

NORTHVIEW SCHOOL SITE

There will be an open meeting on Wednesday 26th May at Northview School, led by the Highworth Community Partnership Group, to give the people of Highworth an opportunity to make suggestions as to the best use of the site once it ceases to be used as a school. It will be an evening meeting, time to be confirmed. Do come along and make your suggestions.

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 for all who live in Sevenhampton village

PRAYER

Almighty Father, who through your great love raised your Son unto glory, help us to know we are not alone, to know we dwell in you and you in us, to know that the ascended Lord is with us always, and that your Spirit comes to guide and to strengthen us.

Lord, as we come before you, grant us a glimpse of your glory, as we ask in the name of your beloved Son our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

Amen

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

HELP DELIVER LINK MAGAZINE

Keith Ratcliffe needs a backup for his delivery to the villages - this is urgent for the July/August issue but would ideally be a permanent backup for Keith. It involves a day to batch the magazines into village bundles, and then half a day delivering to the village coordinators. Keith has a well-developed system so it should be easy to take it on. It would be helpful for a backup to shadow Keith for the June issue from 1.00pm on 28th May. The July issue will start 25th June. Please ring **Peter Croton** if you can help.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

...all those who are sick or troubled, praying especially for Simon Ashmore, Joan Burton, Steve Chandler, Val Cox, Hilary Fortnam, Zac Hobbs, Geoffrey Matthews, Isobel Nott, Carole Richmond, Betty Taber, Beryl Ransome, Jane Underwood, Charlotte Vockins, Anne Willis

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

...all those involved in mission, praying especially for Pauline, Alan and Simon Ashmore, Lindy Hope, Nicky Leonard

...all those in our town affected by the summer closure of Northview School



Week beginning Sunday 16th May 2010

You are not just called away from death, you are called to life, so live. May we be able to declare this.....

"I'm a part of the fellowship of the unashamed. I have Holy Spirit power. I've stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I'm a disciple of His.

I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still. My past redeemed, my present makes sense, my future is secure.

I'm finished and done with low living, sidwaling, small planning, smooth-knees, colourless dreams, tame visions, worldly-talking, cheap-giving, and dwarf goals.

I no longer need pre-eminence, position, promotion, applause, or popularity. I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded, or rewarded.

I now live by faith, lean on His presence, walk by patience. I am uplifted by prayer and labour by power.

My face is set. My gait is fast. My goal is Heaven. My road is narrow. My way is rough. My companions are few. My God reliable. My mission is clear.

I cannot be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, deluded, or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of my adversaries, negotiate at the table of my enemy, or ponder at the pool of popularity.

I won't give up, shut up, let up, until I've stayed up, stored up, prayed up, preached up, for the cause of Christ.

I am a disciple of Jesus."
(Lyrics to 'infiltrate' from the album 'worth dying for')

Ruth Clarke

Our readings today are:

Psalms 71:1-18 (pew bible p584)

Romans 10:5-15 (pew bible p1137)

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 16th May 2010, 7th Sunday of Easter

Highworth 8.00am Holy Communion CW, Geoff Sowden/Swindon Youth for Christ
 10.00am Morning Praise & children's activities, Geoff Sowden/Ruth Clarke/SYFC
 4.00pm T-time service & children's groups, Geoff Sowden/Ruth Clarke/SYFC
 6.00pm Shared Choral Evensong, Hilary Fortnam/Janet Done
 7.00pm Informal Worship congregation social at 14 Brookfield

Hannington 10.30am Morning Worship, Janet Done

Blunsdon 10.00am Family Holy Communion, John Rees/Kathryn Dack

Newburgh 7.30pm Evening Service, Jean Ashton

SERVICES NEXT WEEK, Sunday 23rd May 2010, Pentecost

Highworth 8.00am Holy Communion BCP, Geoff Sowden
 10.00am Parish Communion & children's activities, Geoff Sowden
 4.00pm T-time service & children's groups, Arthur Woo/Bobby Bailey
 6.00pm Pentecost Praise at HMC led by St Michael's, Justin Griffith
 7.00pm Informal Worship,

Hannington 10.30am Morning Worship,

Blunsdon 8.00am Holy Communion BCP, John Rees
 10.00am Family Worship, John Rees/Kathryn Dack

GLOUCESTER HOUSE

Gloucester House is holding an information evening at the Methodist church this coming Friday 21st May at 7.30pm. There will be coffee and cake and bring and buy cake stall. This is a chance for us to listen to some of the folk from Gloucester House and hear how lives have been changed.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Thank-you to all our collectors for your hard work this past week. Please return your collections to church by next Sunday please, not to the Lighthouse. We will announce the results as soon as the count is done.

Tricia & Peter Croton**STARTING THE 10AM SERVICE**

The number of notices to be given out varies from week to week, but it has been noted that when there are a lot the service can start up to 5 minutes late. We want to try something new on June 6th - following the participants prayers at 9.50-9.55am, the Officiant will welcome the congregation, give the notices, then ask for quiet as we all prepare ourselves for worship. Quiet music will play during this time. Then the first hymn will be announced at 10am. We hope this will help. Please do encourage us by being in church for the welcome at 9.55am.

The Ministry Team**WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK**

Mon 17th 9.30am Prayers in church - all are welcome
 10.00am Ministry Team meeting, Church Office
 7.30pm PCC in the Church Room

Tue 18th 9.30am Pilates in the Church Room
 10.00am Tuesday Morning Fellowship, 'My Home' S. Marston (Lynn)
 2.30pm Seekers' Light meeting in the Cullerne Room
 7.00pm Church Room booked for private hire
 7.30pm Graham Kendrick concert, Wantage

Wed 19th 9.15am Warneford School in church with Arthur
 9.30am Music Bugs, Church Room
 9.30am Little Fishes in Church
 7.30pm Extra PCC meeting in Church (BPRG)
 8.00pm Wednesday Fellowship, 26 Priory Green (Wendy)

Thu 20th 2.00pm Church Room booked for private hire till 4.00pm
 7.00pm Wedding Rehearsal in Church
 7.30pm Bellringing Practice, Church Tower
 7.45pm ICC meeting at The Bridge

Fri 21st 7.30pm Meeting at Methodist church to hear about Gloucester House

Sat 22nd 10.00am Coffee morning & bulletin folding, Church Room
 12.30pm Wedding of Claire James and Colin Jones
 8.00pm Jazz in the Church

Sun 23rd 3.00pm Swindon Bellringers ringing at St Michael's

EVENSONG TODAY

At 6.00pm this evening there will be BCP Evensong with our choir, here in St Michael's. The theme is 'Obeying God', and in the Disciples' time of uncertainty after the Ascension, they obey God by waiting for the Holy Spirit to come. We welcome Janet Done, a Lay Minister from Rodbourne Cheney, to come and preach. Come and join us to worship and sing some wonderful hymns.

Hilary Fortnam**HOME MISSION SUNDAY**

Over the last year or so we have tried to have one Sunday a year to support the Overseas Mission and one for the Home Mission. This year it is Swindon Youth for Christ, an organisation involved with supporting us and Ruth Clarke in our Youth Project. Today we welcome them to our 10am and 4pm services. Details are available on how we can support them in prayer and financially.

Geoff**GRAHAM KENDRICK CONCERT**

There will be an evening with singer/songwriter Graham Kendrick featuring his solo acoustic songs in Wantage on Tuesday May 18th starting at 7.30pm. Performed with passion by the man who authored them, in the acoustic style that suits them best, these songs make up a very special concert.

Tickets (£9) are available from the Cornerstone Coffee & Christian Book Shop in Wantage - call in (9.30-4 Mon-Fri, 10-4 Sat) or write to: 10 Savile Way, Grove, Wantage, OX12 OPT, telephone: 01235 772280, or email: events@cornerstonegrove.org.uk

Proceeds will support the work of Compassion International in sponsoring children overseas and of the work of Cornerstone Christian Centre in Grove.