

**ST MICHAEL'S HALL AGM** will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June in the Hall at 8.00pm. All users of the hall and interested members of the public are welcome to attend.

**Keith Ratcliffe, chairman**

**FUNDRAISING FOR KENYA - HMC**

There will be a Food and Quiz night this **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June**, 7:30pm at the Goldfinger. Cost £5 each including curry or chilli, teams to be 4-6 people,

**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> July** - a Murder Mystery Dinner at St Michael's Hall. Three course meal followed by coffee and mints, £20.

Tickets for both from Sandra Cox or Anne Drew.

**MISSIONARY PRAYER POINTS**

For Nicky Leonard this week, please pray for good results from the Esteem course, for the Uganda lesson Nicky is leading next week, for peace and confidence about the pastoral worker job for which she has applied, and for the Thursday afternoon bowls club.

For Pauline and Alan Ashmore this week, please pray for their ESL preparation and teaching, upcoming film outreaches, their daily bible outreaches, their English intensive course at the beginning of July and their preparation for returning to the UK straight after.



**Week beginning Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

This week we are starting an eight part series on Ephesians. This letter contains themes that Christians have found both inspirational and encouraging. Paul gives a grand view of God's salvation plan that goes beyond personal salvation and encompasses the earth, the heavens and the whole cosmos. His vision of Christian unity transcends denominational, racial, sexual, age barriers and has motivated Christians worldwide to work together for the sake of the gospel. Paul's teaching on the power and principalities of evil, and his teaching of the armour of God, for many has become a central prayer focus and encouragement in their struggles. Without doubt, Paul's letter to the Ephesians has impacted the church hugely, and we trust and pray that it will inspire us likewise.

Paul begins with a prayer, giving thanks for the many blessings won through the cross. His phrase, '... holy and blameless before him in love' bears particular attention. Many of us have imperfections, lots of baggage from the past, idiosyncrasies that can affect our relationships. Now regardless of how we feel towards ourselves and about each other, Paul announces that we are perfect in the eyes of God. There is no reason why God cannot love us, and love us completely.

We are 'holy and blameless before him in love' - you need to read these words slowly, let them sink in.

*For further meditation:*

1. What is the implication of 'adopted as children' v5 for us?
2. What is God's big and mysterious plan? v10.

**Arthur Woo**

**PRAYING FOR THE BENEFICE**

This week we pray for those who live in Swindon Street, Turnpike Road, Vicarage Lane, Vorda Road, Wessex Way, and for all who attend, work or help at Warneford School - especially those in the middle of their GCSEs at this time

**PRAYER**

Lord of our life and God of our salvation, we cry out to you;

We come to you for hope and for healing, We come for health and for wholeness.

Come, Lord, touch us and renew us, in the name of the Christ who redeemed us

**Amen**

**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, Isobel Nott, Carole Richmond, Betty Taber, Beryl Ransome, Jane Underwood, Charlotte Vockins

*...all those who are recently bereaved,* praying especially for those who love and miss Robin Cartwright, Phyllis Davies, Nelson Frewin, Fay Loveday

*...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, especially the children changing schools

**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](mailto:stmichaelshighworth@offices.orangehome.co.uk)

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**Our readings today are:**

Ephesians 1:3-14 (pew bible p1173)

Matthew 18:10-14 (pew bible p985)

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 6<sup>th</sup> June 2010, Trinity 1

Highworth	8.00am	Holy Communion CW, Allan Bucknall
	10.00am	Morning Praise, Hilary Fortnam/Ann Griffith
	4.00pm	T-time all age communion & welcome, Arthur Woo/Stephen Fasham
	7.00pm	Informal Worship, Arthur Woo
Sevenhampton	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP, Arthur Woo
Hannington	10.30am	Holy Communion CW, Arthur Woo
Blunsdon	10.00am	Family Holy Communion, John Rees/Kathryn Dack

### SERVICES NEXT WEEK, Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2010, Trinity 2

Highworth	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP, Justin Griffith
	10.00am	Civic Service, Geoff Sowden/Justin Griffith
	4.00pm	T-time service with children's groups, Geoff Sowden/Bella Fasham
	7.00pm	Informal Worship, Neil George/Ruth Clarke
Hannington	10.30am	Morning Worship, Ann Griffith
Blunsdon	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP, Rev Dr Richard Armitage
	10.00am	Family Worship, Jane Ockwell
	6.30pm	Evensong, Kathryn Dack
Grove Hill		Evening Service, Geoff Sowden

### TODAY AT OUR 10.00AM SERVICE....

.....we begin a 3 month trial of starting the 10.00am service in a slightly different way. It has been commented on, that when there are a lot of notices, we start the service late. If there are any notices, they will be read at 9.56/57am, finishing with 2 minutes quiet while we all prepare ourselves for worship, when quiet music will be played. Then at 10.00am a welcome will be given and the first hymn will be announced.

We hope this will work and we won't know until we try. Worship Leaders will be happy to hear your comments after the services.

**The 10.00am Ministry Team**

### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Prayers in church - all welcome, please join us
	10.00am	Ministry team meeting, Church Office
	8.00pm	Weekend away meeting, Vicarage
	8.00pm	St Michael's Hall AGM, in the Hall
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Pilates in the Church Room
	9.30am	Tuesday morning fellowship, 40 Bydemill Gardens (Lynn)
	10.00am	Holy Communion, Middi Haines Court
	7.00pm	Church Room booked for private hire
	7.15pm	Clinton's Gift Trustees meeting, Vicarage
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Music Bugs in the Church Room
	9.30am	Little Fishes in Church
	7.30pm	Food and Quiz Night (fundraising for Kenya), the Goldfinger
	pm	Big Picture Focus Group in the Cullerne Room
Thu 10 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	'One Only' coffee morning in the Church Room
	8.00pm	Fabric meeting, 43 The Willows
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>		Blunsdon Open Gardens weekend
	10.00am	ATC Coffee morning & bulletin folding, Church Room

### MORNING PRAISE

The sheet for this service for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays each month has been given an update. It contains alternatives for the prayers that we use. The new sheet is in a salmon pink colour, and the confessions and creeds have been altered to be in line with scriptural teaching. If you wish to discuss or comment on these different prayers, please speak to Hilary or anyone on the 10.00am Planning Team. We value your views to enable us to get it right.

#### The 10am Planning Team

(Jean Ashton, Hilary Fortnam,  
Helen Lawrence, Lesley Page,  
Steve Rawlinson, Lesley Uzzell)

### BIG BOOK CAFÉ HOLIDAY CLUB 2010 HELPERS UPDATE

We at the Big Book Café are seeking the following people to join our team. Further details about these roles can be gained from Chris or Sarah

Techy Person - We are seeking someone to work the PA Desk and computer. This role doesn't require working with children; however as this role takes place within the main part of the church, a CRB check from your church would be preferable.

Storytellers - Do you like telling stories to children about Jesus? We are seeking people to provide a 10 to 15 minute teaching session to each age group. You will not need to take charge of any children, however a CRB check from your church would be preferable.

Adult and Teenage Helpers - We are still seeking additional people to work with the children for all age groups (5-6s, 7-8s, 9-11s)

Youth Night - Would you like to be involved with holiday club, but are unable to due to other commitments during the day? If that's you, then we need volunteers to help with the youth night on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2010. Exact times to be confirmed, but we will probably need you between 6.30pm and 10pm.

Contact Sarah Heppenstall - sarah@bigbookcafe.co.uk, Chris Speller - chris@bigbookcafe.co.uk



### BIG BOOK CAFÉ - MATERIALS NEEDED

- Shop Fitting - Are you planning on replacing your kitchen in June or July this year? or do you have some old kitchen cabinets sitting around looking for a new home? The Big Book Café is seeking 'shop fittings' to bring the café alive.
- Craft Items - After last year's successful collection of items, then we are in need again of items for the crafts. Please can you collect yoghurt pots and plastic takeaway tubs (with lids).

If you can help please contact Chris or Sarah (see box left for contact details)

Please send items and inserts for the Weekly Bulletin to Lesley Uzzell by **6pm Thursdays**: tel. 765050, email weeklybulletin@stmichaelshighworth.co.uk