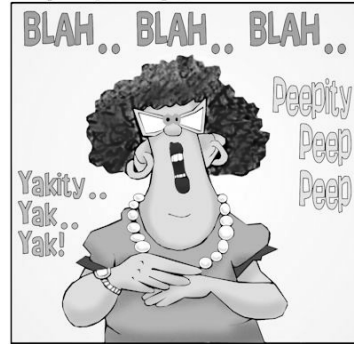


DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER

The January Diocesan Newsletter is available on-line now for those with internet access - please go to : www.bristol.anglican.org/news/local/newsletter/jan.pdf

If you are interested in the newsletter but do not have access to the internet please contact Rosie in the church office or Lesley Uzzell who will print you off a copy.

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Myrna will be disappointed to learn the 'Gift of Gab' is NOT considered a spiritual gift. 1 Cor 12:7-11



Week beginning Sunday 17th January 2010

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

- Spiritual
- Gifts

Spiritual gifts are spiritual and are gifts. Paul was addressing an issue in the church that had come up.

Before we take a detailed look, can we honestly say that we desire these gifts? Might we have a prejudice against any of them? This may be a result of ignorance or misuse of the particular gift. (This happened in the first instance, hence the reference).

The giver of these 'grace' gifts is the Lord Jesus. How could he give us something bad or harmful? (see Luke 11:11-13)

These gifts are neither owned personally by us nor chosen by us. They are given to the whole 'body' of Christ so that the church may be healthy, growing and spiritual.

There is a world outside waiting for HOLY spirituality. May we be part of this by asking God for the gifts? Then may we be faithful in using that gift..

Useful cross references for further study

Romans 1:11

Acts 19:1-7 ref Ephesian church

Ephesians 4:1-16

Luke 11:9-13

Ann Griffith

PRAYING FOR THE BENEFICE

This week we pray for those who live in Redlands Court, The Retreat, Rivers Way, Roman Way, St Michael's Avenue, and all who live in Sevenhampton village

PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting Father, you give gifts to all your people:

you give us the power and ability to do what you would have us do.

Help us to use the gifts that you have given us for the benefit of others and to your glory

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you forever,

Amen

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

...all those who are sick or troubled, praying especially for

Joan Burton, Steve Chandler, Val Cox, Andrew Crowley, Peggy Dobson, Gwen Drew, Hilary Fortnam, Peter Gibbs, Syd Huband, Carole Richmond, Fred Rockall, Betty Taber, Jane Underwood, Anne Willis

...all those who are recently bereaved, praying especially for those who love and miss

Clifford Guinness, Albert Lancaster, Alan McLeod, Betty Saunders, Alan Thomas

...all those involved with Highworth Primary schools as they await the decision on the future of schools in the town, and for wisdom for the councillors to reach a just and informed decision

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

www.stmichaelshighworth.co.uk

Our readings today are:

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (pew bible page 1153)

John 2:1-11 (pew bible page 1064)

Please join us for refreshments after our 10am and 4pm services 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 17th January 2010, Epiphany 2

Highworth	8.00am	Holy Communion CW, Allan Bucknall
	10.00am	Morning Worship & children's activities, Geoff Sowden/Ann Griffith
	4.00pm	T-time service & children's groups, Arthur Woo/Bella Fasham
	6.30pm	Shared Choral Evensong BLUNSDON
	7.00pm	Informal Worship, Arthur Woo
Hannington	10.30am	Morning Worship, Neil Fisher
Blunston	10.00am	Family Communion, John Rees/Kathryn Dack
	6.30pm	Shared Choral Evensong, Kathryn Dack
Newburgh	7.30pm	Evening Service, Jean Ashton

SERVICES NEXT WEEK, Sunday 24th January 2010, Epiphany 3

Highworth	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP, Justin Griffith
	10.00am	Parish Communion & children's activities, Justin Griffith/Jean Ashton
	4.00pm	T-time service & children's groups, Arthur Woo/Katie James
	7.00pm	Informal Worship, Arthur Woo
Hannington	10.30am	Morning Worship, John Godfree
Blunston	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP, Arthur Woo
	10.00am	Family Worship, Arthur Woo

TODAY at our 4pm service we welcome Kara Dillingham to our congregation, following her baptism last weekend.

COFFEE MORNING - MACMILLAN NURSES

On Saturday 6th February the Coffee Morning will be in aid of MacMillan Nurses.

If anyone feels able to bake a cake for the cake stall on that day and bring it along on the morning we would be most grateful.

Thank you

Penny Robertson

CLUES 2 USE**(Landlubbers on the Jesus Quest)**

Last weekend the second of the Holiday Club follow-on sessions was held at Highworth Methodist Church. Despite the poor weather nearly 20 children came along for fun and music and to hear more of the love of Jesus. They heard how the disciples were called by Jesus and some of Jesus' teachings.

The next session will be on Saturday 20th February. Are you able to help in any way? Setting up for an hour or so from 10am, or during the afternoon (2pm-5pm)? Please contact Lesley Uzzell.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 18 th	9.30am	Prayers in Church - all welcome
	10.00am	Watercolour Group, Church Room
	6.00pm	Concert rehearsal in church
	7.30pm	PCC, Church Room
Tue 19 th	9.30am	Pilates in the Church Room
	10.00am	Tuesday morning fellowship, 14 Brookfield (Lynn)
	7.45pm	Hannington PCC
Wed 20 th	9.00am	Deadline for items for Parish News
	9.15am	Music Bugs in the Church Room
	9.30am	Little Fishes in the Chancel
	7.00pm	Pilates in the Church Room
	8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship, 26 Priory Green (Wendy)
Thu 21 st	12.30pm	Funeral of Betty Saunders at St Leonard's
	2.00pm	National Trust Association in the Church Room
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice, Bell Tower
	7.30pm	Blunston PCC
Fri 22 nd	7.00pm	Choir Practice
Sat 23 rd	10.00am	Coffee Morning and bulletin folding, Church Room
		Staging in Church in the morning/bands/rehearsal in afternoon
	7.30pm	Opening Concert of Highworth 2010 "Celebration of a Century of Culture" in St Michael's Church

LICENSING OF KATHRYN DACK**AND WELCOME TO OUR DIOCESE OF ANN GRIFFITHS**

This service will take place at Bristol Cathedral on Saturday 6th February at 10.30am. There is a list on the chest in Church if you would like to book a seat on the coach to Bristol which will leave Highworth at 8.45am prompt on the day.

Rosie Castle

PARISH NEWS

The February Parish News is coming - please send all contributions for the magazine to Madelaine Kirke at 11 The Willows, email parishnewshighworth@yahoo.com.

The deadline is this Wednesday 20th January, at 9.00am.

Please get your items in on time.

BURNS NIGHT SUPPER

The Social Committee are once again putting on a Burns Night Supper - on 30th January. Tickets are on sale now, price £8.50, from a member of the committee.

ONLY 10 TICKETS LEFT!!

Social Committee

HIGHWORTH YEAR OF CULTURE

Next Saturday 23rd January is the opening concert of the Highworth Year of Culture, to be held in St Michael's at 7.30pm. All performers and acts are local. Tickets, priced at £7 (£5 for concessions and £1 children) are available at the Lighthouse Bookshop.

Look out for more events throughout the year