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The Empty Tomb.

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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 Editorial the day before St. Michael's starts the 'try praying' initiative; which will be taking place within many churches across High Wycombe in February and March. As the name suggests, the 'try praying' initiative is all about making sure that you try and pray to Our Lord God every day, and in every circumstance. By the time you read this you might have had little turquoise booklet, given to you in church on 21st February, and I hope that you will have read it – over the period of 7 days - as it suggests. After the 7 days of trying praying, I hope that you will have done as suggested and passed the book onto a friend with the suggestion read it over 7 days and try praying too. My ideal situation is that by now that little turquoise book is in the hands of a third person who is also giving praying a try, for 7 days! You will also find in this magazine, on pages 11 and 12, an updated version of the Parish Prayer Cycle. Please cut the page out and keep it for use.

Of course, during the month of March there is one day that we hope every member of St. Michael's Church will be praying. On 10th March the interviews of potential candidates for the post of the Vicar of Hughenden will be taking place, in North Room and the Church. Please identify the most convenient time slot for you during the morning of 10th March; perhaps before breakfast, after dropping the children to school, in the bus on the way to work, over your coffee break or as you sit at a red traffic light. During those 3-4 mins ask Our Lord to guide and empower Christopher Tyrer and Julia Grant who will be interviewing the candidates. Ask God to grant Christopher and Julia wisdom in asking the questions and discernment in understanding the answers given; so that the selection of the new Vicar is based on a solid understanding of each of the candidates.

Jane and Bob Tucker, Editors

NOT From the Vicarage – March 2016

For each issue of Outlook during 'the Vacancy', we have asked members of the Church to write their own introduction to the magazine.

This month it is the turn of Brian Clark, one of our two Church Wardens, who have done such a sterling job to keep things going during the Vacancy.

I had just returned from holiday and on the following Sunday I walked down to Church. I just felt that something different was going to happen that day. As I went into the Church I noticed the nomination form for Churchwarden was sitting on top of the font. It really doesn't seem that this was nearly six years ago. I put my name down and was duly elected as Churchwarden.

I took over from Derek Godfrey who proved, over the first year, to be a great support and mentor, and was very helpful in the early days of our negotiations with the National Trust regarding the car park (would you believe). My fellow Churchwarden in the early days was Andrew Sykes. Andrew looked after the administration/spiritual side and I looked after the fabric of the building and the general maintenance of Church House and the churchyard. A few months later, Andrew moved to the Midlands

and my new partner became Christopher Tyrer. Once again Christopher is very strong on the administration side, in fact I always think of him as 'the academic' with myself as 'the bricklayer'! We work well as a team.

The area that I look after covers a range of activities, one of which is putting together the



mowing rota and indeed, being a mower myself.

It reminds me of one particular day in August some years ago, when I was busily mowing the churchyard grass. It takes about an hour and twenty minutes to do the whole job which gives you plenty of time to think, particularly of your relationship with God. I also had the opportunity to talk to my mother and father and indeed, my mother-in-law as I passed their graves. But on this day disaster

fell as I inadvertently mowed through a wasps' nest. As can be appreciated, wearing a short sleeved shirt and shorts, my limbs were rather exposed and I received a considerable number of stings. I abandoned the lawn mower and went straight home to take three antihistamine tablets which knocked me out solidly for about three hours! However, I woke up with no swelling at all.

On another occasion I went to the Church to get something out of the safe and as I opened the Vestry door there was a very strange aroma. In fact, in those days we used to keep the wine in large boxes and unfortunately one had split and there was a quarter of an inch of wine all over the Vestry floor and seeping into the Church. Quite a tidying up job! I may have got a bit tipsy from the fumes!

On one Sunday afternoon I received a telephone call from Church House telling me there was a live rat in the waste bin in the kitchen. On my arrival the Church Teas ladies were all standing outside the kitchen door. I armed myself with a broom and pulled out the waste bin drawer, ready to strike. However, sitting in the bottom of the bin was a glis-glis, with bright

eyes and a beautiful bushy tail. It was the size of a small squirrel. I put him out through the window and he went back home up to the National Trust!

I have spent many a happy hour sitting in the North Room on a monthly basis printing the magazine

with my co-printers. You learn a lot about people when you spend a



considerable amount of time with them; Norman Pulley telling me about the time when he crash landed in the desert with a couple of nuclear bombs in his plane; George Wilson used to be a fireman and Keith Dean was an instrument maker, probably of some of the instruments on Norman's plane! These are just a small number of the incidents that have taken place over my years as Churchwarden. I often feel I could write a book on the subject – I may do one day.

Simon, Christopher and myself, established an alternative parish office which we called The Harrow and there we had many discussions and spent many enjoyable evenings! I thank them both personally for their

support. After a few years in office, I came to really appreciate how much work Arthur does behind the scenes. Because he is resident on the site we have avoided many disasters, i.e. water leaks, power cuts, etc. I soon came to the conclusion that without a Verger, an awful lot of extra work would fall on the Churchwarden.

I have had tremendous help from so many people over my period as Churchwarden and I thank them all. The Church is like a family; we may have our little squabbles but if we pull together as a team, everything is achievable.

Brian Clark, Churchwarden

Mothers' Union Report - Feb 9th

Mothers' Union AGM means another year has gone by. Helen Peters kindly chaired the meeting for us.

We have had a very interesting year, lots happening and 2016 promises to be just as good. We are lucky to have such a large branch with over 40 members, many other branches have closed owing to lack of members. Being committee led is proving successful. Norma Clark has now taken on the job of Area vice President, a huge task, well done Norma, she will be fully enrolled on Lady Day April 4th.

All are welcome to any of our meetings, our next is on Tuesday March 1st. at 7.30 p.m., when our speaker will be Pippa Sawyer from Wycombe Sound.

Sara Badrick

MU Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who helped with, or attended the Coffee Morning on 17th February. We raised a total of £236.90, and were very pleased to welcome visitors from other MU branches, as well, of course, as many other friends old and new.

Jane Tucker

Grazie Mille



Church House was transformed into a village Trattoria for the Italian evening, enjoyed by 52 diners, tucking into antipasto, lasagne and tiramisu on Saturday February 6th.

The Sumptuous Feast was provided by James and Clare Godfrey, served by Mark Sherrington, Cordelia and Imogen Thompson and organised by Frank Hawkins and his team.

Apart from the excellent meal, there was wine tasting, a visit from an 'Italian soprano', and a surprise appearance by 'The Three Tenors'. (As one guest cruelly suggested: they were more like 5 pence pieces than Tenners).

The audience sort of joined in the singing of 'O Sole Mio', which was perhaps slightly easier than the accompaniment to our beautiful soprano's rendition of 'Volare'. Though the Italian words had been provided, few seemed able to fit them into the tune (apart from the well-known chorus: *Volare, oh oh oh oh*)

A quiz with prizes completed the evening and we bid each other Arrivederci.

An excellent evening: thank you one and all.

Communicants – January 2016

Sundays:

$$3^{\text{rd}} \quad 26 + 32 = 58$$

$$10^{\text{th}} \quad 12 + 75 = 87$$

$$17^{\text{th}} \quad 10 + 24 = 34$$

$$24^{\text{th}} \quad 22 + 82 = 104$$

$$31^{\text{st}} \quad 28 + 73 = 101$$

Weekdays:

$$6^{\text{th}} \text{ Epiphany} \quad 27$$

Mission Promotion Group – Open Doors Greatest Adventure (Cont'd)



OpenDoors

60 years of serving persecuted Christians

Our speaker from North Korea was a lady named Yong*. She spoke at length about her life beginning with her birth in China to a poor Korean family and that at the age of 7 years how the family were encouraged by the by the government of North Korea to return to the homeland for a better life. On their return they found that there was virtually no freedom at all; they were controlled in every aspect of their life and the hunger was unbearable. Her father and grandfather belonged to a Christian network which they both signed up to, but the authorities found out about it. Her father was imprisoned but her grandfather was released because he denied he was a Christian and blamed her father for everything. Yong's father remained in prison for 6 months and when he was released after being questioned again, and also denying that he was a Christian; he returned to the family who hardly recognised him as he had become so emaciated. He was a changed man, depressed and silent.

It was some years before Yong discovered the grace of God and the safety of his love. After the death of Kim Il-Sung in 1994 the economy collapsed and by this time Yong was married and had a son. Yong's family and neighbours fled to China but they were arrested at the border and imprisoned. At this point Yong was separated from her husband and son and she and her neighbour were incarcerated in the most inhumane conditions, experiencing interrogation, illness and torture. At that time Yong started to pray, first of all to family members and then she remembered seeing and hearing her grandfather praying to God so she started to do the same. God did answer her prayers but it was not an easy road to happiness. Now in South Korea, reunited with her family, she says she knows "God brought me here". After this testimony she was prayed for by one of the Chinese brothers.

The Revd Farouk Hammo from Iraq was our next speaker. He was inspired by meeting Brother Andrew, when a young man growing up in turbulent Iraq; now one of the most dangerous places in the world

to be a Christian. Farouk was an engineer when he first felt God's call to become a pastor and Andrew arranged for Open Doors to fund his training in Australia; where he went on to serve in an Arab church there. Farouk returned to Iraq and took up the post of senior pastor at a church in Baghdad. Farouk is still there today where he plays an important role in helping churches to collaborate and is viewed as a father figure by Christian ministers who remain with him. He has conversations with Muslim leaders in Iraq, connects Christians and Muslims, and supports Muslim-background believers.

Under his leadership churches are caring for the many displaced Christian families driven from their homes in Mosul and the surrounding Christian villages by IS. The government in Iraq is totally overwhelmed by the scope of the conflict and welcomes the help of churches in order to serve Christian families who have registered for support. Farouk and his team now care for over 400 displaced people with food, clothing, baby formula and electric heaters. These people all need psychological and emotional healing, due to the traumas they have experienced, so the church offers prayer, counselling and Bible study too. Farouk said the church is working hard not only to supply their needs, but to impart to them the Word of Christ; and is beginning to see a very encouraging and positive response where many souls are standing up and calling on the Lord Jesus Christ to be their Lord and Saviour.

Comfort*, from Nigeria, was our last speaker. True to say she was a formidable lady and had obviously been given divine courage to stay alive amongst members of Boko Haram. She and her family were captured when Boko Haram attacked the town of Mubi, in Adamawa State at the end of October 2014. She and her family were trying to escape when they met members of Boko Haram on their way. They were stopped and asked whether they were Christians or Muslims. They admitted they were Christians and they were told to lay down by the roadside. Comfort could hear them shooting a gun and thought they were firing into the air but later discovered that her husband and two sons had been shot.

She was taken with other Christian women and children and put into a house; there were about 30 women. They pleaded to be released but in reply to that request, they terrified them by shooting into the air

or placing them into a narrow patch of ground and at gunpoint asking them again whether they were Christians or Muslims? As time went by they moved them from house to house and the women continued to beg to be released but instead they kept challenging the women over their religion. The living conditions were bad and food scarce having only rice and oil and the quantities were not sufficient for them all so they fed the children; the youngest was two weeks old and the eldest 9 years old. At the end of November that same year a military operation allowed Comfort to escape her time in captivity. Comfort had the opportunity of sharing her powerful testimony at the Open Doors Nigeria meeting in Parliament recently giving parliamentarians, representatives from NGOs and the Metropolitan Police, some insight into life under persecution.

Lisa Pearce, Chief Executive Officer of Open Doors brought our day to a close with these words "There is not a free church and a persecuted church; there is one church and some of us are persecuted." We travelled in the Quiet Zone back to Wycombe, although there was quite a buzz from the shoppers on the train. For us though time to reflect on what we had heard through the day and to think about the speakers who had to return from whence they came.

*names changed for security reasons.

Yvonne Cook

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 12th March 2016

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





...coming soon!!

Great Kingshill Combined School is seeking to develop its Christian ethos and its links with the local community, so both can serve each other.

I am delighted to announce that the school is planning to start 'Messy Church'. The underlying ethos of 'Messy Church' is the desire to introduce people to Jesus – irrespective of denomination. For a fuller understanding of what 'Messy Church' 'is' and 'is not', please can I encourage you to view:

<http://www.messychurch.org.uk/>

As this initiative is taking place on our doorstep, in our Parish, I feel it is really important to get on board and support the venture, as a church, as fully as we can.

When will it be? Thursday after school, once a month, beginning 21st April, 19th May.

What time? 3.20pm – 4.30pm (setting up 2.30pm)

Where will it be? Cryers Hill Methodist Church, Cryers Hill Lane, HP15 6AA

What will it 'look' like? Children and parents/carers attend together. Once registered, they will enjoy light refreshments (e.g. cake!). Followed by craft activities linked to the Bible story of the day. The sessions ends altogether with the Bible story, music and prayer.

How can I get involved? There are lots of different roles:

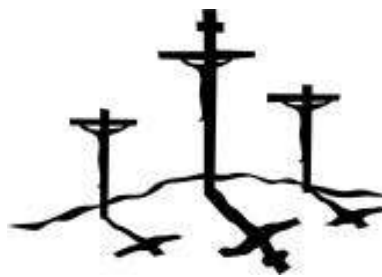
- Hosting (welcoming, and helping with registration)
- Catering (e.g. making cakes / sausage rolls etc.) and helping to set out and serve.
- Craft (preparing beforehand and/or helping the children on the day)
- Story, music and prayers (an opportunity to use your gifts in leading the final sessions)

If you would like to be involved in this exciting new initiative, please contact Revd. Helen Peters on helen.peters@peters-research.com or telephone 01494 716772



Revd. Helen Peters

Easter Services 2016



Palm Sunday 20th March

- 8.00am - Holy Communion (said)
- 9.00am - Holy Communion (sung) with Palm Procession
- 10.45am - A service of Palms (with children's groups)
- 6.00pm - Evensong (sung, no sermon)

Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd March – Holy Week

- 7.00pm - Holy Communion (said)

Maundy Thursday 24th March

- 7.30pm - Holy Communion of the Last Supper
Followed by Vigil until Midnight – North Chapel

Good Friday 25th March

- 9.00am - Morning Prayer and Sung Passion
- 9.00am - Procession of the Cross from The Harrow
- 10.45am - Family Service for Good Friday
- 2.00pm - An hour by the Cross

Easter Eve Saturday 26th March

- 6.30pm - Service of Blessing of the New Fire, Lighting of the Paschal Candle and Renewal of Baptism vows.

Easter Day Sunday 27th March

- 8.00am - Holy Communion (said)
- 9.00am - Holy Communion (sung)
- 11.00am - Easter Family Communion –
Preacher Bishop Alan Wilson ***please note time***
- 6.00pm - Evensong (sung, no sermon)



Parish Prayer Cycle

On the reverse of this page you will find a list of the days of the month (1 – 31) and also the days of the week (Monday to Sunday)

It is suggested that as part of your daily prayers you pray for one of the Monthly targets directed by the date, and also one of the Weekly targets directed by the day of the week.

For example Monday 22nd February you will be praying for Flower Arrangers from the Monthly list and Creche from the Weekly list. Monday 29th February you will be praying for Housegroup Leaders and Members from the Monthly list and Creche again from the Weekly list

It is quite possible I have missed something out, please do get back to me, with any errors or omissions.

Each month in Outlook I create a page of specific Prayer Topics from a selection of the Monthly and Weekly targets so we have specific prayer targets for the groups concerned to be addressed on the appropriate day. Each month the table also includes specific prayer topics from one of our Mission partners and one of our Weekly Prayer targets – it's on page 29 of this magazine

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Updated Parish Prayer Cycle

<u>Day</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
1	Families/Family Life
2	Church Wardens/PCC/Leadership Team
3	Christians in the Community
4	Stewardship/Finance
5	Mother's Union
6	Schools
7	Valley Friends
8	Scouts/Guides/Cubs/Brownies/Beavers/Rainbows
9	Church Cleaners
10	Hughenden Village Shop/ Naphill Bon Ami Cafe
11	Church House Teas
12	Doctors' Surgeries and all who pass through them
13	Gardeners/Grave Digger
14	Neighbourhood Watch/Local Policeman
15	Church Magazine Editors/Printers/Distributors
16	Babies and Toddlers@Hughenden/Tiny Tots
17	Bookstall all who run it and use it
18	Task Groups – Youth, Mission, Social & Outreach
19	Local Pubs/Businesses/Farms
20	Church Administrators/Church Website
21	Friendship Morning/ Naphill Lunch Club
22	Flower Arrangers
23	Men's Breakfast
24	National Trust
25	Good Companions
26	Alpha Courses
27	Local Councilors
28	Deanery Synod and Area Dean
29	House group leaders and members
30	MS Society
31	Spring Valley Centre
	<u>Weekly</u>
Mon	Creche (3rd Monday of the month 24/7 Prayer)
Tues	Bell Ringers
Wed	Choir/Music Group
Thur	Bubbles/JC Club/Bell Tower/CYFA/TripleAs/Flash
Fri	Servers/Sidesmen/Greeters
Sat	Interceders + MAF/Ebenezer/Wycliffe/Pro Deo
Sun	Clergy and Bex (our Youth Worker) + Healing Prayer Team

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Parish Weekend at High Leigh House Hoddesden Herts

14-16th October 2016

A weekend of Christian Companionship, Fun, Spiritual Talks and a chance to get to know each other and our Ministry Team better.

Everyone in our church is invited.

Accommodation is all in excellent, ensuite, rooms and the standards are very high. All meals are included from dinner on Friday evening through to Afternoon Tea on Sunday afternoon. The Cost is £149 per adult with children 5 years old and under free and 6 – 16 yr olds at half price. If the cost is a problem please discuss on a confidential basis with the organiser as there are bursaries to assist available.

The Original Mansion was donated to the Christian Charity that now runs it by the former Mr Barclay who founded the Bank of the same name. **It is a really special Christian place.**



The weekend will start on Friday afternoon/evening 14th October and will finish after lunch on Sunday 16th October. **The House and Grounds are very family friendly with good facilities for children and teenagers** who effectively have a suite of rooms for their specific use. It is also relatively local, within an hours drive.

The format of the weekend encourages social interaction and fun in the evenings with a first class speaker on Saturday Morning who will lead us in some challenging and thought provoking talks.

The Speaker will be Canon David White - formerly Diocesan Missioner for Cornwall, and currently vicar of St Andrews, Chorleywood, but who is retiring this spring to focus on teaching & writing.

Simon Ponsonby, who many of us have heard either live at Spring Harvest or on his recorded DVD, says this about David White. "Might I recommend this dear friend and amazing preacher. He is the best preacher in Britain and a man who walks closer to God than any I know." There cannot be a finer recommendation than this.

Please make your reservation NOW and hold the date free.

A separate programme for children will be designed to suit the age groups that come. All meals from Friday dinner through to Sunday lunch are included and also a drinks reception on the Saturday evening.

Programme:

Friday 14th October

Arrive at House and register from 4pm onwards

Tour of House and Facilities: 6.00 pm Dinner at 7.00 pm.

Social Evening: 8.00 pm – 9.30 pm

Reflection and Prayers: 9.30 – 10.00 pm

House Bar: open from 9.15 pm – 10.45 pm Late Night Film: 10.00 pm – 11.30 pm approximately

Saturday Morning 15th October

7.45 am: Early Risers – Short walk with readings in the grounds

8.30 am: Breakfast

9.30 am: Conference sessions with other activities for younger people.

10.45 am: Coffee Break 11.15 am Conference resumes

1.00 pm: Lunch Saturday Afternoon - Free Time

We will be arranging some activities to include Croquet and possibly a quiz for those who would like to stay in the House and grounds. For those who would like a local trip, the Museum at St Albans about

Roman Verulamium is really interesting. St Albans also has an excellent Abbey and some great antique shops.
Afternoon tea is served for those staying in the house between 3.30 pm and 4.00 pm. There will a get together at about 5.00 pm for a drink in the local pub prior to dinner which will be at 6.30 pm
7.45 pm: Hughenden at Play.....
9.30 pm: Reflection and prayer 10.00 pm Late night movie

Sunday 16th October

God's wonderful creation: Walk and pray: 7.45 am
Breakfast 8.30 am Morning Service: 10.00 am Final Conference
Session: 11.30 am Roast Sunday Lunch: 1pm.
Depart when you are ready in the afternoon.

Frank Hawkins.

frankwhawkins@aol.com 01494 565050 or 07850 150462

Booking Form for Parish Weekend at High Leigh House

Full Name(s)..... + Age if Under 18

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Address

Tel No Mobile Telephone Number

Email address if available

Any special dietary requirements.....

Please enclose £30 per adult and £15 per child deposit with your booking unless you wish to pay now in full. Final payment will be required by 31st August.

Cheques to be made payable please to "Hughenden PCC"

(Remember – There are Bursaries available on full confidential basis. If the only reason you cannot come is financial – please call me)

Please give or send the form to Frank Hawkins (telephone/email above)

Or send to 8, Brackenwood, Naphill HP14 4TD

Teaching through laughter

When I was a child I really loved going to primary school, a lovely place called 'Rosemead' in Tunbridge Wells, Kent. We were blessed with some very good teachers who had the ability to make learning fun. We were often invited to make up little rhymes to describe what we had just been taught. Sometimes we would be rewarded with a red badge which were very much sought after.

As I grew older and went to secondary school, we had a very fierce history teacher who had her hair screwed into a tight bun with long hair pins pierced through it. She also had a very long nose. Everyone was frightened of her, especially if, when she was on duty at lunchtime, we didn't eat every scrap of food on our plates; we were kept there until we did, missing our precious after lunch free time.

One day the sun was shining brightly through the school room window directly on to the poor woman, causing a shadow. As she moved around she kept being enlarged on the blackboard in various ways with her nose getting bigger or smaller and her skewered bun changing shape as she taught us. I began to laugh. She immediately stopped and asked me why I was laughing. I had to tell her and she gave me detention so I had to stay behind after school and learn all about King Alfred and the burnt cakes. It now is stuck in my mind forever!

Another friend of mine – my son's partner is a teacher at a secondary school. He often uses a set of silly voices, and the boys all laugh as he really can sound weird and very funny. His classes are well ahead of other teachers in marks generally. He has been made a top teacher and is in a very high position with a great deal of pupils, but he still continues to teach through laughter and the boys remember his lessons well.

Ann Way

HOUSE GROUP

WHY SHOULD I WANT TO BE IN A HOUSE GROUP?

Get to know others in the church very well
Get to know more about Jesus Christ
Make some good Christian Friends
Share your happiness with others
Or Share your concerns and doubts.
Try Praying with others- it is so rewarding
And sharing tea and coffee is so sociable

The difficult thing is to try it and to say
"Is there a group I can join to try it out?"
The answer is "YES" –

Call me now and ask that question
Frank on 07850 150462

Women's World Day of Prayer: Friday 4th March

'Receive children. Receive me.'

Women's World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical prayer movement that invites women from a different part of the world each year to prepare a worship service, through which their hopes and fears for their country may be brought before the whole world in prayer.

On Friday 4 March an estimated 3 million people in over 170 countries and islands will gather to observe the day of prayer using an order of service written by Christian women in Cuba and translated into over 60 languages and 1000 dialects. In the British Isles over 6,000 services will be held. The day begins at sunrise in the island Samoa and continues till it sets over American Samoa some 35 hours later. The theme: 'Receive Children. Receive me' reflects St Marks Gospel Ch.10 vv13-16 and is a reminder that everyone is a child of God worthy of love and respect.

This is not a day of prayer just for women - everyone is welcome to attend: local details below.

Hughenden Service

One of the local services this year is being held at St. Michael and All Angels at 1.30 pm on Friday, March 4th. Some members of the Mothers' Union are organising the arrangements. We are very keen to involve participation from our wide Church Community. As well as people volunteering to read we would like some help with refreshments and running a crèche if required.

The service lasts for approximately one hour and is timed so that Mums, babies and toddlers are able to attend before the afternoon school pick up.

Please phone or email Barbara Willson tel. 01494 713770 email bafwillson@gmail.com or Alison Gieler tel. 01494 562473 email alisongieler@dslpipex.com. if you are able to help in anyway.

From the Parish Registers



Holy Baptisms:

On

Sunday, 7th February:

Matilda and Florence, daughters of Rupert and Emma Waters, of Templewood, Walters Ash.

The Departed:

Kerri Cordice , aged 30

Eileen Adams, aged 92

A little anecdote

This little anecdote was told to my daughter when she was first at primary school and it is still remembered today.

In the Far East a wise king was having warring problems across his lands with widely differing religious beliefs. He told them all to report to his palace grounds. Once they were all there they were taken to a large shed. He lined them up outside and told them each to look through a peep hole opposite them and tell him what they saw. The first one told him I saw two gleaming white long swords. The second man came back to the king and told him he had seen a long writhing snake like creature. The third man reported seeing four big tree trunks. The final man said he'd seen a wiggly grey whip. You have all seen the same thing the king told them. Come and see. He led them back to the big shed and opened the door and out walked an Elephant!

Ann Way

March Recipe – Herring Fillets in Oatmeal

Lent is very important part of our church calendar. I became curious as to when it was first a recognised religious time.

It appears to have started about 200 years or so after Christ's death and resurrection. The word Lent is derived from an Anglo Saxon word 'Lengten' meaning Spring Tide and another word 'Lenctentid' which means the month of March, in which the majority of Lent falls.

The time, 40 days, has many religious connotations. Moses stayed on Mount Sinai for that amount of time to receive the Ten Commandments. Elijah walked for 40 days and nights to Mount Horeb, another name for Sinai. Jesus fasted for 40 days and nights in preparation for his public ministry.

Jerusalem fasted from Mondays to Fridays making Lent last eight weeks, whereas in Rome and the West people fasted for six weeks, avoiding all flesh, meat and dairy products. The rules changed over the course of time and manual workers were allowed one good meal a day, including fish. Nowadays we try to give up something that means a lot to us over the Lenten period. Mine is definitely chocolate!

As fish was allowed all those years ago, I'll come to my month's recipe:-

Herring Fillets in Oatmeal

(a delicious reminder to me of happy holidays in Scotland where we had a cottage)

Ingredients

4 herrings – one per person

4 oz of fine oatmeal

A little light oil or olive oil, about 1 fl oz

Salt and pepper

Method

If you can get your fishmonger to fillet the fish, so much the better – if not, lay the fish on a chopping board with its back towards you. Press the backbone down hard with the flat of a heavy knife. Next cut off the head below the gills and make an incision from the gut cavity to the tail.

To skin the fish, hold it by the tail and with a sharp knife slide under the skin up towards the top end of the fish, then cut the fillets down the middle and remove any dark bits of the innards. You can keep the roes if you like them. Rinse the fish and pat dry.

Rub a tiny bit of oil over them and sprinkle with a very little pepper and salt. Then roll them in the fine oatmeal. Fry them in the rest of the oil, underside first until they are a light golden brown. Horseradish sauce is a good accompaniment to herring.

Hope you enjoy these as much as we do!



A lovely plateful of
fillet herring in oatmeal
lemon & chips.

Ann Way

Valley Friends – February Report

The disappearance of Major Glen Miller

Jill welcomed a large number of members and friends to the February meeting and introduced our speaker, Tony Eaton, who along with other people, doubted the official explanation for the curious disappearance of Glen Miller.

Glen had enjoyed phenomenal success in America with his orchestra, having 21 hits in succession and was at the height of his fame. He started a new all star orchestra which he brought to Britain, just two days after D Day in 1942. Many famous singers and orchestras performed with him including Dame Vera Lynn, Bing Crosby, Joe Loss etc. Glen gave a back breaking 40 concerts in six months raising 5 million dollars. He played at Wycombe Abbey School which was a secret Head Quarters for the US army, code name Pine Tree.



Glen visited all the wounded troops and was a great moral booster to all the European soldiers, sailors and airmen. He had enormous appeal in Germany. There were official propaganda broadcasts to the German Reich. After six months, Glen gave up all his fame and fortune to entertain the troops.

Major Glen Miller was formally reported missing on Christmas Eve 1944, nine days after his disappearance. Now, 70 years later we still have only one explanation, mostly based on a legend in the film 'The Glen Miller Story' which reported that he was the only passenger on a small one engine plane that was on the way to Paris. Don Heinz, a close friend of Glen, suspected that this version of his whereabouts was untrue, as there was no official report that the plane had crashed, silence followed.

The members of the band refused to talk about it, and none of his good friends referred to it. They turned down every media request to speak about the matter. It was wrongly reported that one of his friends had seen him board the small plane, but documents in the

archives concluded that there were no flights that day taking off or landing from that airstrip and Glen had been seen in Paris the day before the alleged flight. The flight recorder had been altered and the number of passengers changed and this had been checked with the RAF. Long hidden German files recently found in Russia also have gaps of information and official files are still totally secret. It is thought that Glen was on a mission for General Eisenhower and files were not released in order to protect the reputation of Eisenhower.

It was reported that he later had a head injury and was in a military hospital back in Ohio. There is evidence to support this. Glen was awarded a posthumous bronze star and is buried in Ohio. Helen, his wife, asked for his burial file but after repeated requests was told that it had been lost.

The next meeting of Valley Friends is on Friday 4 March when the subject is 'The Fantastic Farnes', a talk by Chris Ward.

Joan Steel

FLOODLIGHTING DEDICATIONS

A floodlighting dedication for March is for:

27 March – 2 April Sheila Morecroft and family are remembering Percy with much love, especially on his anniversary on 27 March.

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

Children's worship workshop.

I doubt if anyone reading this article was required, at the age of 10 or 11, to plan, prepare and deliver an act of collective worship for their whole school. In other words to take charge of a religious assembly. That is exactly what year 5 and year 6 children in church schools are now expected to do. To such ends, the diocese runs training courses for this group of children and one was held at St Michael and All Angels on 29th January. I brought 8 children from Hazlemere C of E School and there were also children from Great Kingshill, Lacey Green and several other local church primary schools. Robin Sharples was in overall charge. He is a schools' link adviser working for the Oxford diocese.



After we had gathered and prayed, the children went off to work their way through 4 workshops, 2 before and 2 after lunch. In the North Room art supplies were set out and the children each made a design that could become a visual aid for an assembly about the Trinity. They were introduced to symbols of the Trinity and ways in which these could be used imaginatively. There was a sharp intake of breath from all the teachers as we realised that the glue was copydex! However, the carpet seemed to survive and I haven't heard any complaints from Arthur.

In the North Room the children practiced writing collects. They were told these prayers were a collection of thoughts that could emanate from a particular Bible story. The children were encouraged to think carefully about the opening, so maybe: Great creator of heaven and earth, or Almighty God above all others, and then some thoughts that were linked to the Bible passage or parable. If they could they were asked to then make some connections between these ideas and their own lives before closing appropriately: in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ or: in Jesus' name we ask this. The children all worked hard at this task, one that would phase many adults.

In Church House, Robin ran a music workshop where each group made up a percussion accompaniment to a psalm, something that could then easily be transferred to an assembly of collective worship. They were also shown how they could use the worship song Kumbaya as a vehicle for prayer.

The last activity took place at the back of the church. The children were offered a large selection of objects and artefacts, plus candles and crosses. Using pieces of cloth that corresponded to the colours of the church's year, the children had to create various worship table settings, appropriate to Lent, ordinary time or maybe Pentecost. A worship table usually forms the focal point for a school assembly. So, as we all gathered again at the end of the day to sing and pray together, the children reflected on an interesting day and pondered on how they were going to use what they had learnt once they were back at school. Added extras to the day included one child getting locked inside the toilet for a stressful 10 minutes and the screens in church suddenly rumbling and slowly coming down, apparently of their own volition, causing of course much hilarity. A memorable day.

Susan Brice

From Hughenden Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) Newsletter

At the last NAG Chairs meeting we were asked whether NAGs could help to support vulnerable people, particularly against the new wave of cons and scams. In view of this, on 14th January 2016 Hughenden NAG had presentations from Trading Standards and Bucks County Council informing them of the related work done by these organisations. It is clear more could be done at a local level and a working party was set up, representing Hughenden Parish Council, Residents Associations, Villages Halls, NHW, Trading Standards and Bucks County Council, to take the matter further.

Good Companions

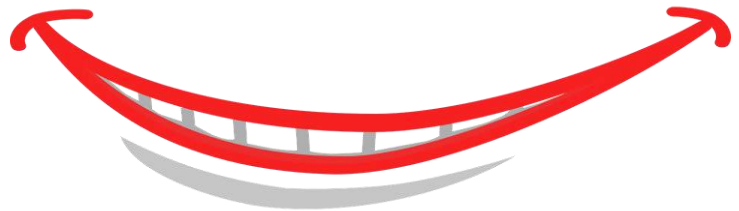
Our February meeting had a return visit from Alan Jaycock whose subject for his photographic display with verbal commentary was his visit to the Western Isles. This remote area experiences extreme weather and has in recent times suffered much depopulation. Houses have been left abandoned sometimes with contents left behind. There is a dearth of employment but there are some interesting and unique features. The Brochs, circular towers not found anywhere else are an example, as well as black houses where people lived at one end and cattle lived at the other. Caravans can be seen chained to the ground because of high winds. There are sandy beaches and the principal place of activity is at Stornoway where the shops can be found and which is the main entry port for visitors who have come on the ferry, from mainland Ullapool. Alternatively they can make the crossing from Skye to Tarbert in Harris at the southern end of the Islands. This was an interesting display of the features of a remote part of Scotland with features not found elsewhere.

Our March meeting features a location much nearer to home in that the subject will be more about Hughenden Manor.

Michael Harris.

Poem – found on Facebook

Smiling is infectious,
you catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me
today I started smiling too.
I walked around the corner and someone saw me grin,
When he smiled I realised I had passed it onto him.
I thought about the smile and realised its worth
A single smile like mine, could travel round the earth.
So if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected
Start an epidemic and let's get the world infected!



Anon

24/7 Prayer for Wycombe

CAP at the Kings Centre is progressing well to the extent that they have had to employ an additional part-timer to assist with the number of clients. Four of the families they have helped have come to faith too, which is exciting news. At the head office in Bradford, CAP had sufficient monies in their Emergency Fund at Christmas to enable them to allow each CAP manager to have funds to make up hampers. At the Kings Centre it was decided that they would bless their clients, past and present, and additional monies were donated enabling them to send out approximately 20 hampers generously packed with enough to take care of a family over the Christmas period. They had an amazing response from their clients who were so appreciative of this very special gift, which took a great deal of stress away from them at this very challenging time of the year.

This month approximately 30 churches across the Wycombe area are taking part in the 'trypraying' initiative. By the time you read this the 'trypraying' booklet will have already been introduced at St Michael's at the third Sunday service in February. Do please pray for God-ordained opportunities to give the booklets away to those who are not yet regular church goers and that lives will be changed as people read and pray.

Quite soon there will be an opportunity to attend the first of a trilogy of teaching days with Ellel Ministries entitled 'Bringing the Healing Ministry of Jesus into The Local Church'. The first one takes place on Saturday, April 9th, at the Clare Foundation, Saunderton, with David and Denise Cross. The areas covered will be **Starting from Here, Who is God and Who am I**, and **Rebuilding Life – God's Way**. The cost is £28 and this includes teaching, a buffet lunch and coffee breaks morning and afternoon. You will find some leaflets in a literature holder on the table at the back of the Church together with an application form if you are interested and you will find a poster in the Porch. I've attended courses in the past and they are very good and I certainly hope to be getting to one of the Saturdays offered this year.

Wycombe Youth for Christ will be offering their Easter Eggsplained Workshops and are asking for prayer support as they consider dates and times with the various participants. There will be sessions taking place at St Michael's but at the time of preparing this contribution, I do not have the dates available. Please do hold Erica and her team in your prayers.

From this month our committed prayer day is changing from a Thursday to a Monday, so this month it will be Monday, 14th March, 8.00 am to Tuesday at 8.00 am. The Prayer Space will be set up in Church House with all the usual facilities available. After a lot of thought and feedback this move has been decided upon because Thursdays are becoming quite busy at the church and there are times when Church House is need for other events. Mondays are clear so moving to that day seemed the obvious choice. It would be appreciated if the last hour of prayer in the Prayer Space could be from 4-5 pm so that I can dismantle everything by 5.30 pm and leave it free for any evening event that may take place. Please prayerfully think about committing to an hour, or part of an hour if that is all you can manage, bringing the ministries taking place in Wycombe before God; you will find the sign-up sheet and Prayer Points in a literature holder on the table at the back of the Church from the beginning of the month.

Yvonne Cook

Reports for the APCM.

It's the time of year to start thinking about preparing the booklet for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The meeting is later this year, 24th April, so we have more time than last year but I would like reports by March 24th so that the booklet can be printed in time for people to read it before the meeting. Short reports are very welcome, one page should be a maximum. I am happy to type for anyone who would like me to do that.

Beryl Doran, PCC secretary

Email: secretary@hughendenparishchurch.org.uk or telephone: 01494 711909

March's Prayer Topics

<p><u>2nd Church Wardens/ PCC/ Leadership Team</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guidance for Julia Grant and Christopher Tyrer during the interviews, specifically that they can keep the needs of the whole church in mind as they formulate their questions for the candidates. - Wisdom and patience for the Leadership Team of Brian Clarke, Christopher Tyrer, Helen Peters, Clare Godfrey, Frank Hawkins and Will Hurrell, as they steer the church during the Vacancy
<p><u>13th Gardeners/ Grave Diggers</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That the tasks of the gardeners and the grave diggers are not adversely affected by the very wet ground - Thanks for the joy of early flowering for bulbs and blossoms
<p><u>17th Bookstall all who run it and use it</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pray for wisdom for Elaine as she choose which books to display on the bookstall - For the library to be well used with a turnover of books donated and borrowed
<p><u>23rd Men's Breakfast</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanks that this ministry has now been re-activated under Roger Grant - That the opportunities for outreach that this event offers members of our church will be taken up
<p><u>24th National Trust</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanks for a most successful year for Hughenden Manor - Prays for the new general manager, starting in March - Thanks for all the volunteers who give their time so generously.
<p><u>31st Spring Valley Centre</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That the staff and clients can enjoy a peaceful and constructive time together over the next few months
<p><u>Mission Prayer – Child and Family Aid Pro Deo</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For finance for a new Orphanage in the village of Vladimirescu in the west of Romania, where there are 16 needy children. Money is required in advance of the local Council agreeing support.
<p><u>Weekly Prayer Target – J C Club</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanks for increased numbers in JC club. - Thanks for great engagement with the children. - Pray for extra helpers to be available in the case of sickness/ rota challenges. (We run on a small team).

The Lectionary – March 2016

Date	Lesson	Readers		
		8.00 am/6pm	9.00 am	10.45 am
6th	4th Sunday of Lent			
	Joshua 5, 9 - 12	J Holmes	J Palmer	C Godfrey
	2 Corinthians 5, 16 - 21	P Hynard	S Brice	
	Luke 15, 1 – 3 & 11b - 32	Priest	Priest	
	Evensong: Psalm 30			
	Prayer of Manasseh	L Smit/AJ		
	2 Timothy 4, 1 - 18	B Brice		
13th	5th Sunday of Lent (Passion)			
	Isaiah 43, 16 - 21	J Wilson	H Farrar-Hockley	C Tyrer
	Philippians 3, 4b - 14	L Smit	S Badrick (check	R Smith
	John 12, 1 - 8	Priest	which lesson)	Priest
	Psalm at 9 am: 126			
	Evensong: Psalms 35			
	2 Chronicles 35, 1 – 6 & 10 - 16	L Smit/AJ		
	Luke 22, 1 - 13	S Brice		
20th	Palm Sunday			
	Isaiah 50, 4 - 9	A Stacey	A Moore	Leader
	Philippians 2, 5 - 11	J White	A Jaycock	
	Luke 23, 1 – 49	Priest	Priest	
	Palm Gospel: Luke 19, 28 - 40			
	Evensong: Psalm 69, 1 - 19			
	Isaiah 5, 1- 7	B Doran		
	Luke 20, 9 - 19	S Brice		
27th	Easter Day			11-00 am
	Isaiah 65, 17 - 25	J Dauncey	R or A Gee	A Sackville
	Acts 10, 34 - 43	C Carter	D or H Lowe	J Sackville
	John 20, 1 – 18 or Luke 24, 1 - 12	Priest	Priest	Priest
	Psalm at 9am 118			
	Evensong: Psalm 105			
	Isaiah 43, 1 - 21	L Smit/AJ		
	1 Chronicles 15, 1 – 11	M Morgan		

Calendar for March 2016

Tue	1	7.30 pm	Mothers' Union: Church House
Wed	2	1.00 pm	Knit & Natter: Church House
Thur	3	9.30 am	Toddler Group: North Room
		10.30 am	Tiny Tots' Service: Church House
		10.30 am	Visiting Bellringers
Fri	4	1.30 pm	Womens' World Day of Prayer: Church
Sun	6		4th Sunday of Lent, Mothering Sunday, Refreshment Sunday
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
		9.00 am	Sung Communion
		10.45am	All Age Family Service
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Mon	7	9.00 am	Private booking: Church House
Thur	10	9.00 am	Interviews for new vicar: Church and Church House
		9.30 am	Toddler Group: Church House
		7.30 pm	Visiting Bellringers
Sat	12	8.30 am	Prayer Breakfast: Church House
Sun	13		5th Sunday of Lent, Passion Sunday
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.45 am	Family Communion with JC club
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Mon	14	8.00 am	24 hours of prayer for High Wycombe: Church House
Thur	17	9.30 am	Toddler Group: North Room
		10.30 am	Friendship morning, Church House
Sat	19		Joseph of Nazareth
		9.00 am	Holy Communion: Church
Sun	20		Palm Sunday
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Holy Communion with Palm Procession
		10.45 am	A service of palms (with children's groups)
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Mon	21		Monday of Holy Week No communion service here on this day but we are invited to join the service at St Francis Terriers at 8pm .
Tue	22		Tuesday of Holy Week
		7.00 pm	Holy Communion: Church (30 mins)
Wed	23		Wednesday of Holy Week
		7.00 pm	Holy Communion: Church (30 mins)
Thu	24		Maundy Thursday
		9.30 am	Toddler Group: North Room
		7.30 pm	Holy Communion of the Last Supper and Stripping of the Altars followed by Vigil until midnight
Fri	25		Good Friday
		9.00 am	Morning Prayer and Sung Passion
		9.00 am	Procession of the Cross, from The Harrow
		10.45 am	Family Service for Good Friday
		2.00 pm	An hour by the Cross: Church
Sat	26		Easter Eve
		6.30 pm	Easter Eve service of Blessing of the New Fire, Lighting of the Paschal Candle and Renewal of Baptismal Vows
Sun	27		EASTER DAY
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Sung Communion
		11.00 am	Easter Family Communion Service – Preacher Bishop Alan Wilson Please note the time
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)

Regular Meetings and Organisations

Friendship Morning

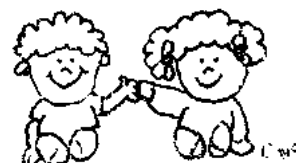


This is a get together in Church House on the 3rd Thursday each month at 10.30 a.m. It is primarily for those who are bereaved, who live on their own, and for those who are lonely. The emphasis is very much on companionship, and the atmosphere is light and cheerful. Please contact me if you think this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

Penny Austin – 01494 529596

Babies & Toddlers @ St. Michael's

Babies and Toddlers @ St. Michael's meets every Thursday in term time from 0930 -1130 **in the North Room**. Come for chat, play, craft and refreshments.



Included, every **SECOND** Thursday of the month, will be 'Tiny Tots', a time of fun worship in Church.

For details contact Helen Peters – helen.peters@peters-research.com

House Groups

A variety of house groups meet throughout the week: for days and times, or for **further information contact Helen Byrne - 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 - rebecca@wycombeyfc.org.uk

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PCC ASSISTANT SECRETARY	Penny Austin	529596
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“To enable all to follow Jesus Christ”

We shall live out this mission through Prayer, Presence,

Persuasion and Proclamation by:

i) Leading lives centred on Jesus Christ –

That is steadfastly based on the Bible and prayer

That is based on Jesus' example

By being ambassadors of Christ to our friends, families, neighbours and work and school colleagues.

ii) Being seen and known in the wider Community by

Understanding the communities in which we live and seeking to be fully involved in those communities

Building appropriate bridges between our Church and our community

Taking every opportunity to share the Good news about Jesus Christ

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

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

We reprint the vacancy prayer from last month:

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.