

Next Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> June, Helen Ratcliffe - younger daughter of Wendy and Keith - will marry Paul Howes in Cheltenham. Please pray for them on this special day.

#### **FUNDRAISING FOR KENYA – HMC**

On **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** there will be a Murder Mystery Dinner at St Michael's Hall, a three course meal followed by coffee and mints, £20 per person. Tickets from Sandra Cox or Anne Drew.

#### **PRAYING FOR THE BENEFICE**

This week we pray for those who live in Westhill Close, Westrop, The Willows, Windrush, Wrde Hill and for all who attend, work or help at Westrop School

#### **PRAYER**

God our Father,  
you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world;  
Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals.  
Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for learning and for a new start.  
Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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#### **MISSIONARY PRAYER POINTS**

For Nicky Leonard this week, please pray that the Esteem course can continue this term; for Nicky and the rest of her team that they can prioritise spending time with God and listening to Him to help them know His will and encouragement; for the year 11s taking GCSEs (in Highworth too!)

For Pauline and Alan Ashmore, please continue to pray for their ESL preparation and teaching; several 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 it.

#### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...**

*...all those who are sick or troubled,* praying especially for 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 Wilfred Lait, Fay Loveday, Leslie Matthews, Ronald Selby, Sheila White,

*...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



#### **Week beginning Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

Who would recognise the Spirit of God if he visited our congregation?

Would it be the dyed-in-the-wool churchgoers? Or would it be the casual visitors, who may not know the liturgy too well?

Who regards the sins of our society altogether too sickening for God to forgive?

Is there an unforgivable sin?

Jesus was used to mixing with the upper echelons of society. It appears that he quite enjoyed their company. Simon had high standing in the social order of his time, and he had invited Jesus to dinner. He liked the company, but he missed the significance. He appeared, for all his dignity, to miss the central message that Jesus was there to give. He even appeared to forget the usual protocol.

The woman off the streets, however recognised who Jesus was and did for him all that she could. She couldn't do enough for him, and spent her hard-earned cash on perfume..... to anoint Jesus, and to wash his feet.

Jesus ends up commending her, not so much for what she did but because she was so blessed by God.

Who is the more blessed? He who always does the right thing or he who always does wrong and then falls at the feet of Jesus for mercy and receives bountiful grace?

#### *For reflection*

Jesus said that he who is forgiven much loves a great deal.

Read the story for yourself and discover which character you relate to.

Is there any room for movement in our hearts

1. towards Jesus and
2. for those in our family or society who have offended us?

**Ann Griffith**

**Our readings today are to be announced in the services**

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 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

### SERVICES NEXT WEEK, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2010, Trinity 3

Highworth	8.00am	Holy Communion CW, Geoff Sowden
	10.00am	Morning Worship and baptism, Geoff Sowden
	4.00pm	T-time service with children's groups, Geoff Sowden/Katie James
	7.00pm	Informal Worship, Arthur Woo
Sevenhampton	6.00pm	Choral Evensong, Hilary Fortnam
Hannington	10.30am	Morning Worship, tbc
Blunsdon	10.00am	Holy Communion CW, John Rees
Newburgh		Evening Service, tbc

### ICC PRAYERS

#### CHANGE OF DATES

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July will now be in The Bridge and led by Highworth Community Church

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September will now be in the URC and led by the URC.

Please note these changes to venues previously notified. All are welcome to these opportunities to pray together as the Church in Highworth.

### GIVING VIA GIFTAID?

If you are a UK taxpayer and you are GiftAiding your giving to St Michael's, we are very grateful as this brings us a donation from the taxman! Please look in the letter rack for a letter thanking you. If you are not yet a GiftAider please speak to Ann Crowlev

### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Prayers in church - all welcome, please join us
	2.00pm	Church Room booked for private hire till 4.00pm
	7.45pm	Ministry team meeting, Vicarage
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup>		Church Office Closed
	9.30am	Pilates in the Church Room
	9.30am	Tuesday morning fellowship, 34 Eastrop (Lynn)
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Music Bugs in the Church Room
	9.30am	Little Fishes in Church
	7.00pm	Pilates in the Church Room
	8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship, 26 Priory Green (Wendy)
Thu 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Flower Ladies in church
	1.15pm	Funeral of Fay Loveday in church
	2.00pm	Church Room booked for private hire till 4.00pm
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice, bell tower
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Coffee morning & bulletin folding, Church Room
	5.00pm	Midsummer Service and BBQ at Inglesham

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

#### ST MICHAEL'S TOGETHER WEEKEND 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2010

Please keep this weekend free in your diary for the whole Church Family to share time together.

In the planning....Barn Dance, Speaker, fun activities for all ages, Church Service, meals to share, reflection, prayer and fellowship. It will be based locally (so you can sleep at home!) and will provide a wonderful opportunity to spend time together and enhance friendships.

More details to follow, but the date is fixed!

### BIG BOOK CAFÉ HOLIDAY CLUB 2010 UPDATE

The Big Book Cafe - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2010 - ages 5-11,

The Big Book Cafe goes Large - 18<sup>th</sup> August 2010 - ages 12 - 16

We are still in need of the following as requested in previous weeks –

Techy Person, Adult and Teenage Helpers for both the daytime holiday club and the youth night, Shop Fitting items and Craft Items.

In addition we require:

Landlubbers t-shirts - Do you still have your t-shirt which might be stuck in your clothes draw and you are wondering what to do with it. We are only looking for ones that weren't personalised etc. If so then we can reuse them for this year's holiday club. Can you please pass them to Lesley Uzzell

The Big Book Cafe All leaders and helpers meeting - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2010, 7.30pm in the Bridge - We are holding a meeting for all leaders and helpers (adult and teen) that are helping with Holiday Club in any way. It will be a chance for us to meet, get to know each other, find out more about the theme and daily programme and also pray together about Holiday Club.

Please contact Sarah Heppenstall for more information or to register your help - sarah@bigbookcafe.co.uk



### CREAM TEAS

Come and join us for cream teas in Geoff's lovely garden (10 Stonefield Drive) on

#### SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JULY

from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. Scone, jam & cream, cake and a drink £3.50 - tickets from the Social Committee and Rosie in the Office (so we know how many scones to bake!)

More details from **Lesley P** or the **Church Office** (762702).

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