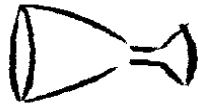


**SERVICES TODAY, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2009, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Highworth 8.00am Holy Communion CW, Allan Bucknall  
 10.00am Parish Communion, Geoff Sowden/Douglas Holt  
 Blunsdon 10.00am Family Worship, Katherine Dack/Jane Ockwell



**SERVICES NEXT WEEK, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2009, Palm Sunday**

Highworth 8.00am Holy Communion CW, Geoff Sowden  
 9.00am Church Breakfast, Church Room - all are welcome  
 10.00am All Age Worship and thanksgiving, Arthur Woo/Phil Bradley  
 6.00pm Informal Worship, Arthur Woo/Rachel Cook  
 Inglesham 3.00pm Easter Service, Geoff Sowden/Arthur Woo  
 Hannington 10.30am Morning Worship, Alan Hawker  
 Blunsdon 10.00am Holy Communion, Geoff Sowden/John Rees  
 followed by Blunsdon APCM



**HALF DAY OF PRAYER**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

Please join us for the next in our series of half days of prayer and fasting as we consider the future of our corporate worship. There will be two prayer sessions from 9.30am to 12.30pm and 6.00pm to 9.00pm. Both will start and end with a half hour of corporate prayer. In between we will have prayer stations around the church where we'll be using the words of the song "The Servant King" to help focus our thoughts and prayers.

**Lynn Woo and Lesley Page**

**HOLIDAY CLUB 2009** – please note this year's date will be 17-21 August. More information to follow, but if you would like to be involved please contact **Lesley Uzzell** (765050)

**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY**

Congratulations to Wendy and David Peale on their Golden Wedding Anniversary from all at St Michael's



**WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK**

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm Roast Sunday lunch, church room  
 Mon 30<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Watercolour group, church room, till 3.00pm  
 9.30am Prayers in church - all are welcome  
 10.00am Ministry Meeting, Church Office  
 10.00am Monday daytime fellowship (venue? contact Bella 762010)  
 7.30pm PCC, Church Room  
 Tue 31<sup>st</sup> 9.30am Pilates in the Church Room  
 10.00am Tuesday Daytime Fellowship, 34 Eastrop (Lynn 763197)  
 8.00pm ICC Lent Prayer at The URC led by URC  
 Wed 1 Apr 9.30am Music Bugs, Church Room  
 9.30am Little Fishes, Cullerne Room and Chancel  
 7.00pm Pilates in the Church Room  
 7.30pm Alpha in the Church Room  
 Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.30pm Bellringing practice, Bell Tower  
 Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> 7.00pm Choir Practice  
 7.00pm YoFs, Church Room  
 7.00pm Life Stories, St Joseph's Catholic College (see back page)  
 10.00am Coffee Morning and bulletin folding, Church Room  
 Sat 4<sup>th</sup> 10.15am Palm Saturday procession from Brewery St car park to Podium  
 10.30am Service on the Podium  
 2.00pm Highworth Choral Society in Church and Church Room  
 7.00pm Five Sides of a Circle, Christ Church Swindon (see back page)  
 7.30pm Highworth Choral Society concert in Church  
 Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Parish Breakfast, Church Room - **ALL ARE WELCOME**  
 2.00pm Church Room booked for private hire  
 Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Day of fasting for our corporate worship  
 9.30am Prayer in Church until 12.30pm  
 6.00pm Prayer in Church until 9.00pm



**"Hosanna to the King of Kings"**

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April, come and join the joyful Palm Saturday procession waving palms and singing. We will meet at the Brewery St car park for the walk at 10.30am, ending on the podium for a short service which will start at 10.45am. The Churches of Highworth will be there as we re-enact the very first Palm procession.

**"All glory laud and honour to thee Redeemer King"**

**ELECTORAL ROLL**

It is time once more to update the Electoral Roll. The 2008 roll will be in church for checking for the next couple of weeks - please take a look at the list on the chest and make sure your name is on there and your details are correct. If you are not yet on the Electoral Roll, forms are available on the chest. If you see someone on there who should come off please let the Electoral Roll Officer **Lesley Uzzell** know (tel 765050). If you would like more information on the Roll, which is basically a list of St Michael's supporters, or if your entry needs amending, please contact Lesley Uzzell.

**LIFE Stories:** the Swindon LIFE Group will host an evening event at St Joseph's Catholic College on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7pm. Guests Martin Foley, Chief Executive of LIFE, Gill Duval, LIFE's In-house Training Co-ordinator and Dr Carole Collins, a local GP, will tell us something of their lives and work in the fields of politics, law, education, counselling and health care in relation to pregnancy, abortion and related issues of justice and peace. There will be an opportunity for questions from the audience. Tickets £5 from **Marguerite Holliday (tel 480611)**.

**PRAYING FOR THE BENEFICE**

This week we pray for those who live in Hannington village, all who live or work on the High Street, and those who live in Inglesham village

**PRAYER**

Our God is the King of Peace  
 O Lord, bring your peace into our lives that we may be ambassadors for you and bring peace to others.  
 Our God is the King of Righteousness  
 O Lord, give to us a fierce sense of your righteousness, that where we see wrong being done we may have the strength to fight in your name,  
 Our God is the King of Love  
 O Lord, fill our hearts with the love that you have for us all, that we may shine as your lights in the world and all may be saved.

**Amen**

**HIGHWORTH CHORAL SOCIETY** are pleased to invite you to their Spring Concert in St Michael's Church at 7.30pm on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April. The programme will include Rossini's beautiful and tuneful Stabat Mater and excerpts from Handel's Messiah. This should be a fitting start to Holy Week so we look forward to welcoming you. Tickets are available at £7.50, concessions £6.50, from the Lighthouse Bookshop.  
**Anne Hinton**

**FIVE SIDES OF A CIRCLE** – a play by Neville Bounady, will be performed at Christ Church Swindon on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 7.00pm. Tickets at £5 are available from the Christ Church Parish Office on 01793-522832. 'Eventually, the four Gospel writers meet.....'

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...**

*...all those who are sick or troubled,*  
 praying especially for  
 Frank Barnett, Lorna Bowie, Bob Bromberg, Leonard Cheesley, Val Cox, Andrew Crowley, Lesley Evans, Arthur Francis, Kim Fulgoni, Joan Furlonger, Peter Gibbs, Syd Huband, Timothy James, Carole Richmond, Julia Riggs, Mick Sellar, Betty Taber  
*...all those who are recently bereaved,*  
 praying especially for those who love and miss

Michael Bartrop

**Parish of Highworth, with Sevenhampton & Inglesham – who to contact**

All Ministry Enquiries - Rev Geoff Sowden (day off Friday) telephone 01793-765554  
 Church Office (Administration/General Enquiries) - tel 01793-762702 or email to [stmichaelshighworth@offices.orangehome.co.uk](mailto:stmichaelshighworth@offices.orangehome.co.uk)  
 Youth Ministry Enquiries - telephone 07983-507349 (day off Saturday)  
[www.stmichaelshighworth.co.uk](http://www.stmichaelshighworth.co.uk)



Symbol: Crown of Thorns

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**



**Week beginning Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

Our God is the king of peace  
 born to us as a little child,  
 born to us in humility  
 born far away from the seats of power,  
**Our God is the king of peace.**

Our God is the king of righteousness,  
 born into weakness,  
 born into poverty,  
 born to be at our mercy.

**Our God is the king of righteousness.**

Our God is the King of love.  
 By living in compassion,  
 by living in truth,  
 by living in justice,  
 God restores us.

**Our God is the king of love.**

**Amen**

**From the Lenten Liturgy**

**Our readings today are**

1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 (pew bible p1144) Mark 15: 1-20 (pew bible p1022)

Please join us for refreshments after the 10am service today

If you prefer not to take alcohol, alcohol-free wine is available at our communion services - please take a pink card from a steward and ensure it is visible as you come for communion