

## PARISH NEWS – AUGUST/SEPTEMBER ISSUE

The next issue of the Parish News will be a bumper double issue!

It seems a long way away, but if you want folk to know what your group is up to in September you need to get your articles in by 9.00am this **WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JULY**. Maybe now is the time to think about what **you** can give to the Parish News.

You don't need to be an experienced journalist! Perhaps you have read something that you would like to share, whether deep and philosophical or light hearted and humorous. Maybe you've been moved by some music, or read a good book, heard a great speaker or perhaps God has spoken to you in a different way - why not write about it and share it with others who may also benefit?

If you have email the address is parishnewshighworth@yahoo.com, but we can take it in any form - post it through the door at 1 The Paddock, or call Kathleen.

### PRAYING FOR THE BENEFICE

This week we pray for those who live in  
Folly Crescent, Folly Drive, Folly Way,  
Gilmore Court, Glebe Place, Grange Close  
and The Green

### PRAYER

Blessed are you, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
You have blessed us with every spiritual blessing;  
Enable us by your power to be true to our calling,  
And live holy and blameless before you all our days;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord  
**Amen**

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

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

### 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) - Rosie Castle, tel 01793-762702 or email to stmichaelshighworth@offices.orangehome.co.uk  
Youth Ministry Enquiries - telephone 07983-507349 (day off Saturday)  
[www.stmichaelshighworth.co.uk](http://www.stmichaelshighworth.co.uk)



## Week beginning Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2009

### — \*Change Challenge and Growth\* —

Change happens - it is a part of living and a part of growing.

Sometimes change is a gradual thing and sometimes it is thrust upon us rather more quickly than we would like!

I wonder if we can ever be fully prepared for what the future holds, where we may go, what we may become, what, indeed we may be asked to do!

As Christians we could be called to go and preach the Gospel to all nations (scary!) or perhaps to 'bloom where we are planted' (even if this may be somewhat less glamorous).

I wonder if Jesus knew from the start that at age 30 he would be thrust into the public spotlight and ultimately called upon to offer the great sacrifice. Did he know or was it a gradual awareness that something would be required soon...sacrifice would be needed; sacrifice, faith and trust.

As I think back on my three years in St Michael's I can see where God has truly blessed, moved, encouraged and inspired. There have been good and hard times but he has always been sovereign and has blessed me with so many wonderful relationships in St Michael's (and beyond) with both the old, young and those of us on the youth team that are somewhere in between. What fantastic young people we have. You have all taught me so much as we have laughed, cried and eaten lots!! Well, we are Young, Omnivorous Believerz! Thank you, I will miss you loads!

As St Michael's moves into a new time of change and development and not just in youth and school's work, let's pray that he who /was and is and is to come/ will walk with us and lead every step we take.

God bless to you all and Thank you

**Rachel Cook**

### Our readings today are

Ephesians 1:3-14 (pew bible p1173)

Mark 6:14-29 (pew bible page p1008)

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

**SERVICES TODAY, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2009, Trinity 5**

Highworth	8.00am Holy Communion BCP, Geoff Sowden/Rachel Cook
	10.00am Parish Communion, Geoff Sowden/Rachel Cook
	6.00pm Informal Worship, Arthur Woo
Hannington	10.30am Morning Worship, John Godfree
Blunsdon	8.00am Holy Communion BCP, Rev Dr Richard Armitage
	10.00am All Age Worship, Jane Ockwell
	6.30pm Evensong, John Rees
Grove Hill	7.30pm Evening Service, Hilary Fortnam

**SERVICES NEXT WEEK, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2009, Trinity 6**

Highworth	8.00am Holy Communion CW, Geoff Sowden/Charles Kirke
	10.00am Morning Worship, Phil Bradley/Charles Kirke
Sevenhampton	6.00pm Shared Choral Evensong, Hilary Fortnam
Hannington	10.30am Morning Service, Hilary Fortnam
Blunsdon	10.00am Holy Communion CW, John Rees/Katherine Dack
Newburgh	7.30pm Holy Communion, Rob Stewart

**YOUTH MANAGEMENT TEAM**

This is a small group of people who manage the Youth Project on behalf of the PCC. It would be good to strengthen this team, so if anyone would like to join them please contact Geoff Sowden or Bella Fasham

**WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK**

Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Prayer time in church, all welcome
	7.45pm Ministry Team Meeting, Vicarage
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Pilates, Church Room
	10.00am Tuesday Morning Fellowship
	4.00pm Church Room booked for private hire until 6.00pm
	8.00pm Tuesday Evening Fellowship, 5 The Willows (Allan 762721)
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Music Bugs, Church Room
	9.30am Little Fishes, Cullerne Room and Chancel
	7.00pm Pilates, Church Room
	8.00pm Wednesday Fellowship, 26 Priory Green (Wendy 861122)
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED TODAY</b>
	7.30pm Bellingring practice, Bell Tower
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm Choir Practice
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am Coffee Morning and bulletin folding, Church Room
	1.30pm Wedding of Elizabeth Milson & Ryan Wheeler at St Leonard's

**BRADLEY'S FAREWELL PICNIC!**

Please join the Bradley family with your picnic at Lydiard Park after the 10am service **NEXT SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> July.** We would love it if as many as possible could join us, weather permitting of course.

**Phil and Debbie**

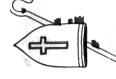
**MUSIC TAPES**

Do you still have hymn/song music on tape? For a gentleman who came into the Lighthouse and who only has old technology for playing music - does anyone have tucked away in a cupboard, a tape of the MP hymn "All to Jesus I surrender". Please ring Hilary if you have it and can spare it. Many thanks.

**Hilary Fortnam**

**CONFIRMATION**

St Michael's is having a Confirmation Service in November and Geoff or Rosie would be pleased to hear from anybody who is interested in discussing this or is thinking about becoming confirmed.



**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK RESULTS**

St Michael's raised **£1,567.60** for Christian Aid this year, part of a total of £3,385.62 for the whole of Highworth. The total also includes:  
 Hannington £46.55;  
 Inglesham £27.74;  
 Sevenhampton £204.93.

Many thanks to everyone who helped in raising this total. Thank-you notes for collectors are in the letter rack.

**Tricia and Peter Croton.**

**HOLIDAY CLUB REFRESHMENTS**

Helpers are needed for the Holiday Club refreshments. Please contact Phyllis Gill

**LIFT REQUIRED**

One of our long-standing Church members would love to be able to come to Church for the fourth Sunday Holy Communion service at 10am. She lives in Parsonage Court and if you feel able to offer a lift please let Rosie or Geoff know.