

WILTS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST RIDE AND STRIDE



This year the Wilts Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride falls on Saturday 12th September, please do think about taking part to raise money for St Michael's. Take a stroll along a footpath to the nearest church, or cycle to many.

We also need people to man the church for an hour or so to welcome in cyclists and walkers.

A list will be on the chest in church for you to put your name on for a stint.

For more information or sponsorship forms please contact **Jenny Hanfrey**



PRAYING FOR THE BENEFICE

This week we pray for those who live in
Pentylands Lane, Pound Road, Priory Green,
Quarry Crescent, Queen's Avenue and Redland Close

PRAYER

Lord God,

Thank you for the wonderful treasure that is your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Help us to keep Jesus in our hearts and show his love in our lives.

Keep us always close to you, and fill us with your peace,

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray

Amen

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

...all those who are sick or troubled,
praying especially for Lorna Bowie, Bob Bromberg, Joyce Corrigan, Val Cox, Andrew Crowley, Gwen Drew, Hilary Fortnam, Kim Fulgoni, Joan Furlonger, Peter Gibbs, Syd Huband, Janet Livall, Keith Lodwick, Carole Richmond, Julia Riggs, Betty Taber

...all those who are recently bereaved,
praying especially for those who love and miss Leonard Cheesley, Ellen Inns, Mick Sellar

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)
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Week beginning Sunday 23rd August 2009

Celebrating Holiday Club

This week Highworth Methodist Church has once again been transformed for the children of Highworth. Over 50 children aged between five and eleven have joined an enthusiastic group of adult and teenage helpers to have a fun-filled week at the Landlubbers Holiday Club, and learn more of the love of Jesus.

The children played games, made craft, watched drama, and made new friends. All of the activities were linked to the 'pirate' theme, and were greatly enjoyed by all.

And while the children were enjoying themselves, they were also hearing about Paul's journeys, and they became part of a pirate crew helping Captains Yo Ho and Heave-Ho work out the treasure map clues to find the greatest of all treasure - Jesus.

The basis of this year's Holiday Club was Paul's letter to the Philippians. In this letter Paul writes to the Christians in Philippi encouraging them to work together - our children have been working together to solve clues on their treasure island. Paul reminds the Philippians that they should be humble, love each other as Jesus loved, and trust God more. Even Paul, the great teacher and church planter, wanted to know God better (ch3 v10-11) - all those involved in Holiday Club have had the opportunity to learn more about God, to get to know Him better.

In his letter Paul makes it clear that he himself is not perfect, that he has much to work for. He reminds the Philippians (ch3 v21) that God will change them totally, as he himself was so changed, so they should be glad and do the right things. And later Paul tells the Philippian Christians that God will provide all that they need to serve him - ch4 v6 "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done". That says it all.

Lesley Uzzell

Our readings today are

8am Ephesians 6:10-20 (pew bible page 1177) John 6:56-69 (pew bible p1071)

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 23rd August 2009, Trinity 11

Highworth	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP, Allan Bucknall
	10.00am	Holiday Club Celebration, Naomi Ray-Mathur/Arthur Woo
Hannington	10.30am	Morning Worship, John Godfree
Blunsdon	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP, Arthur Woo
	10.00am	Family Worship, Kathryn Dack

SERVICES NEXT WEEK, Sunday 30th August 2009, Trinity 12

Highworth	8.00am	Holy Communion CW, Geoff Sowden
	10.00am	Family Communion, Geoff Sowden
Blunsdon	10.00am	Morning Worship, Rob Stewart

COMMUNION
IN THE LIGHT OF SWINE FLU

The ministry team has decided that while swine flu remains in our community it would be right not to use the common cup for the distribution of wine at communion. This practice will remain until such time as it is judged that swine flu is no longer a danger within our community.

Wine will be distributed in the bread/wafer placed into the recipient's hands. I am sure everyone will understand the reasons for the adoption of this practice.

Geoff

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 24 th	9.30am	Prayer time in church, all welcome No Ministry Team Meeting
	11.00am	Funeral of Michael Sellars at the Methodist Church
Tue 25 th	9.30am	Pilates in the Church Room
	10.00am	Tuesday Morning Fellowship, (for venue contact Lynn 763197)
	11.00am	Funeral of Leonard Cheesley in Church
Wed 26 th	7.00pm	Pilates in the Church Room
Thu 27 th	10.00am	Holy Communion in Church
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice, Bell Tower
Fri 28 th		NO CHOIR IN AUGUST
Sat 29 th	10.00am	Coffee Morning and bulletin folding, Church Room

HOLIDAY CLUB 2009



Thank you

Thank you to everyone who has helped this week with Holiday Club. Whatever your contribution, it has been invaluable in making Landlubbers 2009 another successful Highworth Holiday Club.



Landlubbers Celebration

The culmination of Holiday Club follows the 10.00am celebration service today, when the children will take their families to St Michael's Hall to experience a little of what they have been doing this week. Let's hope it stays dry for the barbecue!!



Follow-on

Please continue to pray for the children who attended Holiday Club, and their families, as the team plan for the follow-on events over the next few months, the first of which will be in October.

PARISH BREAKFAST - As usual we have had a break in August but we will re-start on the first Sunday in September. We have a small group of cooks who take a turn on the rota but we will be happy to have new faces- 'many hands make light work'! If you are willing to be involved please give me a ring.

Ian Miller

FIRST AID COURSE

If anyone is interested in a paediatric first aid course, HCC are hosting one over three evenings starting on Wednesday 26th August at 6.30pm in The Bridge, Sheep Street. Please contact **Rosie Grant-Wilson** for more information or to register - there are limited spaces left. The course is subsidised and costs £69, help with funding can be arranged.

Rosie Grant-Wilson (Highworth Community Church)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Love and congratulations from all at St Michael's to Bessie King, who celebrated her 93rd birthday last Monday, 17th August.

