

**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
Blandford Alley, Blandford Mews, Botany,
Brewery Street, Brookfield,
and for all who live in Blunsdon village

PRAYER

Lord God, our heavenly Father, we come
to you in praise and thanksgiving for the
perfect sacrifice made for us by your Son
Jesus Christ on the cross.

We kneel before you in worship with open
hearts to hear your word for us, and as
we remember Christ's sacrifice we come
together as the body of Christ to receive
the power of your Spirit through His Body
and Blood. **Amen**

Parish of Highworth with Sevenhampton & Inglesham - who to contact

All Ministry Enquiries - Rev Geoff Sowden (day off Friday) telephone 01793-765554

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Annual Report - Calling All Groups

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 for the annual report pack. 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, John
Maddison

*...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 28th February 2010

Lest We Forget

Today we begin a sermon series taking a closer look at the events leading up to Easter and some of their O.T. background.

Salvation to the people of Israel was through their freedom from slavery in the exodus from Egypt, and is still celebrated in the Passover meal. The Passover foreshadowed Jesus' work on the cross. As spotless Lamb of God His blood was shed in order to bring the full reality of salvation - freedom from the slavery of sin - once only, and for all who believe and trust in him.

As we come to make our Communion we obey his command, 'Do this in remembrance of me.'

How? We look back to the cross and remember that Christ gave his life for our sins, and we are drawn to confess our failings.

We look around and realise that so many in our world are in need of Christ's love and forgiveness, and as we come to renew our faith so we must share it with others.

We look forward to Christ's return and recognise our need to prepare for Judgment Day by endeavouring to become more Christlike day by day.

How do we participate? We come with thanksgiving and praise for the benefits won for us by Christ's sacrifice on the cross. We come as one fellowship of believers united by faith. We come with open hands and hearts to receive through the symbols of bread and wine the indwelling presence of our living Lord.

What has God done about sin? He has given us new life, a new nature and new freedom. Read Romans 6:2-16 for examples of each.

Jean Ashton

Our readings today are:

Deuteronomy 16:1-8 (pew bible page 195)

Luke 22:1-38 (pew bible page 1057)

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 28th February 2010, 2nd Sunday in Lent

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| 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

SERVICES NEXT WEEK, Sunday 7th March 2010, 3rd Sunday in Lent

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| Highworth | 8.00am | Holy Communion CW, Allan Bucknall |
| | 9.00am | Parish Breakfast, Church Room |
| | 10.00am | Morning Praise & children's activities, Charles Kirke/Lesley Page |
| | 4.00pm | T-time all age communion, Arthur Woo/Bella Fasham |
| | 7.00pm | Informal Worship, Steve Rawlinson/Neil George |
| Sevenhampton | 9.00am | Holy Communion BCP, Geoff Sowden |
| Hannington | 10.30am | Holy Communion BCP, Geoff Sowden |
| Blunsdon | 10.00am | Family Communion, John Rees/Justin Griffith/Ann Griffith |

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 next Wednesday 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 continue on Tuesday 2nd March, 8.00pm at the URC. All welcome, please join us.

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.

HAPPY 'SPECIAL' BIRTHDAYS

Madeleine and Peter Newton

with love from
all at St Michael's



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

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| Mon 1 Mar | 9.30am | Prayers in Church - all welcome |
| | 10.00am | Ministry Team Meeting, Church Office |
| | 10.00am | Watercolour Group. Church Room |
| | 7.30pm | PCC Extra (Big Picture) meeting in church |
| Tue 2 nd | 9.30am | Pilates in the Church Room |
| | 10.00am | Tuesday Morning Fellowship, 14 Brookfield (Lynn 763147) |
| | 10.00am | Holy Communion at Middi Haines |
| | 7.00pm | Neighbourhood Watch in the Church Room |
| | 8.00pm | Lent Studies, URC |
| Wed 3 rd | 9.15am | Music Bugs in the Church Room |
| | 9.30am | Little Fishes in the Chancel |
| | 10.00 | Holy Communion at St Leonard's, Blunsdon |
| | 12.00noon | Lent Lunches, Methodist Church (to 1.30pm) |
| | 2.30pm | Holy Communion at Grove Hill |
| | 7.00pm | Church Flower Ladies meeting in Church |
| | 7.00pm | Pilates in the Church Room |
| Thu 4 th | 7.00pm | Baptism Preparation in the Church Room |
| | 7.30pm | Bellringing practice, Bell Tower |
| Fri 5 th | 7.00pm | Choir Practice |
| Sat 6 th | 9.30am | Marriage Preparation in the Methodist Church |
| | 10.00am | Children's Society Coffee Morning, Church Room |
| Sun 7 th | 11.00am | Church Room booked for private hire |
| | 2.00pm | Church Room booked for private hire until 4.30pm |

PARISH BREAKFAST

Every month, on the first Sunday of the month (except August), breakfast is served between the 8.00am and 10.00am services, in the church room at about 9.00am. Come to the 8.00am service and stay, or come to breakfast then go on to the 10.00am service, or even just come at about 9.00am for breakfast - you will be very welcome.

'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)

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

ST MICHAEL'S FLOWER GUILD

The next meeting of the Flower Guild will be held on Wednesday, 3rd March, 2010, at 7pm in the Church - to discuss our Coffee Morning, Easter Flowers and to inspect our stock of silk flowers which are stored in the Church. Please would all our arrangers make every effort to attend.

Barbara Lawton