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Autumn Fruits

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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

I am writing this before Simon's last service on 20th September, but by the time you read it we will have entered our period of Vacancy. Our 13 years under the leadership of Simon (and Cath) have seen many changes at St. Michael and All Angels, but of course the whole world has also changed in that time.

In fact the only guaranteed constant in life is 'change'. Change can be considered as being negative if you view the current status as being good, BUT change may make it even better. Without change we could all potentially still be living in caves and surviving on nuts and seeds! Change is essential to keep a family/town/group /congregation alive and functioning.

During the period of Vacancy we can (and must) still follow the challenge we were given by Our Lord in Matthew 28 verse 18 – "Go and make disciples of all nations...".

The activities contributing to pursuing that challenge, which would normally have been performed by our Vicar, will need be carried out by others over the coming months, perhaps in a slightly different way, but that is not a problem. We are fortunate to have very capable and experienced Church Wardens in Brian and Christopher, a strong Leadership Team and an effective PCC under the Chairmanship of Clare; all of whom are tasked with ensuring that nothing gets missed during the Vacancy. But we ALL need to play our part, hence the graphic above – we all need to join hands and help each other. We all need to support those in leadership roles (e.g. offer to help when requests are made), watch out for regular faces that may go missing from your service (tell the Sidesman) and most importantly PRAY.

Feel free to use the prayer on the bottom of the back cover.

Jane and Bob Tucker Editors

Vacancy Update: One

By the time that you read this, we shall have begun our Vacancy: a time for prayer, hope, commitment and challenge for us all. If we hold together and work as a family team, all will be well. Everyone is important and we need everyone's input to make the process run smoothly and to get the best results.

1. **Tuesday the 8th September:** the PCC met Andrew Gear, the Parish Development Adviser for our Archdeaconry. He will be alongside us as a critical friend to guide, advise and assist us. He made a number of important points which we will set out in turn.
 - Andrew will offer support and feedback at every stage of the preparation of our Parish Profile. He has great experience of writing a good one and he will be available to talk to those who will be drafting it at every stage and to meet the PCC again if necessary;
 - During the vacancy we must encourage new and regular members of the congregation to come forward and offer themselves;
 - We need to draw together as a Church family even more strongly: we must all be aware of those who are not attending so that we can inquire and check that everything is well;
 - **Helen, our Associate Minister, is not in charge!** It will be the responsibility of the Churchwardens – and, indeed, all of us – to make sure that she is not overburdened. Left to herself she will, of course, do any and everything. We will do as much as we can to lighten her inevitable load;
 - Although we have warned of a timeline to September 2016, it could be quicker if we work together; if the Parish Profile is ready by the end of November and the Bishop approves, we could advertise in January and have a new Vicar as soon as June. See the notes on the Parish Profile below. But beware: it is better to take our time and do the process properly.
 - There needs to be continuity and quality of worship in our Services: we will see Services taken, as now, by Helen and Melvyn Bleakley; also by David Tester whose licence as LLM

will be transferred to us on the 27th September, Christopher, Lin and Arthur from our own congregation and by the Reverend Canon Tina Stirling, formerly Vicar of the Bernwode Benefice – a group of seven Churches and congregations in West Bucks., towards Bicester. We have covered all Services until Christmas and will be planning 2016 shortly.

2. **The Parish Profile:** this is the document that sets out who we are, where we have come from and where we wish to go. What is the role and person specification that we are seeking?

The PCC has appointed a small group to draft the Profile: it will consist of Clare Godfrey, the PCC Lay Chair, the two Churchwardens and Richard Turner, who has IT and marketing skills that will be invaluable.

We shall be consulting – so please be ready to let us have your views on where we should be heading and the attributes that we should be seeking in the next Incumbent.

3. **Prayer:** we must be steadfast in our prayer for the future of this Parish. We are seeking to discern the Will of the Holy Spirit for our Church – its next steps and its future direction. Helen has suggested and has kindly agreed to lead **Prayer Breakfasts** on the second Saturday of the month: So **Saturday the 10th October, Saturday the 14th November and Saturday the 12th December between 0800 and 0915.** It will be a light breakfast, not a feast!! There will be lists for you to add your name.
4. **When the Parish Profile is drafted and when we are close to a final draft, we will engage in a wider consultation with the whole Church. The final draft must be approved by Andrew Gear and by the PCC.**
5. **Bishop Alan is handling this appointment. The PCC will need to select two representatives, usually the Churchwardens, to sit on the interviewing panel. The Interviewing Panel will consist of the Bishop, the Area Dean, a representative of the Patron [The Diocesan Board of Patronage] and the two parish representatives. There may be another or others.**

We will continue to communicate with you by announcements: at Services, through the Notices and in the monthly Parish Magazine. Please continue supporting one another, praying, attending Church and taking part in the process over the next few months: a successful outcome depends on us all.

**Brian Clark and Christopher Tyrer:
Churchwardens.**

News from 'Christians in the Community'

For 'Christians in the Community' the summer period has been quiet but now Autumn is upon us!!!

On Tuesday 6th October we will have our Committee meeting at 10.30 am (all welcome, just phone me to find out where the meeting is going to be)

On Saturday 17th October there will be a Traidcraft coffee and teas morning at the Naphill Methodist Church 10 til 12. Extra supplies of Traidcraft products will be available to buy. There will also be a raffle and a cake stall.

Our Carols by Candlelight service will be at the Naphill Village Hall on the 20th December at 4.00 pm. All are welcome.

Norma Clarke Tel 563116

A visit to Liverpool Cathedral

Frank and Diane Hawkins, Bob and I visited the city of Liverpool briefly in June, and during our time in the city we visited one of the two cathedrals.

It is a huge building with vast vaulted ceilings, designed by Giles Gilbert Scott, once he won a design competition in 1902, at the age of 22. The cathedral was built over a period of 76 years, the final completed cathedral being dedicated in 1978, with a service attended by Queen Elizabeth II.



Kinging Edward VII laid the foundation stone in 1904 and then progressively with the Lady Chapel in 1910, then the High Altar and Chancel in 1924, followed by 331ft Central Tower in 1944 (during World War II) and the first ringing of the bells in 1951 the cathedral gradually assumed the current structure.

The first thing that we encountered was the fact that there was a lift to enable easy disabled access and we then entered the main Chancel. We were immediately captured by the huge Great West Window and the Tracey Emin art installation associated with it.

Not everything was on a huge scale, there were a number of smaller side chapels and one which specifically attracted us was the Chapel of the Holy Spirit set aside for quiet contemplation and prayer. It was somewhat strange to find a café and a shop within the cathedral building.

Jane Tucker



Presents:

Charity Dog Race Night

Friday 16th October 7.30pm



Magnolia Park - Valley Road

Hughenden Valley HP14 4LA

Dog Racing Films – Hot Dog or Burger – Bar

Cost: £10 per ticket including food

A fun night out supporting our vision to furnish a young adult recreation and respite facility be located in the new South Bucks Hospice

Book the date: Tickets enquires: info@karensbigsmiles.org

Kathie: 01494 451279

KathieJenkins@btinternet.com

October Recipe - Blackberry Mousse

Many years ago when I was a little girl I lived in Tunbridge Wells, Kent. One of my early recollections was of a large common between the hill, called Mount Ephraim where my little Primary School "Rosemead" was, and the well known place called The Pantiles, famous for their health spa watering springs. People would come from far and wide to drink the beneficial, but to my taste disgustingly bitter waters.

The common separating these two areas seemed a very interesting place for a child as there was a huge formation of rock named "Wellington Rocks" which looked rather like some old castle set in a mass of silvery sand. Children often came to play there, scrambling up the rock face and jumping into the soft sandy base.

All around the rest of the common there were large grassy spaces with a variety of wild flowers and bushes and great clumps of brambles. In the autumn many people turned out to go blackberrying and countless families spent happy hours gathering the glowing black fruit. I can still remember the taste and smell of the juice on my fingers as we foraged for this autumn feast, stretching up through the prickly branches to try and grasp those bigger berries. That always seemed to be just out of reach! Such a happy memory - so I thought I would use blackberries as the recipe this month. I have chosen Blackberry Mousse as you get the flavour without the pips!

Ingredients

1lb blackberries – reserve a few for decoration
4oz caster sugar
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 tablespoon cold water
1 packet of gelatine powder or ½oz of leaf gelatine
¼ pint of double cream (if dieting use low fat crème fraîche)
3 egg whites



Method

Pick over the blackberries, discarding any under-ripe or otherwise spoiled fruit. Wash and simmer for ten minutes with the sugar and the lemon juice in a saucepan. Put three tablespoons of water in a basin and sprinkle on the gelatin, or place the sheets, broken up, and stand for three minutes until spongy.

Pass the fruit and juice through a sieve to make a puree. Add the gelatine and stir well until it is properly dissolved. When this shows signs of setting add three egg whites stiffly whipped and the cream lightly beaten. It is best to add the cream first and then fold in the whites until well blended. Pour into a pretty glass dish or individual dishes and decorate with a little cream and a few good blackberries.

Ann Way

St. Michael's Prayer Breakfasts during vacancy

Enjoy breakfast followed by an opportunity to pray together for the life of St. Michael's during the vacancy.

Saturday 10th October
Saturday 14th November
Saturday 12th December

8am -9.15am Church House

Please let Helen know if you can be there, for catering purposes:

Tel: 01494 716772
helen.peters@peters-research.com

My World Challenge

Hello, my name is Harry Cooper (Hugh and Ann McCarthy's Grandson) and recently, as some of you may already know, I came back from a World Challenge expedition to Malaysia. I was able to do this as a student at Sir William Ramsay School. During our two weeks in Malaysia we split our time between helping at a disabled children's home and trekking in the Cameron Highlands.



The particular home was the Taman Megah's Handicapped and Disabled Children's Home and it cared for children with physical and mental disabilities, as well as underprivileged children. They also took adults with the mental ages of children. Our time there was spent playing and interacting with the children, and helping staff to move furniture into and around their new building, which has taken them many years to build and has only been completed for a short time. At the end of our time spent with the children at the home, we made a small donation of £400 as well as giving some toys.

We then travelled to the Cameron Highlands, an area with an altitude of around 4000 feet - so much higher than the Snowdon or Ben Nevis. On our first trek we planned to walk up one of the local peaks Gunung Jasar. Initially our only obstacles were fallen trees and the sheer narrowness of the path, however soon we began climbing - not just in altitude but also over tree roots. This continued for some time until we reached the summit. For our next trek we headed to Robinson's waterfall. From the waterfall we carried on to a tea plantation. This trek though had a much more jungle-like feel since it had many fallen trees, steep muddy descents and partial path collapses. However the most exciting event of the day was the journey back from the plantation, when all twelve of us hitchhiked to the hostel in the back of a pickup. Sadly, all too soon it was time for home.

Finally, I would like to thank anyone who donated money or came to my quiz night as, without you, I would not have been able to experience the wonders of Malaysia or help the children at the home.

Thank you, Harry.

High Wycombe & District Branch - MS Society

The High Wycombe and District Branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society will be holding their annual Ploughman's Lunch and Mini Bazaar on Saturday 7th November at Hughenden Valley Village Hall.



The doors open at 12.00pm with lunches served at 12.30pm. There will be a tombola; raffle; book stall and bric-a-brac stall. Lunches will cost £6.50.

If anyone has any prizes for the raffle; books or items for the bric-a-brac please let Judy Biggs know on 01494 562204.

All proceeds from the event will be used to help people with MS in the local area.

Belinda Peddle
Secretary 01494 443917

The Stranger – a modern fable

A few years after I was born, my Dad met a stranger who was new to our small town. From the beginning, Dad was fascinated with this enchanting newcomer and soon invited him to live with our family. The stranger was quickly accepted and was around from then on.

As I grew up, I never questioned his place in my family. In my young mind, he had a special niche. My parents were complementary instructors: Mom taught me good from evil, and Dad taught me to obey. But the stranger....he was our storyteller. He would keep us spellbound for hours on end, with adventures, mysteries and comedies. If I wanted to know anything about politics, history or science, he always knew the answers about the past, understood the present and even seemed able to predict the future! He took my family to our first football game.

He made me laugh, and he made me cry. The stranger never stopped talking, but Dad didn't seem to mind. Sometimes, Mom would get up quietly while the rest of us were shushing each other to listen to what he had to say, and she would go to the kitchen for peace and quiet. I wonder now if she ever prayed for the stranger to leave.

Dad ruled our household with certain moral conviction, but the stranger never felt obligated to honour them. Profanity, for example, was not allowed in our home – not from us, our friends or visitors. Our long-term visitor, however, got away with four-letter words that burned my ears, made my Dad squirm and my Mother blush.

My Dad didn't permit the liberal use of alcohol but the stranger encouraged us to try it on a regular basis. He made cigarettes look cool, cigars manly, and pipes distinguished. He talked freely (much too freely!) about sex. His comments were sometimes blatant, sometimes suggestive, and generally embarrassing.

I now know that my early concepts about relationships were influenced strongly by the stranger. Time after time, he opposed the values of my parents, yet he was seldom rebuked, and NEVER asked to leave.

More than fifty years have passed since the stranger moved in with our family. He has blended right in and is not nearly as fascinating as he was at first. Still, if you could walk into my parents' sitting room today, you would still find him sitting over in the corner, waiting for someone to listen to him talk and watch him draw his pictures.

His name?... We just call him TV.

He has a wife now – we call her Computer.

Their first child is Mobile Phone.

Second child is named iPod.

And born, just a few years ago, is a Grandchild: iPad.

Courtesy of "The Bulletin" - Christ the Servant King

From the Parish Registers

Holy Matrimony:

On Saturday 29th August:

James Oliver Thomas Dawson to Fiona Elizabeth Anne Hinds

The Departed:

Audrey Lloyd, aged 87

Lord be with me through the day.
Hold me, so I do not stray.
Make me a porter at the door of thought
So love is all - and evil nought.
Please give me strength to do your will
With gratitude my life I'll fill.
Make me into a channel for your love -
With your helping hand from above
And, at the ending of the day
Be with me, as in faith, I pray.
Guard me through the darkest night
So I may wake to your
pure light.
Amen

(A gift from God many years ago)

This prayer was written by Ann Way and is used by her daily.

Mothers' Union 1st September

Speaker Len Rickards Title: 'Val's interest in Art'

Mothers' Union were very honored to welcome Len Rickards as their speaker, who is the husband of Val, a special MU member for many years until her death in 2011. Len was talking about Val's multiple talents as an artist and was accompanied by his daughter Susan and two granddaughters, Mary and Rachel.

Len proudly told us how Val had taken art up in later life when she retired, and how it became a real passion. Val first attended a design course at the old Wellesbourne School in 2000, where at the end of one year she achieved 3 credits at level 3, an extraordinary achievement in such a short time. Len had brought with him many examples of Val's art but also a slide show of work he had photographed. Val carried a sketchbook everywhere and particularly loved to draw still life, portraits and figures, and abstract art; many of which we were shown. She also drew landscapes and he showed us a beautiful picture of Hughenden Church; she had also painted a picture of Edie's cottage for her 80th birthday. He said she loved to copy great works of art and had examples of Monet, Picasso and Lowry to name but a few!

As Val gained experience she went on to set up a course for the U3A called the 'Discovering Art group'. This grew in size so much that they had to move to meet in Naphill Village Hall. Val went on to organize a number of tours for the art group, where they not only visited a number of places in the UK but also to Amsterdam in 2002 and Venice in 2004.

It was a lovely evening and nostalgic for many members of MU who had been friends with Val for many years.



Next month's MU meeting will take place in Church House at 7.30p.m. on October 6th, when we will hear from Kathie Faulkner who will be telling the story of her daughter Karen and the KBS Charity set up in her memory. As usual visitors, both male and female will be very welcome to join us.

Julia Grant

The Life of a Political Journalist's wife by Ann Way

Episode 2

Another fascinating and colourful character with whom I became well acquainted, was Jeremy Thorpe. When I first met him he was the young Liberal Member for North Devon. He always called me 'Jed's Girl' as my father was known as Jed and he knew Jeremy fairly well. Jeremy was always interesting to talk to, amusing with a fund of little anecdotes; a real raconteur. Leslie got on well with him and we were invited to his wedding reception after his marriage to Caroline, a lovely girl. We were devastated when she was killed in a car crash. Jeremy was inconsolable and built a large monolith to her memory in the grounds of his Devon home. On another occasion he called Leslie to his office saying he wanted him to see something. Leslie went in to be confronted with a life-size, completely realistic statue of Caroline! It gave him a real shock and left us feeling so sad for poor Jeremy.



On a happier occasion we went to his second wedding reception on the occasion of his marriage to Marion, ex-wife of Lord Harwood. I was particularly thrilled as we arrived to see Sir Yehudi Menuhin going in before us. He had been a complete hero of mine since childhood. I would queue for hours to hear him play his violin. Alas, I didn't get the chance to talk to him at the reception. Jeremy, of course, became Leader of the Liberal Party after Jo Grimmond, until a terrible scandal involving a homosexual hanger-on whose dog was

shot, (allegedly by way of scaring him off) put an end to Jeremy's political career. By now, sadly Jeremy had Parkinsons Disease. We saw him, looking very frail, at St Margaret's Church, Westminster when we attended the memorial service for Edward Du-Cann's second wife. 'You must come to dinner', he said – but unfortunately it was obvious that this would never happen.

Another MP on our salver was Douglas Marshall, MP for Bodmin. I can remember going with Leslie to lunch at his lovely house near Loswithiel. It was a beautiful place. At that time, in the late 1950s, very few people had freezers. It was October and I was extremely impressed when we were served up a huge bowl of raspberries which he informed us had been gathered from his gardens in the summer. How times have changed! He always reminded me of Toad of Toad Hall as he had rather a short neck and a rounded figure and something of the jolly, enthusiastic manner of that wonderful, ebullient character from 'Wind in the Willows'! Eventually he was succeeded by Peter Bessel, one of Jeremy Thorpe's lieutenants, who turned out to have a very dubious career! Funnily enough, the first time Leslie interviewed Peter I was sitting in on it and when Leslie asked me afterwards what I thought of him, I expressed some doubts. There was just something about him! He was followed by Robert Hicks who became a great pal of Leslie's. He was a bit of a Party rebel and had to wait rather a long time for his expected knighthood!.

An MP most of you will have a fair knowledge of is Dr David Owen. He was first elected to Parliament in 1966 and became Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Minister of Defence. He worked his way through Defence to Health and then Foreign and Commonwealth Ministries until, after working under Barbara Castle, he became, at 37, the youngest Foreign Secretary since Anthony Eden who had been appointed in 1935. More recently, he was one of the Peace Negotiators in the Bosnia Crisis. He was always friendly and nice to meet. He has a charming American wife called Debbie, well known in publishing, who had Delia Smith among her clients. (Delia Smith actually sat next to me when she was Guest of Honour at a luncheon at a City & Guilds Cookery Course I was doing at Amersham. She was also as nice as she seems on TV!) I remember that we were very worried and sad when we heard that one of David's little boys had

leukemia, but thank goodness, his treatment was successful and he is now a healthy adult. David Owen later left the Labour Party to form the Social Democratic Party with Roy Jenkins and Shirley Williams (daughter of Vera Brittain) and Bill Rodgers. They were known as 'The Famous Four'.

Anthony Wedgwood Benn, another of Leslie's West Country MPs representing Bristol, gave up his peerage to become a Labour MP instead of sitting in the House of Lords. He was the son of Viscount Stansgate and it caused a great stir at the time.

Apart from writing for the Western Morning News, Leslie used to do a regular weekly broadcast for the BBC called 'The West at Westminster'. These broadcasts were very well known in the West Country. I often used to go to Broadcasting House with him to watch and listen to the recording being made – and meet the MPs who were guests on the programme in the hospitality room afterwards. There was a lady who was the Hospitality Organiser called Anne Marie. She had been one of the Resistance Movement workers in France with her husband. She had some amazing stories to tell!

When, after well over 800 broadcasts, the 'West at Westminster' finally finished as regional broadcasting faded out and local radio took over, there was a reception held for Leslie at the House of Commons. I was there and had a large bouquet presented to me by Anthony Wedgwood Benn.

There were many other exciting receptions I had the pleasure of attending. When Harold Wilson became Prime Minister he started the habit of inviting political writers and their spouses to a yearly party at 10 Downing Street. There I was able to meet most of the members of the Cabinet. It was a lovely setting for a party and we used to arrive and go up this wonderful staircase with pictures of all the previous Prime Ministers. I even had occasion to see the Cabinet Room where they all sit around this enormous table. Mary Wilson was the hostess at these do's but she was not keen on socializing and used to slip away with one or two of her friends half way through!



I met Harold Wilson's secretary, Marcia Williams, who became Lady Faulkender when he finally sent her to the House of Lords. She was a close member of what was known as 'Harold Wilson's Kitchen Cabinet of Advisors' and was reputed to have a great deal of power behind the scenes. She was a tall, statuesque blonde, very elegant!

Don't miss episode 3 next month!

FLOODLIGHTING DEDICATIONS

A floodlighting dedication received too late for the September magazine was for:

13 – 19 September Judy Wilson is celebrating the centennial of the Women's Institute, particularly on 16 September, WI Day, and thanking the movement for its major contribution to the causes of promotion of both family and women's issues over the past 100 years

There are no dedications yet for October.

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

Church Altar Flowers – How-To Guide!

Jean Godfrey is always looking for extra people to sign up to put flowers behind the Altar. The rota is found in the Church Porch.

She has said that no skill is necessary as all that is needed is a bunch of flowers from a supermarket, so I decided to try that out!

See below for a step by step guide :-

Step 1 – find your vase in the cupboard in North Chapel
– there will be a watering can there too!



Step 2 – Put water in the vase then carefully
unwrap the flowers from the wrapper .



Step 3 – Put the flowers – exactly as they were in
the wrapper – directly into the vase.



Step 4 - Put the vase of flowers in place behind the
Altar, and give yourself a pat on the back!

I tried it and it worked, so let's see a few more names on that Flower
rota!!

Jane Tucker

Open Doors

This year Open Doors celebrates 60 years of God's faithfulness to the persecuted church. So much has happened since Brother Andrew made that first journey behind the iron curtain in 1955 with a suitcase containing a change of clothes and hundreds of booklets entitled 'The Way of Salvation'. On that journey he first met Christians who were persecuted for their faith, and meeting them changed his life. In 1957 in Belgrade, Brother Andrew was speaking at a packed church meeting in Communist Yugoslavia and when he spoke about regular Bible reading, they looked away. He was told by the pastor of that church that most of those present did not possess a Bible; in fact only seven people present owned a Bible. So that was the start, and Open Doors has been distributing Bibles ever since. Last year alone 1.1 million Bibles, New Testaments, Gospels and children's Bibles were distributed.

There is now a persecuted church in over 60 nations and Open Doors is supporting and strengthening those churches in many ways. During 2014 over 300,000 Christians facing persecution or discrimination were trained by Open Doors; courses included theological training, dealing with persecution and trauma counselling. They are involved in helping Christians in Nigeria, Iraq, Syria, CAR and in Sudan; last year they provided emergency relief aid for nearly 200,000 people around the world. Through gifts from regular supporters in UK and Ireland, Open Doors have been able to provide ongoing support for over 2,000 children, with safe houses and homes, education, Sunday schools and children's camps, where they are free to learn more about Jesus and make friends. In Iraq Open Doors have been working with internally displaced people for ten years and they will continue to do so for as long as they are needed, to help families resettle and rebuild their lives.

Here at home they keep us informed and ask for our gifts, mostly our time. Above all take the time to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ, to sign petitions, to write to our government representatives and encourage them to engage with diplomatic representatives of other countries where we know that persecution takes place. They encourage communication with people who are incarcerated for their faith using their letter writing guide booklet, which can be

downloaded or requested by post by emailing inspire@opendoorsuk.org. Receiving our letters helps them to know that they are not forgotten, that we hold them in thought and prayer.

On Saturday, 14th November, Open Doors have organised 'The Greatest Adventure' at the International Convention Centre in Birmingham. At this event we will be able to hear about the persecuted church and praise God together. Speakers for the day include a North Korean refugee who survived the gulag; a church leader from Baghdad, Iran, telling us what's happening for Christians there today; a widow from Nigeria who escaped a Boko Haram camp; a commentator from China who will talk about China today and help us think about China tomorrow and what the needs of the church may be; and Johan Companjen, former President of Open Doors International, who will share memories of over 35 years working alongside Brother Andrew, how it all began and his hopes and prayers for the future. Book tickets on www.opendoorsuk.org/60th or ['phone 01993 777300](tel:01993777300). Look for Poster in the Church Porch.

Yvonne Cook
Mission Promotion Group

Missing Cake Container

I am trying to locate a type of Tupperware cake container, which comfortably holds a traybake cake. The trade mark is actually 'Frig-o-seal', which is a Canadian company. It has been missing since the first weekend in June and I know that it was left in the pick-up area of Church House at the end of that weekend session. However, when I went to collect it the following Sunday it was not evident. It is a very plain looking container, nothing fancy, but it is just so handy and I would like to have it back if possible. Any help in finding it would be very much appreciated.

Many thanks.

Yvonne Cook

24/7 Prayer for Wycombe



With summer now behind us and looking forward beyond Autumn to the winter months, The Wycombe Homeless Connection are preparing to repeat their 'Big Sleepout', this year on Friday, 20th November, and the location will be All Saints Churchyard, behind Cafe Costa in the centre of Wycombe (see page 24 for more details). This is an opportunity to discover what it is like to 'sleep rough' in Wycombe; giving up the comfort of your bed for a sleeping bag. It is hoped that this event will increase awareness of the plight of the homeless in Wycombe and raise funds to enable more help to be given to the huge number of people who do not qualify for council help. Registration is now open and is for over 16 year olds only. If you go to the WHC website and click on the BIG SLEEPOUT box you can view all the information for the event including how to collect sponsorship.

Maybe you could support WHC in kind. On their website there is a list of food items that they require and also items of clothing that they would appreciate. As of the end of August they required men's boxer shorts, track suit bottoms, cagoules/waterproof lightweight jackets and rucksacks. Their storage space is limited so please do contact them first to make sure these items are still required as the list changes frequently. If you have any double duvet-sized bags that come free from the dry-cleaners when you have had your duvets cleaned and that you do not need; they would be very much appreciated as they can use these to hand out bedding starter packs, when clients move into accommodation. Their telephone number is 01494 447699.

With the first month of the academic over Wycombe Youth for Christ will be looking ahead to another busy year supporting children and young people in schools throughout the area. I caught a programme on Radio 4 this morning during which parents called in to say how difficult their children had found the transition from primary to secondary school. Of course, many years have passed since

some of us were at school and we have probably forgotten what that transition was like. Do remember to hold the children in your prayers at this time as they settle in to their new schools and all the changes that come with that move. Pray too for Erica and her team as they plan their lessons, assemblies and various clubs they organise for school aged children and for good relationships to be built up with each new person they meet.

Our committed Prayer Day this month falls on Thursday, 8th October, from 8.00 am to Friday 8.00 am. The prayer space will be set up in **Church House** and all the usual facilities will be available; tea/coffee will be left in the kitchen if you would like a hot drink whilst you are there. The signup sheet and Prayer Points can be found in the literature holder on the table at the back of the Church. Prayerfully consider signing up for an hour, or part of an hour, if that is all you can manage, bringing the ministries taking place in Wycombe before God.

Yvonne Cook

Communicants – August

Sundays:

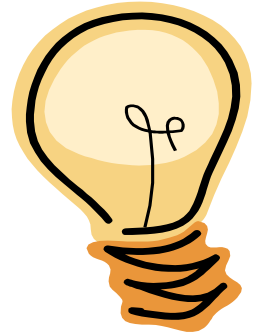
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9th 34 + 68 = 102
16th 23 + 42 = 65
23rd 27 + 61 = 88
30th 21 + 60 = 81

Weekdays

6th Transfiguration 21
15th The Blessed Virgin Mary 5

The Wycombe Homeless Big Sleepout 2015

Be part of our Big Sleepout which takes place on Friday 20th November in the churchyard of All Saints Church, behind Costa in the centre of High Wycombe. Following last year's capacity event, we would like to invite YOU to take part in something that will not only give you an insight into rough sleeping, but also raise a worthwhile sum to support our vital work.



Wycombe Homeless Connection is a small, local charity that helps about 400 people every year who do not qualify for council assistance and so have nowhere else to turn. We rebuild, and even save, lives every day. We offer a drop-in advice and support centre every weekday in Castle Street, plus the Wycombe Winter Night Shelter which runs January to March from seven local churches.

We don't spend money on advertising, call centres, chuggers or donor lists - we simply rely on local volunteers and donors. So every penny is gratefully received and efficiently spent. Sponsorship for The Big Sleepout 2015 is via Virgin Money Giving which is easy and effective. More details are on our website www.wyhoc.org.uk and you can register for the event by emailing sleep.out@wyhoc.org.uk.

Entry is limited to over-16s (there is limited space for under-18s who come with adult supervision). Space for students may be limited.

We are organising an informative, worthwhile, but also fun event - games, camaraderie, hot drinks and a light breakfast will be available to all participants. We would hugely appreciate your support for this event, and really look forward to hearing from you. There are limited spaces, so please get your applications in as soon as possible. Thank you!

“Its not too late”

Alpha at St Michael's Church Hughenden - 2015

Alpha is for anyone who wants to question whether Christianity is real or a delusion. You may be one of those who think there must be something in it or perhaps question why there are so many who believe whilst you cannot understand why. Alternatively, you may have a Christian belief but want to learn more.

This exciting Alpha Course will link with live sessions from Holy Trinity Church in Brompton London for about 30 minutes followed by some stimulating and thought provoking discussions with local leaders where no questions are ruled out. There will be a full range of speakers including Nicky Gumble who is well known as the founder of Alpha.

The questions that deserve an answer usually include:

Where am I going in my life?

Is there more to life than?

Did Jesus really die for us?

Is Christianity relevant in the 21st Century?

Why is there so much suffering in the world?

This is going to be an exciting and challenging course of about 11 sessions. No charges are made for it. If you feel that you want to know more but are not sure about the course itself, please feel free to come along for one or two sessions and then make up your mind. If you have to miss a session or so due to other commitments don't worry, we are used to this and can help you catch up. The course benefits by having representatives of all age groups from Young People to Senior Citizens.

Session 1 on the 30th September was a chance to get to know course members. Subsequent sessions start at 7.15pm each Wednesday. All sessions will finish by 9.45pm. So this is the time to come and ask those questions – call Fronk or Diane on 07850 150462 for details.

October's Prayer Topics

<p><u>2nd Church Wardens/ PCC/ Leadership Team</u></p>	<p>- Prayer for the process of selection of our new Vicar. Also for those involved in discerning the Will of the Holy Spirit and for visiting clergy who will be coming to take services.</p> <p>- Pray for our clergy - Helen, Melvyn - who will be taking the lion's share of the burden and for David Tester in his new role of LLM and for all the work that he will be undertaking.</p>
<p><u>13th Gardeners/ Grave Diggers</u></p>	<p>- Pray that the weather will be good on the days chosen for mowing our beautiful churchyard</p> <p>- Pray for Grave diggers over the winter months when they may need to work on wet or frozen ground</p>
<p><u>17th Bookstall all who run it and use it</u></p>	<p>- 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.</p>
<p><u>23rd Men's Breakfast</u></p>	<p>- Pray that a meeting of this special ministry to men will soon be possible again</p>
<p><u>24th National Trust</u></p>	<p>- We are asked to pray for National Trust colleagues at Clandon dealing with the aftermath of a devastating fire</p> <p>- Thanks for the busy summer and all the hours given by NT volunteers</p>
<p><u>31st Spring Valley Centre</u></p>	<p>- Pray for everyone at Spring Valley Centre, both service users and staff that all plans for the Autumn and Pre-Christmas season can run smoothly with minimal stress for everyone.</p>
<p><u>Mission Prayer – MAF</u></p>	<p>For MAF in Nepal :-</p> <p>- Pray as MAF facilitates the urgently needed helicopter flights enabling medical, and search and rescue teams to quickly reach remote and isolated areas.</p> <p>- Pray for MAF's Disaster Response Team's key involvement with logistics at Kathmandu Airport helping to clear the backlog of cargo and co-ordinate warehousing logistics and coordination.</p>
<p><u>Weekly Prayer Target for Tuesdays - Bell Ringers</u></p>	<p>As numbers of ringers are in short supply please pray for :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any people in the area who were ringers to come forward and restart. 2. Any person 10 years old or above who would like to be trained we would be very happy to teach them.

Valley Friends – Report

In July the Valley Friends had a talk by a new charity called Lindengate. The aim of this organisation is to help improve mental health by providing gardening activities in a tranquil and rural setting. The location of Lindengate is Wendover, next to the World's End Garden Centre. Anyone over the age of 18 years is welcome, and can be referred by a GP or health professional, or may wish to apply by using the self-referral form on their website www.lindengate.org.uk tel 0208 144 4291.

In August our Pot Luck Supper was most enjoyable and a great social evening.

At the September meeting Colin Oakes gave a most interesting and enthusiastic talk on the serious subject of the Amersham Martyrs.

The existence of a Saxon inhabited area in the Chilterns was first mentioned in 0970 and was named Egmolasham, which became known in the 16th century as Hamersham and eventually Amersham.

There was rivalry between the inhabitants of Chesham about 5 miles away and those of Amersham. Generally the people of the Chilterns were rebellious. The area between Oxford and London had many scholars who engaged in theological argument. They wandered around discussing religion and spreading dissent. They objected to the Bible being written in Hebrew or Latin and wished to have it translated into English (Anglo-Saxon) so that they could read and interpret the Holy Bible according to their own consciences.

They vigorously attacked many alleged abuses within the established church of Rome. They were known as Lollards and were active followers of a 14th Century movement



initiated by John Wycliffe who had translated the Bible into English, which they were forbidden to use. There were many sympathisers of the movement but under threat of burning at the stake, they gave in to the pressure of the Bishops. However, there were still far too many for all of them to be martyred, so in the case of Amersham eight Lollards were chosen, seven men and one woman. Many were branded on the forehead with an L. Thomas Harding was persecuted and branded in Amersham and martyred in Chesham, because he was found reading books in English. To compound the cruelty, the victim's children were chosen to light the pyre and in one case it was lit by the daughter-in-law of the victim. The following year 1535, King Henry VIII made things change, so that every Chiltern church had to have a Bible in English. The Martyrs died for principles of religious liberty and in 1932 a granite obelisk was erected on the hillside above Amersham as a somber memorial to England's intolerant past.

To mark the centenary of these events and to celebrate the lives and history of Amersham, a production of a play called "The Amersham Martyrs" takes place all around the town, commencing at the church. It retells the whole story. In Chesham the school had an exhibition reflecting the cruel times and honoring the Martyrs.



Colin gave us many more interesting details and insights into this history and was warmly thanked for a most knowledgeable and enthusiastic talk.

The next meeting of the Valley Friends is the AGM (49 years) and supper. Please bring a wrapped £4 present and plate, cutlery and glass.

Joan Steele

PETER AND THE WOLF by Prokofiev

with CHRISTOPHER TYRER (narrator)

New Mozart Orchestra
Conducted by Clive Fairbairn

The all-time favourite musical story will be performed by Christopher Tyrer (narrator) and Clive Fairbairn (conductor) with the New Mozart Orchestra on Saturday, 10th October at 7.00pm.

Appealing equally to adults as to children, this classic tale combining charm and adventure with tuneful and illustrative music, will be brought to life in the spacious setting of the new Events Hall at Buckinghamshire New University.

Come and enjoy Chris' eloquent delivery of the finely crafted script and Clive's professional resident orchestra of High Wycombe.

Also in the programme is Robert Wagner's beautiful Christmas present to his wife Cosima on the birth of their son, Siegfried – the 'Siegfried Idyll' - and Sir Malcolm Arnold's celebrated fantasia, 'Three Shanties'.

Saturday 10th October 2015 at 7.00pm
Events Hall, Bucks New University
High Wycombe HP11 2JZ

(Car Parking in Wycombe Swan or Eden Centre car parks)

Tickets* £15.00 (Concessions £12.50)
Primary school pupils free (accompanied)
Secondary and FE/HE students £5

from Wycombe Swan Ticket Office

*A £1.50 per ticket booking fee applies, capped at six per order.

www.nmo.org.uk

Calendar for October 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.

Sat	3	Harvest Barn Dance: Naphill Village Hall
Sun	4	18th Sunday after Trinity 8.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) 9.00 am Sung Communion 10.45 am All Age Family Service 2.15-5.00pm Church House Teas 6.00 pm Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Tue	6	7.30 pm Mothers' Union: Church House
Wed	7	7.30 pm Alpha Course: Church House
Thu	8	8.00 am 24 hours of prayer for High Wycombe: Church House 10.30 am Tiny Tots' Service: Church
Sat	10	8.00 am Prayer breakfast: Church House
Sun	11	19th Sunday after Trinity 8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.00 am Mattins (Book of Common Prayer) 10.45 am Family Communion 2.15-5.00pm Church House Teas 3.48 pm Acapella concert by Piggots choir (free): Church 6.00 pm Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Wed	14	7.30 pm Alpha Course: Church House
Thu	15	10.30 am Friendship morning: Church House 7.30 pm Wycombe YFC leaders' meeting: Church House
Sun	18	Luke the Evangelist 8.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) 9.00 am Sung Communion 10.45 am All Age Family Service 2.15-5.00pm Church House Teas 6.00 pm Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Thu	21	7.30 pm Alpha Course: Church House
Fri	22	7.30 pm Deanery Synod at St Mark's, Bourne End
Sun	25	Last Sunday after Trinity 8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.00 am Mattins (Book of Common Prayer) 10.45 am Family Communion 6.00 pm Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Wed	28	Simon and Jude, Apostles 10.00 am Holy Communion: Church (30 minutes) 7.30 pm Alpha Course: Church House

The Lectionary – October

Date	Lesson	Readers		
		8.00 am/6pm	9.00 am	10.45 am
4th	Harvest Festival			
	Joel 2, 21 – 27	J Holmes	J Palmer	S Dean
	1 Timothy 2, 1 – 7 or 6, 6 - 10	P Hynard	A Jaycock	
	Matthew 6, 25 – 33	Priest	Priest	
	Evensong: Psalm 125 & 126			
	Joshua 3, 7 – end	L Stallwood		
	Matthew 10, 1 – 22	M Morgan		
11th	19th Sunday after Trinity			
	Amos 5, 6 – 7 & 10 – 15	L Smit	L Stallwood	H Byrne
	Hebrews 4, 12 – end	J Wilson	E Sadler (check	L Comley
	Mark 10, 17 – 31	Priest	which lesson)	Priest
	Psalm at 9 am: 90			
	Evensong: Psalms 127 & 128			
	Joshua 5, 13 - 6. 20	L Smit/AJ		
	Matthew 11, 20 – end	S Brice		
18th	St Luke the Evangelist	*****		
	Isaiah 35, 3 – 6	J White	S Badrick	Leader
	2 Timothy 4, 5 – 17	C Carter	B Brice	
	Luke 10, 1 – 9	Priest	Priest	
	Evensong: Psalm 103			
	Ecclesiasticus 38, 1 – 14	B Doran		
	Colossians 4, 7 – end	B Brice		
25th	Last Sunday after Trinity			
	Jeremiah 31, 7 – 9	J Dauncey	R or A Gee	F Hawkins
	Hebrews 7, 23 – end	A Stacey	A Moore (check	D Hawkins
	Mark 10, 46 – end	Priest	which lesson)	Priest
	Psalm at 9am 119, 89 - 104			
	Evensong: Psalm 119, 121 – 136			
	Ecclesiastes 11 & 12	AJ/L Smit		
	2 Timothy 2, 1 - 7	E Bailey		

Regular Meetings and Organisations

Friendship Morning

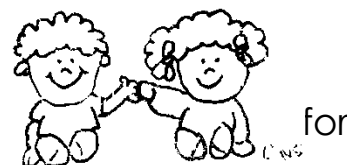
This is a get together in Church House on the 3rd Thursday each month at 10.30 a.m. It is primarily for those who are bereaved, who live on their own, and for those who are lonely. The emphasis is very much on companionship, and the atmosphere is light and cheerful. Please contact me if you think this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



Penny Austin – 01494 529596

Babies & Toddlers @ St. Michael's

Babies and Toddlers @ St. Michael's meets every Thursday from 9.30 -11.30am **in the North Room**. Come 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

A variety of house groups meet throughout the week. For days and times, or for further information contact Helen Byrne on helenbyrne67@googlemail.com or 01494 564342.

Young People's Groups @ St Michael's

CYFA (School years 10+) Alternate Sunday evenings in term time.

FLASH (School years 7-9) Monthly Sunday evening in term time.

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(AAA) (School years 4-6) Monthly Sunday teatime in term time.

For dates of meetings for all groups and further details contact Rebecca Hawes at rebecca@wycombeyfc.org.uk

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PLEASE: ALL contributions to be received by 15th Oct. PLEASE

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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*

May GOD, who gives patience and encouragement to those who seek Him in Faith, give us the spirit of unity during this Vacancy, so that we may live in harmony as we follow JESUS CHRIST and as we seek His guidance and His Will for this place, Amen.