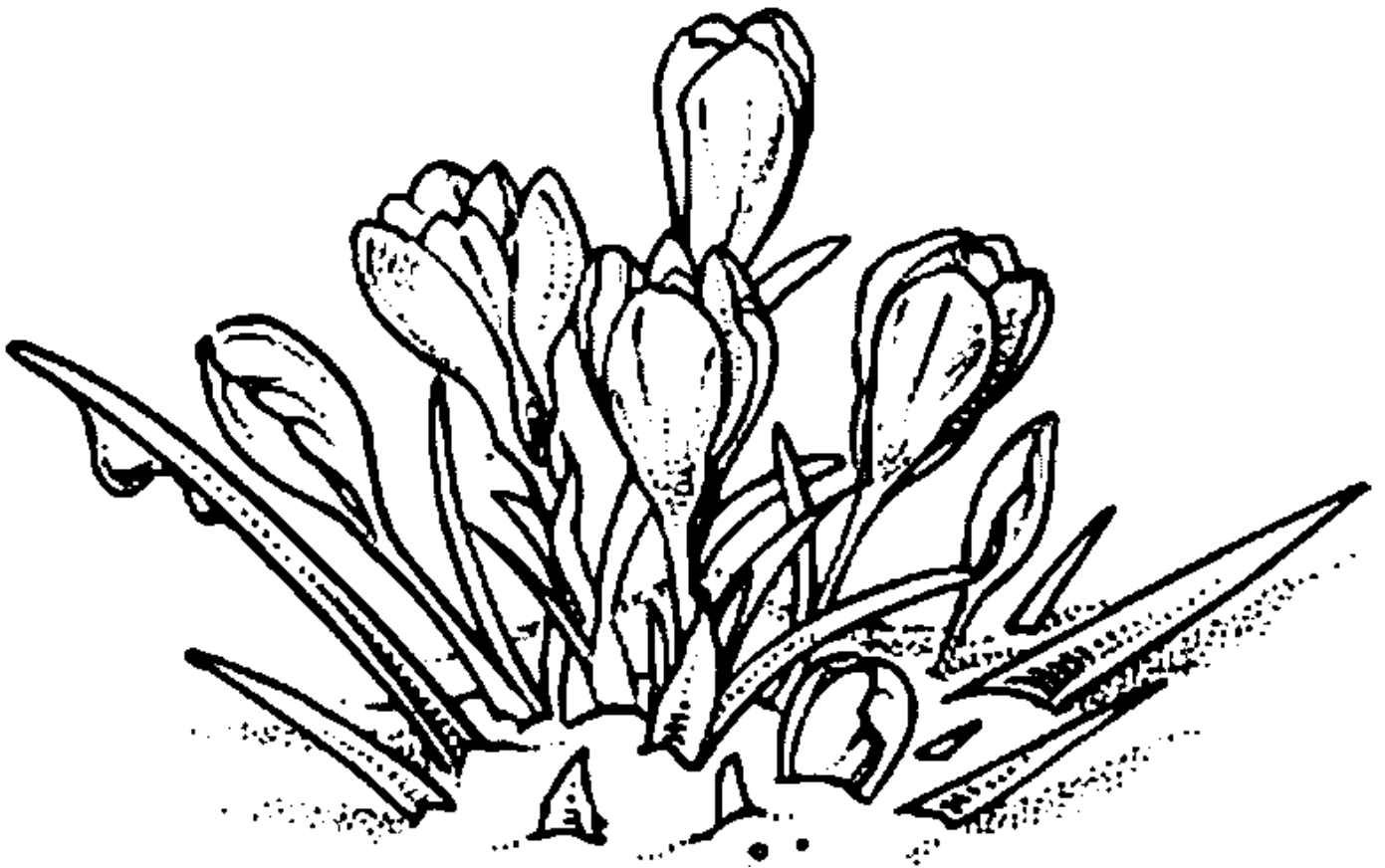




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Welcome to Your Church

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,

This month on the 26th, we once again celebrate Mothering Sunday and children will present their mothers with flowers and cards to thank them for all they do. We will remember Mary, the mother of Jesus, who watched her precious son grow up and then had to watch his brutal execution. We can only imagine the anguish and pain she felt. For a number of us, our mothers are no longer with us but this is a special time for us to remember them. At the Mothering Sunday service in church small bunches of daffodils will be given out by the children to all ladies present. There will also be simnel cake to share at the end of the 10.45am service. This represents the tradition of servant girls in the past who were given the day off to take a cake home for their mothers and to visit their mother church. There is an article on from the Mothers' Union on Page 20 suggesting a way in which you can help others whilst remembering your mother.



Lent starts on Wednesday 1st March but even if you have given up cake for this period, apparently there is an 'amnesty' on Mothering Sunday! In the following pages Keith has written about Lent and Jesus' time of temptation in the desert.

It seems today that spring is truly on the way. There are snowdrops everywhere and lots of small mauve crocuses with bright orange centres have opened up in the sunshine in the garden with bees busily collecting nectar from them. These brave little flowers have been there for a long time; I have pictures of them flowering away with their feet in the floodwater we had in 2002. As my first grandson used to say when he was two years old, 'Bulbs comin' up!

Sylvia Clark
Editor

From the Vicarage

“The most important thing that I’ve ever done is become a follower of Jesus. I want everyone to hear his voice calling to them. That’s why I’m praying for people to know his life-transforming love.” With these inspiring words, The Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Rev Justin Welby launched #Pledge2Pray as part of *Thy Kingdom Come 2017*. In the weeks and months ahead, he will be encouraging others to share the Good News about Jesus Christ with friends and families, and to pray that they too might hear the voice of Jesus calling them.

The Archbishop’s words are very appropriate in our Parish this year as we prepare to enter the holy season of Lent, because we will be considering what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ on Sunday mornings at St Michael & All Angels Church.

Lent is often a popular time to forgo a luxury, or something which you think you might be better off without – I have known of people who have given up television, coffee, their car and

yes of course, chocolate during the Lenten season.

During Lent, we recall the 40 days and 40 nights which Jesus spent alone in the wilderness. No food passed his lips during that period and he used the time of isolation wisely to prepare himself for the challenges of public ministry which would lie ahead. Prayer would have been his main occupation and that time away from human contact was spent in close communion with his heavenly father.



After Jesus had overcome the vain attempts of the devil to tempt him, he left the desert with fresh resolve and began preaching and

teaching about the kingdom of God – the reason for which he had been sent to earth. But Jesus knew that his time on earth was limited (probably no more than another three years) and so it was imperative that he made disciples to follow in his footsteps, to carry the flame for the kingdom after he had left – and so he began recruiting followers. Those same disciples formed the core group who became eye witnesses of his remarkable

words and miraculous deeds, and subsequently leaders of the early Christian Church of which all those who profess the Christian faith today are inheritors.

Jesus Christ calls you and I to follow in his footsteps, whether we are strangers to the divine call or recognise his voice at once.

I cannot possibly explain in great detail all that becoming a follower of Christ encompasses in a few words, but we will be looking at several components which are foundational Christian principles during Lent at St Michael's, during our morning services.

Sunday 5 March: An introduction to Discipleship

Sunday 12 March: Stewardship [time, talent and treasure]

Sunday 19 March: Worship

Sunday 26 March: Service [Mothering Sunday]

Sunday 2 April: Praying [featuring TryPraying.co.uk]

My prayer is that as we journey together through Lent and prepare to recall the extraordinary events which took place during Holy Week, we might picture ourselves as one of

Christ's disciples. Imagine yourself sitting at his feet, as he proclaims spiritual truths which set your hearts ablaze with love, are reduced to tears at his humility as he washes your feet at the Last Supper, are then paralysed with fear and then grief at his horrific death but soon your mourning is turned into dancing, as Good Friday's sombre clothes are replaced by the joyous colours of Easter Sunday, as we share in the joyful proclamation that "Christ is risen, he is risen indeed, Hallelujah!"

I love following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. I don't always get it right, and sometimes I lose my way on the path. But he is infinitely patient with me [thank goodness] and if the way ahead has already been walked by Christ, then I know that I am heading in the right direction.

I invite you to respond to the call of Christ to those first disciples, Simon and Andrew, fishing on the Sea of Galilee – "Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men" Matthew 4:19.

Spend your time in Lent wisely – it has the potential to transform your life!

Keith

Mothers' Union AGM

Another year had rushed by and it was AGM time again. This year we were pleased to welcome the Revd. Keith to chair our meeting. He thanked us and prayed that we would carry on in God's strength.



All reports were read out from the various activities to which we give support in the Church. This year our theme is 'Faith in Action' which is always our main aim, whilst also supporting Marriage and Family life. Jane Tucker, our Treasurer, stood down and we were delighted that Louise Stallwood agreed to take on the role.

We remain committee run which is proving successful. If you feel you would like to know more about us and what we do please ask one of us, or just come along to a meeting. Everyone is welcome and you do not have to be an MU member. A programme of all our meetings and speakers for this year is on the notice board in the church porch. If you feel that one or more of these meetings may interest you please do come, you will be most welcome.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, March 7th at 7.30 pm in Church House when our speaker Heather Stanley, who is the daughter of one of our members, will talk about and introduce the charity 'Embrace the Middle East' (formerly called Biblelands), following her visit to Gaza last February. Embrace supports Christians in the Middle East who work with the marginalised and vulnerable of all Faiths and none. Heather will have slides of her trip and information about the charity. Everyone is very welcome so please come for what will be a very interesting evening.

Sara Badrick

MU Coffee Morning

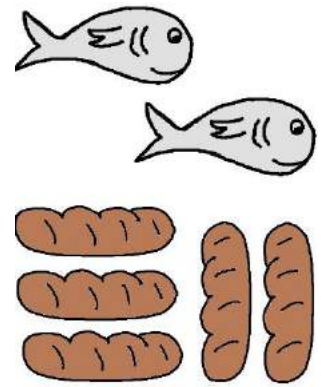
Thank you to everyone who helped at or supported our coffee morning and bring and buy on 14th February. It was a great success raising a total of £219.15 for Mothers' Union Charities.

Louise Stallwood

Annual Vestry Meeting and Annual Parish Church Meeting

Sunday, 2nd April 2017

Following a combined service at 10am on 2nd April 2017, the AVM and AVPM will be held at 11.30am. Please do come to this important event in the church's year.



At the conclusion of the meetings we will have a shared lunch starting at approximately 12.30 – 12.45 pm. This is always a lovely occasion on which to not only share a meal together, but also chat to friends and newcomers. There is a sign-up board at the back of church for any items of food you are able to bring, savoury or sweet. Soft drinks and wine will be provided. However, if you cannot bring anything, then do not worry. Just bring yourself because as in the parable of the feeding of the five thousand, there will be plenty of food to share, maybe not loaves and fishes.....but you never know!

Sylvia Clark and Jane Tyrer

A Message from your Churchwarden

Dear Friends,

Firstly, I am very grateful for all those who contributed to the upkeep of the churchyard last year. It was a magnificent effort and certainly kept the church looking as good as it does.

This request is in two parts. Firstly, I would like to get a 'Skills List' together, a list of anyone at the church who has a skill or a trade, e.g plumber, carpenter, electrician, anyone handy with a needle or any other skill that will help in the upkeep of this wonderful building and its grounds. We will have our Quinquennial Survey this year and I'm hopeful that there will not be too much wrong. Brian Clark did a sterling job keeping the fabric of the church up to date, for which I am very grateful, but I now too have to follow his excellent example.

If you can offer some kind of skill, please will you email me or call me on the details below.

It will soon be time for the grass and other plants to take on their summer mantle, which means that I have to sort out the mowing rota. Two of our sterling 'mowers' have asked to come off the list for varying reasons and I know of at least one who may not be available for a short time while he recuperates after some planned surgery. Please, if you would like to come onto the list for this very worthwhile job, contact me using the details below.



Gardening Days

This year, we will be having two gardening days. The first one will be on April 29th and the second on September 23rd, both Saturdays. We will start at 10am and work through to 6pm, when there will be some kind of refreshment served. We don't necessarily expect you to spend the whole day gardening (although that would be great) but if you can manage even an hour or two it all helps. Please put these dates in your diary now; the more that come, the quicker we will get through the required work and have to use less effort! Sign-up sheets will appear at the back of the church.



I would like to end by thanking you all for your support in this, my first year as Churchwarden. As usual, members of this church rise to every occasion and show what a great place St Michael's is.

Rob Innes
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What's it all about? – 3

This is the third in a series of articles about governance in the Church of England, with reference to St Michael and All Angels.

3. The Archdeaconry of Buckingham and the Deanery of Wycombe.

- Introduction: the story so far...

So far, we have considered national and diocesan governance. To summarise, the Diocese of Oxford is one of 42

Dioceses in the national Church of England. Our Diocese is divided into four administrative areas: Oxford City, Dorchester, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire. All four have Bishops but the senior [and Diocesan] Bishop is the Bishop of Oxford, now the Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft.

Governance in every diocese is administered through the Diocesan Synod, receiving reports and making decisions on diocesan issues and reporting to the General Synod upwards and to more local governance downwards. The other three bishops in our diocese are Area Bishops, sometimes called Suffragan Bishops, but, because of the unique structure of our diocese, our Area Bishops have greater powers, duties and responsibilities than their counterparts elsewhere.

The four administrative areas in our diocese are known as Archdeacons. Our's is presided over by the Bishop of Buckingham, the Rt Revd Dr Alan Wilson. We are in the Archdeaconry of Buckingham and the current Archdeacon is the Venerable Guy Elsmore who, like the Diocesan Bishop, is quite new in post.

The business of the Archdeaconry is divided roughly [and at the risk of oversimplifying] into two parts:

The Archdeaconry Mission and Pastoral Committee, of which I am a member, and the Deanery Synods. The Archdeaconry is divided into Deaneries. There are nine Deaneries in our Archdeaconry and we are part of the Wycombe Deanery.

The Archdeaconry Mission and Pastoral Committee comprises elected members of the Diocesan Synod, being themselves elected to the Mission and Pastoral Committee. There was, a few years ago, a Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee of which I was a member but it was disbanded and subsumed into the central organisation [see the December-January issue].

The task of the Archdeaconry Mission and Pastoral Committee is to have oversight of the whole Archdeaconry: parishes, clergy deployment, Mission, outreach, Church planting, parish reorganisation and so on. In particular it receives written and oral information from all the Deaneries and, to use the jargon, sees the whole picture. It also enables conflicting interests and aspirations to be seen against the whole canvas so that decisions in the general interest prevail.

Members of the **Deanery Synod** are elected annually at parish

APCMs. We are entitled to send four elected representatives to Deanery Synod, the number being based upon the size of our Electoral Roll. At present, we have three – Rob Innes, Arthur Johnson and me. Keith and Helen also attend as clergy delegates and Ian, our Treasurer, comes to find out about and discuss financial issues.

Technically we have two vacancies, as I am a member of the Deanery Synod because I am an elected member of the Diocesan Synod. **If you are thinking of offering yourself for election to the Deanery Synod, please understand that those elected to Deanery Synod are automatically members of the PCC, so it is essential that those elected to Deanery Synod do actually attend Synod.** There are four meetings per year, rotated at various Church locations, including our own.

Wycombe Deanery Synod has a Mission Action Plan. Just as we, as a parish, have a Mission Action Plan, so does the Deanery. It is a recent document and distils responses from all 35 parishes in the Deanery into a single Action Plan. It sets out our aims for 2016-2020 and is well

worth reading on line. Deanery Synod also has to manage its financial affairs, not least the issue of the amount that every parish pays by way of Parish Share. Updates are provided as to finances, mission, parish vacancies, possible grant schemes and, most importantly, how parishes can support one another.

Governance is both an upwards and downwards process.

Deanery is concerned with parishes and vice versa; Archdeaconry is concerned with Deaneries and vice versa; Diocesan Synod is concerned with Deaneries and vice versa and the General Synod is concerned with the national church through the dioceses and vice versa. At PCC, we receive reports from both the Diocesan and Deanery Synods so that contemporary issues are shared and understood. It is also an opportunity to be involved and to inform on the issues which face us all as a worshipping community - locally, nationally and internationally.

**Next time – for the AVM and APCM – the PCC
Christopher Tyrer**

St Michael's Prayer Team

Within St. Michael's there are various aspects of our 'Prayer Life' some of which occur on a weekly or monthly basis and others that occur as and when required.

Weekly there will be members of the congregation who will write Intercessions which form part of the Communion services at 9.00 or 10.45, and there is also a more 'Child Friendly' version of this which happens during the Family Services at 10.45 on 1st Sundays. The 9.00 has a revolving monthly rota of Intercessors, whilst for 10.45 the rota contains more members so most people will be called upon no more than 3-4 times each year. For Family Services the rota is composed of families who volunteer as a whole, but is also supplemented by the various age-group sections of JC Club etc.

There are various books available to Intercessors which have off-the-shelf intercessions created for specific Sundays in the Church Calendar or certain specific types of occasion – e.g. harvest etc. These books are kept at the back of Church for borrowing. The Intercessors can also dip into the Prayer Topics table in Outlook each month.

The Prayer Topics table is created taking a selection of prayer targets as detailed in the Parish Prayer Rota. This Rota covers every day of the month from 1 – 31 and every weekday from Monday – Sunday. About 5-6 of the prayer targets are selected each month and those responsible for each of them are called to ask for specific prayer requests or thanksgivings. Their responses are collated to create the monthly table which is included in every edition of the magazine. Another monthly aspect of St. Michael's Prayer life is the 24/7 Prayer day (2nd Monday of every month), which needs people to sign up for 60 minute slots over a 24 hour period from 8.00 Monday to 8.00 Tuesday to pray for all aspects of life in the High Wycombe area. A Prayer Room is set up in Church House with notes of specific targets which need prayer, the facility for coffee and also suitable background music if desired. Of course for night-time hours people can pray at home rather than in Church House if desired. Of course, on occasions, emergencies can happen that need immediate specific prayer. To cover these there is a Prayer Team of people who make themselves available, via email or phone and will

promise to pray as soon as they are notified for any specific emergency situation, be it medical or social.

There will be people within the community who do not know how to access such prayer support and for them there is a board at the back of church where people can leave prayer requests – anonymously if necessary. These requests are gathered on a weekly basis by the Ministry team and form part of the Morning Prayer service on Tuesday mornings. If people would prefer email there is a Church Prayer email address - prayer@hughendenparishchurch.org.uk – which is advertised around the church and across the parish, and is checked weekly for prayer requests.

When necessary Prayer Breakfasts are set-up to facilitate prayers being offered to target a specific topic e.g. Alpha Course, new Vicar needed etc.

Of course all of us can uphold all these prayer activities and support them within our own prayer activities – daily quiet-time, prayer walks (with the dog?) etc. We can never have too much prayer.

Jane Tucker

Dear All,

We are delighted to announce that your new shop will be officially reopening on

Saturday 4 March at 2.30pm

with special guest...

MARY BERRY

Mary has also agreed to carry out some book signing; if anyone would like to buy her new book she will be bringing some copies with her. She will also sign any of her books that you would like to bring along with you. (Book signing will probably be



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limited to the first 100 people; however more details of this will follow).

The refurbishment work is coming along well -

- o the new flooring has been laid;
- o some lights have been installed;
- o new window panes are in place;
- o refrigeration has been delivered;
- o decoration finished the middle of February;
- o external cladding will be completed in February and the new ramp will be built shortly after that.

Most of this work has been carried out by a team of dedicated volunteers as well as goodwill from local business; full details of everyone who has helped will be published in due course. Of course there is still a lot of work to do; putting up shelving, receiving stock deliveries, entering stock on to the new till system, new till training, organising the volunteer rota and moving in, but we will get there!

Once again, thank you sincerely for your continued support and patience. We know that people's lifestyles and shopping habits can change significantly in a year, so please do tell your friends and family about us and ask them to support us too.

We hope to see you on the 4th March and look forward to 'normal' trading again.

**Best regards,
Louise**

Good Companions

The February meeting was about the Canadian Rockies and we were pleased to welcome three new members.

On Thursday 2nd March at 2.15pm we welcome the 'Bell Ringers' which should be interesting. Tea and cakes and a members' raffle complete the afternoon. New members are always welcome.

On Thursday 6th April Ray Wilding is our speaker on Natural History in the area – the exact title of his talk has not yet been confirmed.

Sheila Vesey

Valley Friends

The speaker at our February meeting was Mr Tony Eaton whose talk had the intriguing title 'Failed to Return, Amy Johnson and Leslie Howard'.

Amy Johnson was born in Hull in 1903 and in 1930 became a world famous female pilot for being the first to fly solo from Britain to Australia, as well as completing the journey in the record time of six days. Amy proved that women pilots are equally as competent as men. During the 1920's Amy had flown her Gypsy Moth plane across all the countries of the British Empire, quite undeterred. Among the items Amy took on board were an atlas, a primus stove and some pickled herrings. When flying to Karachi Amy beat the record time by 48 hours. In 1931 Amy and her co-pilot became the first to fly the 1,760 miles from London to Moscow in one day, taking 21 hours.



In 1932 Amy married Jim Mollison whom she had known for only eight hours. They flew east to west across the Atlantic and crash landed in a field resulting in them both needing a stay in hospital. In 1927 Amy was given an American Tickertape Reception as an International Celebrity. Amy joined the ATA at the beginning of the war and was based at Hatfield.

On her final flight she took off from Blackpool in very bad weather that became increasingly worse. She pressed on trying to find Hatfield but went too far south and strayed over the mouth of the Thames where she bailed out. A parachute was seen to appear beneath the clouds and came down in the freezing water. Safety was just minutes away but Amy drowned. Questions were asked and rumours abounded, even as to whether she had been shot down, but no explanation has ever been found.

Tony then went on to tell us about Leslie Howard. Leslie was one of the biggest box office draws and movie idols of the 1930's. He was seen as the archetypal Englishman with perfect English speech and behaviour, but he was not actually British. Lesley Howard Stiener was



born on 3rd April 1893 at Forest Hill in London. He became an actor, producer, director and writer of many articles and stories for the New York Times. He won many awards as a Hollywood actor, playing roles in many films. Among his most famous were 'Gone With the Wind' and 'The Scarlet Pimpernel' with Merl Oberon. Leslie was a backer and mentor of Dirk Bogart and worked with Norma Shearer, Vivienne Lee and Ingrid Bergman. He was Britain's most romantic star.

Leslie returned from a glittering Hollywood career at the start of the war. His activities then included propaganda films which infuriated the Nazi leadership and it was rumoured that he was involved with British or Allied Intelligence. Leslie's final film was 'Story of a Spitfire' with David Niven.

In May 1943 Leslie boarded BOAC Flight 707 to Portugal from Bristol. Strangely a priest was told not to take that flight. All was normal at first then it was reported that the plane was being followed. Suddenly it was attacked and the fuel tanks exploded over the Bay of Biscay. As it was an unarmed civilian flight, this caused worldwide condemnation. German agents said it had been shot down in error. There was speculation that VIP passengers were being targeted and that Winston Churchill was on board, also that Leslie was a propagandist. He died on 1st June 1943 aged 50 years and an embargo on releasing the file lasts until 2028.

Tony was thanked for his most interesting stories.

On 3rd March John Pearson's talk is 'Cheese is Milk's Leap Toward Immortality' and includes cheese tasting. All are welcome.

Joan Steel

Emberton Cross

A few weeks ago we stayed with some friends who live in the small village of Emberton, just a mile or so from Olney, famous for the pancake race. The village is very attractive with many sandstone houses, some quite old.

While walking around the village we came upon a clock tower at a sharp bend in the road where another small road joins it and close to the lovely old parish church. Apparently this tower was built by the Rev Thomas Fry in 1846 and named 'Margaret's Tower' in memory of the reverend's second wife (he had three). It replaced an old elm tree surrounded by a stone wall. Traditionally it had been known as Emberton Cross indicating that a preaching cross once stood there.

Today the clock keeps excellent time and the following verse is inscribed on a plaque on one side of the tower:

*Time's on the wing, how swift he speeds his way,
Hastening to sink in one continuous day.
Pause, passing traveller, what thy destiny
When death unveils a vast eternity?
Live then to Christ, in Christ eternal gain.
No Christ, no hope, but everlasting pain.*



Salutary words for those walking by!

Sylvia Clark



24/7 Prayer for Wycombe

Waking early yesterday morning and not wanting to let my mind sift through all the issues going on in family and the world, I sat up and picked up Premier's 'The Voice of Hope' and read these words from Micha Jazz, who fills this little book with daily devotionals. He wrote 'It takes humility to pray. It's difficult to imagine that by

making space and time with God somehow I shall influence a world that seems overwhelmed with problems at both a global and personal level. Yet, this is the invitation from God, to pray. Indeed, Paul reminds us to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17, NKJV).' He then went on to relay some of the battles he has had with prayer during some of the 'barren' periods of his life. We

all have times when our problems seem insurmountable to us but thankfully we believe in a God who hears us and answers us, in his time and way, and we know that he is constantly with us. So when we pray for the ministries working in Wycombe we know we are praying for the people they help as they struggle with the many issues they face and God hears our prayers and answers them as

we have seen as those ministries have grown over the last six years.

Chefs for Jesus have revamped their website and there are testimonies from people who are prepared to share how their lives have changed. The Chefs still meet every Saturday outside All Saints Parish Church offering hot drinks and cakes to those who come along to meet up with regulars. You will find them serving, singing worship songs and evangelising from 11 am to 1 pm. Do have a look at their new website and listen to Lacey Sturm's testimony and take the opportunity to request a free DVD entitled 'Who Is This Jesus' so that you may share it with someone you know who has not heard about Jesus; step out in faith.

News from One Can Trust Foodbank is that the cast and crew of High Wycombe Gang Show have chosen them as their charity for their 2017 show. The show takes place at The Lancaster Art Centre of Wycombe Abbey School from Wednesday, 29th March, to Saturday, 1st April, inclusive. Tickets are now selling on the Gang Show's website www.hwgs.uk.

And finally, One Can is in the process of finalising dates for supermarket food drives across South Bucks for 2017. This is where we volunteer to spend two hours staffing the stands at the shops, handing out shopping lists, and asking customers if they would be kind enough to donate un-perishable goods to help those less fortunate. One Can also hope to be able to pack bags at the checkouts in return for cash donations too! Dates will follow when they are to hand; check the notices between Outlook magazines.

I have to apologise to you all for the sign-up sheet in February. I did not make it clear when the Prayer Space closed which must have been very confusing for anyone new who signed up. I have made some adjustments to the sign-up sheet now so it

should be quite clear. Our prayer day this month is on Monday, 13th March, from 8 am to 8 am on Tuesday. Everything will be set up in Church House as usual and coffee and tea supplies will be laid out in the kitchen, milk in the fridge. You should find the sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the Church around the same time as the Outlook magazine and, hopefully, the Prayer Points will be there too. Please prayerfully consider signing up for an hour of prayer for our town and all the ministries and volunteers working hard to change lives. Please

remember the last hour of prayer in Church House is 4 – 5 pm. After 5 pm prayers will have to be said at home. Could I ask for a contact number if you are using the Prayer Space just in case I have to close it because of another event which could take precedence, ie perhaps a funeral tea. If you are uncomfortable about leaving your phone number on the sign-up sheet you can always call me or email me (Tel: 01494563960/yvonnecook99@gmail.com). Thank you.

Yvonne Cook

Wycombe Refugee Partnership

A group of concerned Christians, Muslims and others have been 'Acting together with Loving Kindness' to help refugees and have recently registered as a charity called Wycombe Refugee Partnership. So far they have housed seven families in High Wycombe. Several of us from our Church have been to meetings about the project at All Saints Church in the town and have heard one of the men speak and met his family. Most of the meetings take place when an asylum-seeker is granted refugee status and he or she has just 28 days to find work and move out of the hostel provided by the State. Once a Family Reunification Visa is granted, the family has a very short period (usually 20 days) to get to the UK. These families really need help to get settled into the community.

The refugee is interviewed to check that there is genuine financial need. WRP finds them a privately rented house or flat, lends them the deposit and up to two months' rent. They then appeal for donations

to furnish the house and for food and household requirements. The family is supported while they apply for jobs, benefits and schools for the children. They are also helped to learn English.

We are aware that people are asking how they can help the truly awful situation the refugees find themselves in. One way is by donating money towards deposits for accommodation.

If you are a landlord with an available property, please contact HWrefugees@gmail.com for information. You can also email the same address to offer your services as a volunteer to offer practical help in settling the family.

Online payment can be made by going to <http://HWrefugees.wix.com/wycombedonation>

Cheques payable to 'Wycombe Refugee Partnership' may be sent to Wycombe Refugee Partnership, c/o All Saints Parish Office, 8 Castle Street, High Wycombe, Bucks. HP13 6RF.

Join the Facebook group, Refugees Welcome in Wycombe, to stay up to date with what is needed at any one time.

Thank you. **Barbara Willson**

Outlook's Editorial Team

As will know from reading Jane and Bob Tucker's editorial in the February magazine, they will be moving out of the area in the next few months. Jane and Bob produced their first magazine in March 2011 (can it really be six years ago?) and we are very grateful for their valuable input and dedication during this time. We wish them well in their new home.

As they move on to pastures new, we are delighted that Susan Brice will be joining us as part of the editorial team. Susan has written some excellent articles over the years and her interpretation of some of the bible stories has been most enjoyable to read and has, certainly from my point of view, made us look at some of the characters in a different way. On behalf of Christopher, Jane and myself, welcome aboard Susan!

Sylvia Clark

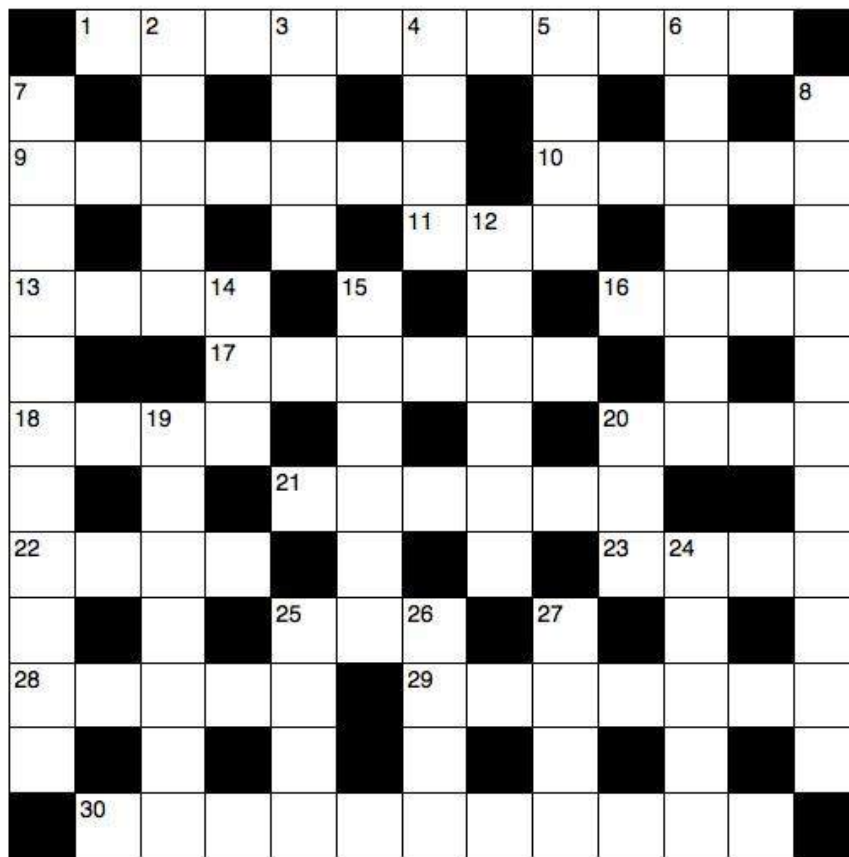
Crossword Clues – test your bible knowledge

Across

1. These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
9. 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
10. King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
11. Town possessing mineral spring (3)
13. Mede (anag.) (4)
16. High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
17. He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
18. A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
20. Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
21. 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)
22. 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)
23. Edit (anag.) (4)
25. 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
28. Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
29. 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)
30. Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

Down

2. 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)
3. Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4
4. 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
5. Concept (John 8:14) (4)
6. 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)
7. Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)
8. 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)
12. 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)
14. This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)
15. Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)
19. He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)
20. 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)
24. 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — — ' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)
25. Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)
26. 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)
27. Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)



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Good Advice

A few months ago we attended a friend's funeral. He been an extremely well liked person, kind and loving and everyone said 'he always had a smile on his face'. At his request these words were read at the end of his service:

From: The Life of Seraphim of Sarov

Do everything with cheerfulness.

Lead a life full of joy.

See the positive side.

Your joy will be noted.

Try to pass it on to friends and colleagues.

**Your very presence will then take away the negativity around you.
Cheerfulness over the years develops into a permanent attitude of
simple love, fellowship and joy.**

Sylvia Clark

Make a Mother's Day



Putting Mothers at the heart of everything
this Mothering Sunday

Mothers' Union would like to offer you a very special and powerful way to celebrate your mother this Mothering Sunday. With a gift from your heart you can say thank you to, or remember, your own mum and also help mothers like Violet to flourish.

With a husband and two children to care for, Violet lived a hand-to-mouth existence in Zambia. Unable to find work, the family survived on what little maize would grow in the dusty land. In years of poor harvest, they simply starved. It's hard to imagine the daily heartbreak of struggling to raise a family while never knowing where your next meal might come from. She received training from Mothers' Union that helped her start a small baking business and now even earns enough to send her children to school.

.Thankfully Violet no longer fears going hungry.

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This Mothering Sunday you could buy a gift for your mum from our **Make a Mother's Day** collection that will bring about real change for other mothers, like Violet, who find themselves marginalised.

You could give the life-changing gift of learning to read and write, helping a woman find a job or take an active role in her community. You could help women overcome inequality and violence, or put a local church group at the very heart of change in their parish.

For each one of these empowering gifts that you buy we'll send you a beautiful card to give to your mum on Mothering Sunday, or keep in her memory.

By celebrating your mother in this special way you can give women, in the UK and overseas, the faith, education and training they need to transform not only their own lives, but those of their families and communities.

**To check out the Make a Mother's Day range of gifts visit
www.makeamothersday.org**



News from Christians in the Community

Spring is nearly here isn't it and the committee have been planning their coffee mornings and the distribution of the Easter cards. Christians in the Community will also be taking part in the local churches 'Messy Play' in the Naphill Fete marquee on the 10th June but more details will be available later in May about the national initiative of 'Messy Play'.

Our first coffee morning will be on Saturday 1st April (no jokes please!) from 10am until 12 noon. As well as cakes to have with your coffee or tea, there will be a raffle and a sales table. Everyone welcome.

Norma Clarke

Floodlighting Dedications

Floodlighting dedications received too late for the February magazine are for:

12 – 18 February

The Cole family are marking the centenary of the death of Pte James G Gladwell (1897-1917) on 9th February 1917 (Stan Cole's Uncle) and are celebrating the 90th birthday of Stan Cole on the 14th February.

A floodlighting dedication received for March is for:

5 – 11 March

Joan Gibson is remembering with much love her husband Ken, particularly on his anniversary on 7 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

From Christian Aid Lent Newsletter

For Christians around the world, Lent is a time of reflection, self-examination and thinking of others. Thinking about how we follow Jesus' call to sacrificial living, breaking down barriers, building bridges, and demanding justice for the poor and the oppressed.

People like Michael who lives in South Sudan, where 6.1 million people urgently need humanitarian aid as a result of the conflict that erupted in December 2013.

Michael, a skilled fisherman in his 70s, has gradually lost his sight during the past five years. He fled alongside his family when government forces came to his village. Soldiers killed people and stole cattle, forcing Michael to flee to the swamp, where he resided with his family for two months. When they returned, their belongings were gone and they were left with next to nothing.

Thankfully with fishing hooks and nets from Christian Aid, Michael can now take the younger generation to the swamp and teach them how to fish, so they can continue to feed their community.

Throughout Lent, we are reflecting on the hymn written for us, 'When I Needed a Neighbour, You Were There', and on the blessings in our lives through our Prayer Diary, *Count Your Blessings*.

Christian Aid is working with people displaced within South Sudan, who are living in some of the hardest-to-reach places, to provide much-needed food, safe water, sanitation facilities and essential household items so they can start to rebuild their lives. Just £15 could provide fishing gear for a family like Michael's; £8.50 could provide two cooking pots; and £3 could pay for two plastic jerry cans for storing drinking water.

For 70 years, Christian Aid and its supporters have been making a difference, helping to transform the lives of people living in poverty. Will you help?

With your help, we will be there for them tomorrow.
For more information, visit www.Christian-aid.org/Lent

How Old is your Email Address?

If you're like me, you joined the wonderful world of e-mail many, many years ago and, being old and wrinkly and averse to change, I've stuck with my original e-mail address, which is a freeserve.co.uk one.



By a roundabout route, I have heard that EE, the company which currently hosts freeserve, among others, is closing them down. The ones I've heard about are:

Orange.net
Orangehome.co.uk
Wanadoo.co.uk
Freeserve.co.uk
Fsbusiness.co.uk
Fslife.co.uk
Fsmail.net
Fsworld.co.uk
Fsnet.co.uk

EE will be withdrawing these in May so you have time to set yourself up with something else, and EE are suggesting Gmail or one of the other free e-mail services, BUT you do need to do something about it or lose contact with the ether. You may find you have contacts in your address book whose e-mail address has one of these extensions and it would be a kindness to check with them that they know what is happening and to do something about it. Don't wait for EE – they don't seem particularly worried about telling individuals!

Lin Smit

March Calendar

Wed	1		Ash Wednesday
		1.00 pm	Knit and Natter: Church House
		7.30 pm	Holy Communion with hymns and imposition of ashes
Thu	2	9.30 am	Toddlers' Group: Church
		7.30 pm	Young Ringers: Bell Tower
Sat	4	10.00 am	Church House Teas meeting: Church House
Sun	5		First Sunday of Lent
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		9.00 am	Sung Communion

		10.45 am	Informal Family Service with JC Club
		4.00 pm	Church Youth Group: Church House
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Mon	6	9.30 am	Private booking: Church House
		10.30 am	Visiting bellringers: Bell Tower
		11.30 am	Interment of ashes - Olwyn Stone
		7.30 pm	Baptism preparation evening: Church House
Tue	7	7.30 pm	Mothers' Union: Church House
Thu	9	9.30 am	Toddlers' Group: Church
		10.30 am	Tiny Tots' Service: Church
		7.30 pm	Young Ringers: Bell Tower
Sat	11	11.00 am	Interment of ashes - Sheila Collins
		11.30 am	Visiting bellringers: Bell Tower
Sun	12		Second Sunday of Lent
		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	13	8.00 am	24 hours of prayer for High Wycombe: Church House
Wed	15	9.00 am	Easter Eggsplained: Church
Thu	16	9.30 am	Toddlers' Group: Church
		10.30 am	Friendship Group with Soup lunch: Church House
		7.30 pm	Young Ringers: Bell Tower
Sat	18	10.00 am	Visiting bellringers: Bell Tower
Sun	19		Third Sunday of Lent
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		9.00 am	Sung Communion
		10.45 am	Informal Family Service with JC Club
		6.00 pm	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) (no sermon)
Mon	20	1.30 pm	Mothers' Union Committee meeting: Church House
Tue	21	9.00 am	Easter Eggsplained: Church
Wed	22	11.30 am	Visiting bellringers: Bell Tower
Thu	23	9.30 am	Toddlers' Group: Church
		7.30 pm	Young Ringers: Bell Tower
Fri	24	10.00 am	Visiting bellringers: Bell Tower
Sat	25		Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
		10.00 am	Marriage Preparation morning: Church House
		1.00 pm	Sung Eucharist: Church
Sun	26		Fourth Sunday of Lent: Mothering 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	27	1.00 pm	Great Kingshill CE Combined School: Prayer Stations
Tue	28	1.00 pm	Great Kingshill CE Combined School: Prayer Stations
Wed	29	1.00 pm	Great Kingshill CE Combined School: Prayer Stations
Thu	30	9.30 am	Toddlers' Group: Church
		7.30 pm	Parochial Church Council: Church House
		7.30 pm	Young Ringers: Bell Tower
Fri	31		Wedding: Samuel Churchyard and Amy Gordon

The Lectionary – March 2017

Date	Lesson	Readers		
		8.00 am/6 pm	9.00 am	10.45 am
1st	Ash Wednesday 7:30 pm Holy Communion with Hymns	Joel 2, 1 - 2 & 12 - 17 or Isaiah 58, 1 - 12	2 Corinthians 5, 20b - 6, 10	Matthew 6, 1- 6 & 16 - 21 or John 8, 1 - 11
		L Smit	B Brice	Priest
5th	First Sunday of Lent			
	Genesis 2, 15 – 17 & 3, 1 – 7	A Stacey	H Farrar-Hockley	
	Romans 5, 12 – 19	P Hynard	A Jaycock	
	Matthew 4, 18 – 23*	Priest	Priest	M Dean
	Evensong: Psalm 50			
	Deuteronomy 6, 4 – 9 & 16 – 25	L Stallwood		
	Luke 15, 1 – 10	A Johnson		
12th	Second Sunday of Lent			
	Genesis 12, 1 – 4a	J Wilson	E Sadler	J Tucker
	Romans 4, 1 – 5 & 13 – 17	J Holmes	-----	K Williams
	Matthew 10, 1 – 14*	Priest	B Brice	Priest
	Psalm at 9 am: 121			
	Evensong: Psalm 135			
	Numbers 21, 4 – 9	L Smit		
	Luke 14, 27 – 33	B Doran		
19th	Third Sunday of Lent			
	Deuteronomy 6, 1 – 14*	J Dauncey	A Moore	Leader
	Romans 5, 1 – 11	J White	H Lowe	-----
	John 4, 5 – 42	Priest	Priest	-----
	Evensong: Psalm 40			
	Joshua 1, 1 – 9	B Brice		
	Ephesians 6, 6 – 20	E Bailey		
25th	The Annunciation Our Lord 1:00 pm Sung Eucharist	Isaiah 7, 10 – 14 S Badrick	Hebrews 10, 4 – 10 A Johnson	Luke, 1, 26 – 38 Priest
26th	Fourth Sunday of Lent			
	1 Samuel 16, 1 – 13	C Carter	L Stallwood	C Tyrer
	Romans 12, 1 – 8*	A Johnson	R or A Gee	R Smith
	John 9, 1 – 41	Priest	-----	Priest
	Psalm at 9am: 23			
	Evensong Psalm 31			
	Prayer of Manasseh	M Morgan		
	James 5	S Brice		

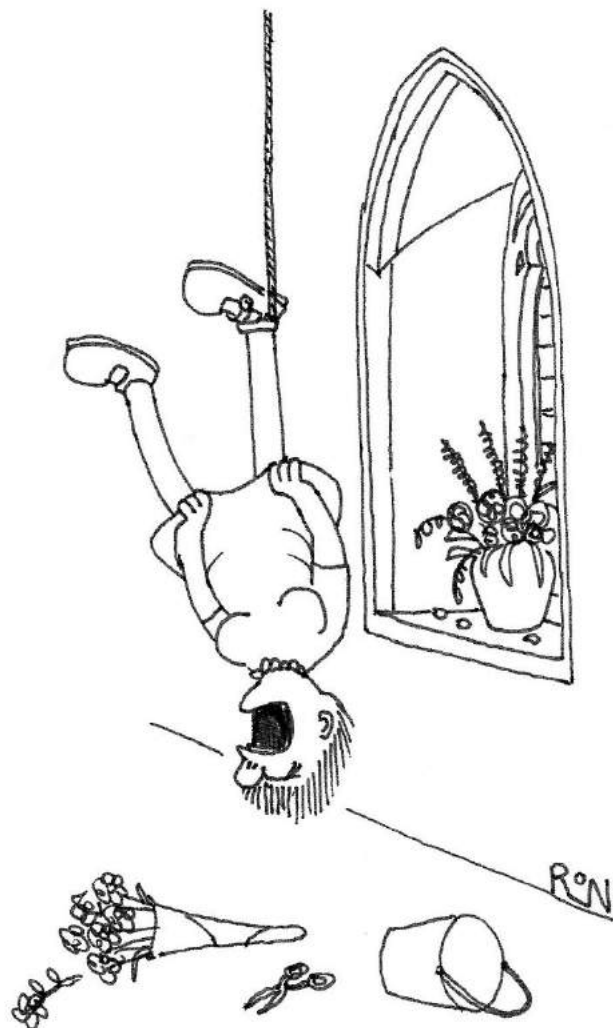
The asterisk * denotes a special Lent Course lesson.

Easter Flowers – early plea

This is early notice that we will be decorating the church for Easter on Saturday morning, 15th April from 9 o'clock. It always looks so beautiful with a burst of colour after the austerity of the Lenten period. If you would like to help, please do come and join us. You don't need to be a professional and you would be made very welcome. I promise you would not suffer the same fate Mrs Todger in the cartoon below!

If you cannot help with arranging flowers, but would like to donate some flowers or money for flowers, please let Jean Godfrey know (522198).

Sylvia Clark



Mrs Stebbings always did the flowers in the South Window, as Mrs Todger soon learned

From: *The Parish Pump*

Communicants January

Sundays:

1st 55

8th 27 + 78 = 105

15th 17 + 43 = 60

22nd 19 + 81 = 100

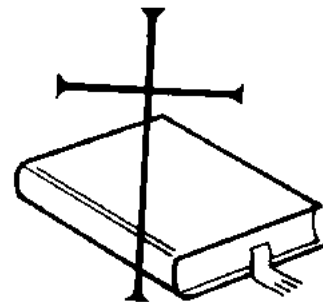
29th 27 + 63 = 90

Weekdays:

6th The Epiphany 22

25th St Paul: no celebration

From the Parish Registers



Holy Matrimony

On Friday 10th February: Sian Miller to Daniel Taylor

The Departed

Reginald Edwin Bass, aged 96

John Read, aged 84

Jean Frances Goodman, aged 85

Joyce Audrey Holland, aged 85

Answers to the crossword on Page 19

ACROSS: 1, Corinthians. 9, Abandon. 10, Eglon. 11, Spa. 13, Deem. 16, Hi-fi. 17, Abijah. 18, Ohad. 20, Myth. 21, Now see. 22, Knit. 23, Tide. 25, Arm. 28, Nahor. 29, All done. 30, Kind-hearted.

DOWN: 2, Of age. 3, ISDN. 4, Tens. 5, Idea. 6, Nullify. 7, Hardworking. 8, Enlightened. 12, Praise. 14, Mad. 15, Vigour. 19, Abishai. 20, Met. 24, Is one. 25, Arid. 26, Male. 27, Slur.

Regular Meetings and Organisations



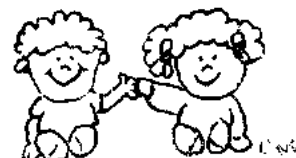
Friendship Morning

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.

AWESOME AND ACTIVE

(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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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*

Heavenly Father, as we enter the holy season of Lent, may we hear the voice of your son Jesus calling to us to be His followers so that we may experience his life-transforming love. Amen