

**THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY ARE
HAVING A COFFEE MORNING**

ON

6th MARCH 2010

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH ROOM

10.00am-12.00noon

CAKES & RAFFLE

BRIC-A-BRAC & CAKES ON THE
PODIUM 9am-12noon

Offers of cakes and Bric-A-Brac to
Heather Gunn and Lesley Page. Stephen
will be happy to collect on Friday if
needed

PRAYING FOR THE BENEFICE

This week we pray for those who live in
The Archers, Arran Way, Barra Close,
Beech Grove, Biddell Springs, and all who
work on the Blackworth Industrial Estate

PRAYER

Almighty God, give us strength to stand
against all that is evil

Keep us firm in the times of trial and
temptation

Make us resolute in obeying your will and
in seeking your kingdom

Give us the power to stay true to you and
proclaim your salvation,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen

Annual Report - Calling All Groups

St Michael's produces an annual financial
statement and reports and the time has
once again come to produce the 2009
edition. If you are involved in ANY group
associated with the church e.g. housegroups,
children's work, bellringers, choir, Christian
Aid (the list goes on) please can you submit a
short paragraph detailing what you got up to
in 2009. A lot goes on which we don't
always get to hear about, so this is your
chance to tell the world. Please let me have
your report by the end of February either
as a hard copy via the pigeon holes, or
(ideally) via email. Many thanks

Bobby Bailey (PCC Secretary)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

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

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

*...all those who are recently bereaved,
praying especially for those who love and
miss Peggy Dobson, Heinz Hilker,*

*...all those involved with our local Primary
Schools, praying especially for all who will
be affected by the council's plans to close
Northview School*



Week beginning Sunday 21st February 2010

"I was tempted"

Usually when someone says: "I was tempted" they're telling us about a choice they had. Usually it's not about doing something bad but something bold. We have, of course, all been tempted to do something that wasn't right and have given in.

Jesus was tempted in the sense of being tempted to do something wrong. He was tempted to abandon his mission to recover the world for God in order to get the world for himself straight away but on the devil's terms (that's what we read about at the start of Lent). The temptations which we hear of in the gospels were very real and ... very tempting.

Jesus' temptations were real because Jesus was completely human. Sometimes people make him seem only human and not really God (wrong). Sometimes people imagine that because he was (and is) God he automatically was a kind of holy super-hero with super-hero powers, so his humanity didn't really count (also wrong).

What one of the New Testament writers says about him is this (Hebrews 4) v15 'For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.' v16 'Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.'

We have all been tempted; we are tempted; we will be tempted. Just like Jesus was. The writer tells us that Jesus is ready with mercy and grace. We need to find out what that means in practice.

Justin Griffith

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:

Romans 10:8b-13 (pew bible page 1137)

Luke 4: 1-13 (pew bible page 1030)

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 21st February 2010, 1st Sunday in Lent

Highworth	8.00am	Holy Communion CW, Arthur Woo
	10.00am	Morning Praise & children's activities, Justin Griffith/Lesley Uzzell
	4.00pm	T-time service & children's groups, Arthur Woo/Bobby Bailey
	6.00pm	Shared Choral Evensong, Jean Ashton/Ann Griffith
	7.00pm	Informal Worship, Arthur Woo
Hannington	10.30am	Morning Worship, Neil Fisher
Blunsdon	10.00am	Family Communion, Arthur Woo
Newburgh	7.30pm	Evening Service, Lesley Page

SERVICES NEXT WEEK, Sunday 28th February 2010, 2nd Sunday in Lent

Highworth	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP, Justin Griffith/Jean Ashton
	10.00am	Parish Communion & children's activities, Geoff Sowden/Jean Ashton
	4.00pm	T-time service & children's groups, Geoff Sowden/Bella Fasham
	7.00pm	Informal Worship, Arthur Woo
Hannington	10.30am	Morning Worship, Paul Hope
Blunsdon	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP, John Rees
	10.00am	Family Worship, John Rees

Today we welcome Nicky Leonard home from Africa

LENT LUNCHES

Lent Lunches continue on Wednesday in The Methodist Church. Donations will be shared between three Christian charities: Cafod, Christian Aid and TEARFund, working in Haiti.

St Michaels turn is on 3rd March, volunteers are still needed to help with setting up and clearing away, serving and washing up. Thank you to those who have already offered to make the soup, are there any 'Bread Makers' who would like to offer Homemade Bread, please let me know if you can help in any way.

Lesley Page

LENT STUDIES start this Tuesday 23rd February, 8.00pm at the URC – see separate insert for details

SERVICE REVIEW

The new service formats have been running now for a few months, and we would like to hear your views on how they are going. Please give any thoughts or comments on the service you usually attend to a worship leader of that service.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

...from the Highworth Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, for your help in raising **£6,227.70** for the Fund last year

...from the organisers of the coffee morning last week for helping to raise **£133** for MacMillan Cancer Care. Thanks to those who visited the coffee morning, who made cakes, who helped with the raffle, thank you all.

Penny Robertson

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun 21 st		ANNUAL INCOME SURVEY
Mon 22 nd	9.30am	Prayers in Church - all welcome
	10.00am	Ministry Team Meeting, Church Office
	10.00am	Watercolour Group. Church Room
	1.30pm	Funeral of Heinz Hilker at Kingsdown
	8.00pm	Worship Leaders Training in the Church Room
Tue 23 rd	9.30am	Pilates in the Church Room
	7.00pm	Church Room booked for private hire
	7.45pm	Clinton's Gift Trustees Meeting at the Vicarage
	8.00pm	Lent Studies, URC
Wed 24 th	9.15am	Music Bugs in the Church Room
	9.30am	Little Fishes in the Chancel
	12.00noon	Lent Lunches, Highworth Methodist Church (to 1.30pm)
	2.00pm	Church Magazine Working Party in the Cullerne Room
	7.00pm	Pilates in the Church Room
Thu 25 th	10.00am	Holy Communion in St Michael's
	10.40am	Mothers' Union in Church Room
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice, Bell Tower
Fri 26 th	7.00pm	Choir Practice
Sat 27 th	10.00am	Coffee Morning and bulletin folding, Church Room

'JUST FOR FUN' INTER CHURCH GROUP QUIZ

13th MARCH 2010 AT 7.00PM in St Michael's Church Hall

START RECRUITING YOUR TEAM NOW!

Entrance £5.00 per team of 4 (£1.00 for extra members, max 2 per team). We will provide the basic bread and cheese supper and you provide the trimmings and nibbles for your team and your choice of liquid refreshment

RAFFLE (offers of prizes to Rosie or Lesley P please)

We look forward to seeing your team for a fun evening

Forms from Rosie and Lesley P (return by 11th March please for catering)

ANNUAL INCOME SURVEY – Today is the second week of the annual Anonymous Income Survey. It is very important that everyone who is a regular worshipper at St Michael's completes a form. Please note that couples complete separate forms as **two individuals**. Individuals record their **personal income**, not their household or spouse's, and it is important that you complete a form even if you have no personal income, are on a pension or are under 16 years of age. Confidentiality is assured, the returns are **completely anonymous**. So PLEASE complete a form – if you did not complete one last week!

Rosie & Mike, Churchwardens

MOTHERS' UNION meets this Thursday 25th February in church for communion followed by coffee and our Wave of Prayer service in the Church Room. This annual act of worship is when we especially pray for MU members in our link dioceses around the world, and is also the time when members are praying for us in Bristol diocese.

BCP & T - The next BCP & T service will be held on Palm Sunday, 28th March, at 2.30pm in St Michael's. As always please contact me if you need a lift to the service, or are able to provide any items for the tea. Many thanks, **Esmé Buller**

PARISH NEWS MAGAZINE DELIVERY APPEAL

We need someone to take on delivering to 7 homes in Windrush, ten times a year. Please be aware that this route involves slopes and steps. If you can take this on, **Madeleine Newton** will be very pleased to hear from you. Thank you.