

COFFEE MORNING LAST WEEK

A HUGE Thank You to everyone who supported the Highworth Beavers coffee morning last weekend. With donations as well, we have been able to add a truly fantastic £472.71 to the 1st Highworth's funds in this centenary year of Scouting in Highworth. Look out later in the year for other scouting activities including the Scarecrow Trail at Easter. THANK YOU
Highworth Beaver Leaders

HIGHWORTH YEAR OF CULTURE

On Saturday 27th March Highworth Choral Society give their Easter concert in St Michael's, performing Mozart's Requiem and Bruckner's Te Deum. Tickets are £9 from the Lighthouse or at the door.

Congratulations to Hazel and Mike Langford on the arrival of Isabella Hazel, a daughter to Helen and Rob. With love from St. Michael's Church Family

THE JESUS FILM

We have a copy of the video which is regularly used by Pauline and Alan Ashmore in their outreach in Burkina Faso. If you would like to borrow it please contact Allan Bucknall.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

...all those who are sick or troubled,
praying especially for
Joan Burton, Steve Chandler, Val Cox, 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 Gwen Drew, Peggy Dobson, Pat Dunderdale, Heinz Hilker, John Maddison, Fred Rockall, Joy Wright

...all those in our town who will be affected by the summer closure of Northview Primary School

PRAYING FOR THE BENEFICE

This week we pray for those who live in Eastrop, Edencroft, The Elms, Fair View, Folly Close, and for all involved with Eastrop School

PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, give us wisdom and faith to trust in you.

When we cannot see your presence,
When the way is full of darkness and doubt,

Increase our faith and help us to know that you will never leave us or forsake us,
For you are ever with us, Jesus Christ our Lord,

To whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and forever,
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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Week beginning Sunday 14th March 2010

ALONE

"My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death stay here and keep watch with me"

Mathew 26:38

Totally God, totally human, totally alone and so He understands our worries and fears and if we put our trust in Him we need never be alone.

Gethsemane prayer

Jesus, our brother,
once you knelt sleepless
in the darkness of a garden
Alone

and wept and prayed,
sweating, bleeding,
with the pain of powerlessness
with the strain of waiting.
An angel offered you strength-
but it was a bitter cup.

We pray for all who wake tonight
waiting, agonising,
anxious and afraid,
while others sleep:

for those who sweat and bleed,
and weep alone.

If it is not possible for their cup to be taken away-
then may they know your presence
kneeling at their side

Amen

(Jan Sutch Pickard, Lent & Easter Readings from IONA)

Consider

*Could you have stayed awake? Would you have run away?
Can your faith stand firm and grow in adversity?*

Lesley Page

Our readings today are:

Psalm 2 (pew bible page 543)

Luke 22:39-23:25 (pew bible page 1058)

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 March 2010, 5th Sunday in Lent

Highworth	8.00am	Holy Communion CW, Arthur Woo
	10.00am	Morning Praise and children's activities, Rob Stewart
	4.00pm	T-time service & children's groups, Geoff Sowden/Stephen Fasham
	7.00pm	Informal Worship, Arthur Woo/Neil George
Sevenhampton	6.00pm	Shared Choral Evensong, Geoff Sowden
Hannington	10.30am	Morning Worship, John Godfree
Blunsdon	10.00am	Family Communion, Arthur Woo
Newburgh	7.30pm	Evening Service, Jean Ashton

SERVICES NEXT WEEK, Sunday 28th March 2010, Palm Sunday

Highworth	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP, Geoff Sowden
	10.00am	Parish Communion & children's activities (with commissioning for Pauline and Alan Ashmore), Geoff Sowden/Jean Ashton
	2.30pm	BCP & T Service, Geoff Sowden/Esmé Buller
(time change)	4.30pm	T-time service & children's groups, Arthur Woo/Bobby Bailey
	7.00pm	Informal Worship, Neil George
Hannington	10.30am	Morning Worship, Trevor Day
Blunsdon	8.00pm	Holy Communion BCP, John Rees
	10.00am	Family Worship, John Rees/Jane Ockwell

PAULINE AND ALAN ASHMORE

Next weekend we welcome Pauline and Alan Ashmore to our church services. At our 10.00am service we will be commissioning them for their Missionary role.

WALKING FOR JESUS

On Easter Eve, Sat April 3rd we have a joint churches March of Witness. Please assemble in Brewery St carpark at 10.15am (children bring something to wave), and we will be walking along Brewery St, Swindon St and the High St to the podium where there will be a short all-age service. Children can then go on to the Easter Egg hunt in St Michael's Church (see below)

Easter Egg hunt

This will be from 11.15am-12.15pm. Please go to St Michael's church for your instructions and the price for the egg-hunt is £1 per entrance. There will refreshments available there and all ages are welcome. For further details ring Ruth Clarke (Youth worker)

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 22 nd	9.30am	Prayers in Church - all welcome
	10.00am	Ministry Team Meeting, Church Office
	10.00am	Bellringers ringing a peal
	7.00pm	Highworth Choral Society rehearsal in Church
	7.30pm	PCC, Church Room
Tue 23 rd	9.30am	Pilates in the Church Room
	10.00am	Tuesday Morning Fellowship, 11 The Willows (Lynn 763147)
	7.00pm	Church Room booked for private hire
Wed 24 th	8.00pm	Lent Studies, URC
	9.15am	Music Bugs in the Church Room
	9.30am	Little Fishes in the Chancel
	12.00noon	Lent Lunches, Methodist Church (to 1.30pm)
	2.00pm	Magazine Working Party, Cullerne Room
Thu 25 th	7.00pm	Pilates in the Church Room
	7.30pm	Meeting for prospective Holiday Club Helpers, The Bridge
	10.00am	Holy Communion in Church
	10.40am	Mothers' Union, Church Room
Fri 26 th	7.00pm	Baptism Preparation, Church Room
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice, Bell Tower
	7.00pm	Choir Practice
Sat 27 th	10.00am	Coffee Morning and bulletin folding, Church Room
	7.30pm	Highworth Choral Society Concert, St Michael's

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Highworth Parish Electoral Roll is nothing to do with voting in local elections! No – it's a list of people who are 'members' of one of the churches in the Parish – either St Michael's, or St John's in Inglesham or St James' in Sevenhampton. If you are over 16 and regularly worship at one of these churches, and are not currently on the Electoral Roll, please do consider going on. Being on the Roll shows that you are committed to the church, and the number of people on the Roll determines things like our staffing level and the number of elected PCC members we can have.

Every year we revise the Electoral Roll, in the period leading up to the Annual Meeting. The current Roll will be in church on the oak chest next week and the following week, for you to check if your name appears. If your name is not on the list you can apply to go on – forms will be available in church also on the chest, you just need to complete your name and address and sign a declaration – simple!

Please consider joining the Electoral Roll if you are a regular worshipper in the Parish. For more information on the Electoral Roll please contact me. If you see a name on the list you feel should not be there, please also let me know.

Lesley Uzzell, Electoral Roll Officer

BCP & T - This service will be held on Palm Sunday, next week 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

MOTHERS' UNION - MU meets on Thursday in the Church Room at 10.40am after Communion in Church. Anne Pope, Diocesan Faith and Policy Coordinator, is coming to the meeting to help us get to know the Diocesan magazine, "The Messenger", better. If you can find your 2009 copy please bring it with you.
Anne Rees

PRAYER DAY - Many may be aware that the last year has been very difficult for the UK Christian Book trade. A national day of prayer for the trade will take place on **Friday 26th March**. Please pray at sometime during the day for publishers, distributors, authors, Christian bookshops and particularly the Lighthouse Bookshop.

HOLIDAY CLUB 2010

If you are able to help in any way with Holiday Club this year (16-20 August), or want to find out more, please come to a meeting on Wednesday 24th March at 7.30pm in The Bridge. If you are interested but can't make it please contact Chris Speller or Sarah Heppenstall.