be to serve God alone, and through God, to transform this world.**

**Amen.**