

HIGHWORTH LINK MAGAZINE EDITOR

Current Link editor, Adrian Young, is bowing out in the autumn, having edited the magazine since 2005. We are looking for someone who would be in sympathy with the ethos of the local churches, have a passion for community affairs and good editing skills, to take the helm of this thriving and popular community magazine. Once established, the role takes about 15-20 hours a month. The handover is planned to begin about mid August. If you are interested please call, in the first instance, The Highworth Link office on 01793 861690 preferably between 12noon and 3pm, leave a message on our ansaphone or write c/o The Lighthouse Bookshop. Deadline for applicants is 14th July 2010.

KENYAN SCHOOLS CHARITY - (c/o Highworth Methodist Church)

On **Saturday 3rd July** there will be a Murder Mystery Dinner at St Michael's Hall, £20 per person. It's an opportunity to dust off the dickie bow or get out the ball dress (if you wish!), for a three course meal followed by coffee and mints
Tickets from Sandra Cox or Anne Drew.

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 Blunson village

PRAYER

Father, we praise and thank you for your presence and action in the world. In the midst of conflict and division, Your Spirit changes our hearts: enemies begin to speak to one another, those who were estranged join hands in friendship, and nations seek the way of peace together. Show us your Spirit at work as understanding puts an end to strife, hatred is quenched by mercy, and vengeance gives way to forgiveness. **Amen**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

...all those who are sick or troubled, praying especially for Joan Burton, Steve Chandler, Val Cox, Hilary Fortnam, Zac Hobbs, 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, Ruth Clarke

...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

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Week beginning Sunday 27th June 2010

Remember Paul's prayer for us in Ephesians 1:17-8: ' I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you...' As we enter chapter 2, we begin to see that hope spelled out for us.

Paul begins by proclaiming that we who once dead to sin and now made alive through Jesus Christ and by the cross. Paul stresses that it was by God's grace and not our works that we are given life. Just as the Hebrew slaves were not worthy of salvation (they might deserve our sympathy but that does not make them worthy) but God chose them. In the same way God chooses us to be with him.

Paul then goes on proclaiming that we, the Gentiles, have been given the same promises that were given to Abraham and Moses long ago, namely that we too have been made God's chosen people. The divisions between us and God have been taken away. It wasn't easy to do this as there was much in us that made us unlovable and unworthy of God's love, but God sent his only son to die on a cross so that we might know love and worthiness.

Then by logical extension, proclaims Paul, the Gentiles and the Jews are one family. In the same way, all of us, regards of which service we attend, or which church we attend in Highworth, or where we live in the world, are also part of one family. The question is do we act this way? And in view of God's sacrifice are we willing to sacrifice to make our Christian relationships work

Questions

1. What do we mean by 'dead to sin'. Do we believe that without Christ, we face judgement and death?
2. How does the cross work? Why is it that by Christ's death, we are made sinless?
3. What needs to be sacrificed in order to have more unity within St Michael's and Highworth?

Arthur Woo

Our readings today are:

Ephesians 2:1-22 (pew bible page 1174)

Luke 15:11-32 (pew bible page 1049)

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 27th June 2010, Trinity 4

Highworth	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP, Arthur Woo
	10.00am	Parish Communion & baptism with children's activities, Arthur Woo
	4.00pm	T-time service with children's groups, Arthur Woo/Bobby Bailey
	7.00pm	Informal Worship, tbc
Hannington	10.30am	Morning Worship, tbc
Blunsdon	10.00am	Family Worship, Charles Kirke

THANK YOU SO MUCH ...

I would like to thank the many friends at St Michael's who visited or sent Best Wishes and prayers to me during my extended stay in hospital. I am now home and managing to do something more each day. I do not see anybody at the hospital until September.

Isobel Nott

CREAM TEAS

Come and join us for cream teas in Geoff's lovely garden (10 Stonefield Drive) NEXT **SUNDAY 4th 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).

WEEKLY/MONTHLY ENVELOPE GIVERS

Thank you for your regular giving to St Michael's - your annual statement is in a box on the oak chest - please take your letter.

STOP PRESS! Coffee, cakes, raffle!

When? 10th July

Where? Church Room

Why? To help ensure all our teenagers have the opportunity to go to Soul Survivor in August. See July Parish News for more exciting details! Look forward to seeing you there!

Pam and Julia

SERVICES NEXT WEEK, Sunday 4th July 2010, Trinity 5

Highworth	8.00am	Holy Communion CW, Allan Bucknall
	10.00am	Morning Praise with children's activities, Hilary Fortnam/Lesley Page
	4.00pm	T-time all age communion, Justin Griffith/Bella Fasham
	6.00pm	ICC Songs of Praise, Highworth Methodist Church
	7.00pm	Informal Worship, tbc
Sevenhampton	9.00am	Holy Communion CW, Geoff Sowden
Hannington	10.30am	Holy Communion CW, Geoff Sowden
Blunsdon	10.00am	Family Communion, John Rees

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 28 th	9.30am	Prayers in church - all welcome, please join us
	10.00am	Ministry team meeting, Church Office
Tue 29 th	9.30am	Pilates in the Church Room
	9.30am	Tuesday morning fellowship, 11 The Willows (Lynn 763197)
Wed 30 th	9.30am	Music Bugs in the Church Room
	9.30am	Little Fishes in Church
	7.00pm	Pilates in the Church Room
	??	Wednesday
Thu 1 st Jul	7.30pm	Bellringing practice, bell tower
Fri 2 nd		
Sat 3 rd	10.00am	Coffee morning & bulletin folding, Church Room Murder Mystery Dinner, St Michael's Hall (see back page)
Sun 4 th	3.30pm	Cream Teas at 10 Stonefield Drive

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

ST MICHAEL'S TOGETHER WEEKEND
8th - 10th OCTOBER 2010

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

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK RESULTS

St Michael's raised £1,858.89 for Christian Aid this year, part of a total of £4,091.66 for the whole of Highworth. The total includes: a Hannington total of £107.48; and a Sevenhampton total of £204.93. Many thanks to everyone who helped in raising this total. Thank-you notes for collectors are in the letter rack. **Tricia & Peter Croton**

HOLIDAY CLUB UPDATE

The Big Book Cafe - ages 5-11 - 16th-20th August 2010 10:00am-12:30pm

The Big Book Cafe goes Large - ages 12-16 - 18th August 2010 7:00pm-9:00pm

Big Book Cafe Goes Large - The Big Book cafe opens its doors to 12 - 16 year olds for an evening packed with fun, games and of course Food!

The Big Book Cafe All leaders and helpers meeting Thursday 15th July 2010, 7.30 pm in the Bridge We are holding a meeting for all leaders and helpers (adult and teen) involved with Holiday Club this year. 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.

Craft Items - please continue to collect any take-away tubs with lids, and also any

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



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