

REPAIR OF CHURCH WALL PLASTER

I am pleased to tell you that the badly stained plaster above the George III Coat of Arms is to be replaced this week. Work will start on Monday 1st February and although workmen will not be in Church all the time, it will take at least a week to complete. Tower scaffold will be necessary to reach the top of the wall and although this will be removed for Sunday Services, the PCC apologise for any inconvenience at other times.

Peter Hinton

THE LEPROSY MISSION

One of the most rewarding aspects of The Leprosy Mission's work is seeing lives transformed. As well as providing multi-drug therapy and corrective surgery to hands and feet deformed by this disease, TLM also helps to find suitable work for people trying to overcome their difficulties. In 2008 The Leprosy Mission built 45 houses in India from peoples' donations, providing secure homes with sanitation to the poorest people affected by leprosy. Please add your support by praying for this Christian organisation.

Wendy Ratcliffe

PRAYING FOR THE BENEFICE

This week we pray for those who live in Station Road, Stonefield Drive, Stranks Close, Stroma Way, Swindon Road and for all involved at Southfield School

PRAYER

O Lord our God, you created us out of love, you redeemed us by your love, you sustain us with your love.

Let the glory of your love be seen in us, that we may reflect your presence and show forth your love in the world.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

Amen

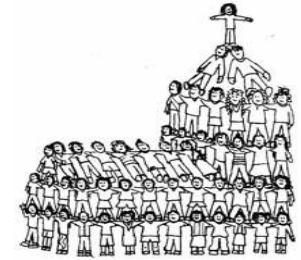
PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

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

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

...all those who are recently bereaved,
praying especially for those who love and miss Ethel (Ettty) Matthews, Margaret McKerracher, Ron Tanner, Marion Urmson

...all those involved with Highworth Primary schools as the councillors meet **this Wednesday** to decide on the future of schools in the town, and for wisdom for the councillors to reach a right, just and informed decision



Week beginning Sunday 31st January 2010

I'd rather see a sermon, than hear one any day;

I'd rather one would walk with me, than merely point the way.

The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear,
Fine counsel is confusing but example's always clear.

And the best of all the preachers are those who live their creeds;

For to see good put in action is what everybody needs!

I soon can learn to do it if you'll let me see it done;

I can see your hands in action but your tongue too fast may run.

And the lectures you deliver may be very fine and true;

But I'd rather get my lessons by observing what you do!

For I may misunderstand you and the high advice you give;

But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live!

From a poem by Edgar Guest

Parish of Highworth with Sevenhampton & Inglesham - who to contact

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Our readings today are:

1 Corinthians 13 (pew bible page 1153)

Luke 2:22-40 (pew bible page 1028)

Please join us for refreshments after our 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 31st January 2010, Epiphany 4

Highworth 9.30am 5th Sunday Celebration Service, Presentation of Christ in the Temple
Geoff Sowden/Arthur Woo

Blunsdon 10.00am Candlemas Communion, John Rees/Kathryn Dack

CHURCH BREAKFAST NEXT WEEK

Next Sunday 7th February breakfast will be served in the church room between the 8.00am and 10.00am services. New faces are as welcome as our regulars - please join us.

COFFEE MORNING - MACMILLAN NURSES

Next **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. Do please come and support this very worthy cause. Thank you
Penny Robertson

CLUES 2 USE

The next Holiday Club follow-on session will be on **Saturday 20th February**. Are you able to help in any way? Your help would be very much appreciated - the more helpers the less the work for each. We will need some people to set up the Methodist church for an hour or so from 10am, or can you help during the afternoon (2pm-5pm) with craft, games etc? Or if you are available for an hour from 5pm your assistance returning the Methodist church to its 'normal' state would be helpful. Please contact **Lesley Uzzell** to volunteer.

LICENSING OF KATHRYN DACK AND WELCOME OF ANN GRIFFITHS

This service takes place at Bristol Cathedral next 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

Please be aware that builders will be in church all this week!

SERVICES NEXT WEEK, Sunday 7th February 2010, 2nd Sunday before Lent

Highworth 8.00am Holy Communion CW, Allan Bucknall
9.00am church breakfast in church room, all welcome
10.00am Morning Praise with children's activities, Lesley Page/Ann Griffith
2.00pm ATC Parade and Service, Arthur Woo
4.00pm T-time all age communion, Geoff Sowden/Bella Fasham
7.00pm Informal Worship, Arthur Woo

Sevenhampton 9.00am Holy Communion CW, Arthur Woo

Hannington 1.30am Holy Communion CW, Arthur Woo

Blunsdon 10.00am Family Communion CW, Alan Hawker/Geoff Sowden

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sat 30 Jan 11.30am Soup lunches and more in aid of RNLI, Council room

Mon 1 Feb 9.30am Prayers in Church - all welcome
10.00am Watercolour Group. Church Room
12.30pm Funeral of Marion Urmson at Kingsdown

Tue 2nd 9.30am Pilates in the Church Room
10.00am Holy Communion at Middi Haines
10.00am Tuesday morning fellowship, 14 Brookfield (Lynn)
1.00pm Eastrop school Year 1 in Church
2.30pm Seekers Light Trust in the Cullerne Room
8.00pm ICC Prayers in the Church Room led by St Michael's

Wed 3rd 9.15am Music Bugs in the Church Room
9.30am Little Fishes in the Chancel
10.00am Holy Communion at St. Leonard's Blunsdon
1.00pm BWS in Church
2.30pm Holy Communion at Grove Hill Nursing Home
6.00pm Swindon Councillors meeting to decide on Highworth Schools
7.00pm Pilates in the Church Room
7.30pm 'Safer Food' (relevant to Lent Lunches), Methodist Church
8.00pm Wednesday Fellowship, **11 Kings Avenue** (Wendy)

Thu 4th 7.30pm Bellringing practice, Bell Tower

Fri 5th 7.00pm Choir Practice

Sat 6th 10.00am MacMillan Nurses Coffee Morning, bulletin folding, Church Room
10.30am Licensing of Kathryn Dack & welcome of Ann Griffith.
Bristol Cathedral

MOTHERS' UNION - The postponed Deanery service will now be a Candlemas service TODAY Sunday 31st January at 3.00pm at St Philip's church, Upper Stratton.
Anne Rees

SATURDAY 30th JANUARY - RNLI

If you would like to support the RNLI and enjoy a simple wholesome warming lunch on Saturday, pop along to the Council Community Room from 11.30am on Saturday (sorry if you don't see this till Sunday!) where RNLI supporters will be serving soup and bread, tea, coffee, and cakes and raising further funds for this cause with a tombola.

Sylvia Holt**LENT LUNCHES**

Lent Lunches start on Ash Wednesday 17th February 2010 in The Methodist Church - all donations will be given to the Haiti Earthquake Appeal with money being split between three Christian charities: Cafod, Christian Aid and TEARFund.

St Michael's turn is on 3rd March and volunteers are needed to help with making soup, setting up and clearing away, serving and washing up, please let me know if you can help in any way.

There is a presentation on 'Safer Food' in the Methodist Church at 7.30pm on Wednesday 3rd February which leaders and helpers are asked to attend if they can.

Lesley Page