

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.

MISSION PRAYER POINTS: please pray for Pauline and Alan as they prepare to return to the UK, that their last few commitments go well and the journey is safe and quick. Please pray for Nicky, coming to the end of her year with Oasis and seeking God's guidance for her future.

PRAYING FOR THE BENEFICE

This week we pray for those who live in
Cotswold Way, Crane Furlong,
Cricklade Road, The Cullerns,
The Dormers and Downs View

PRAYER

Precious Father, our God and creator,
Jesus prayed that his disciples would be
one, and all in whom your Spirit dwells by
your grace are indeed one.

We pray for the power to live like it, that
we might be the light of the world and the
salt of the earth you made us to be.

Help us to blaze the trail of peace and
harmony in our world by beginning with
ourselves, laying aside our own divisions
and strife as we follow in the footsteps of
the Master.

Grant us your grace through your Spirit.

Amen

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

...all those who are sick or troubled,
praying especially for John Bennett, Joan
Burton, Val Cox, Susan Douglas, 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 Lawrence Allanson, Irene Dixon and
John Sowden

...all those involved in mission, praying
especially for Pauline, Alan and Simon
Ashmore, Lindy Hope, Nicky Leonard,
Ruth Clarke, and each one of us

...all those in our town affected by the
imminent closure of Northview School,
especially the children preparing to go to
new schools, and those staff facing
uncertain futures



Week beginning Sunday 11th July 2010

There is a distinct change in direction entering Ephesians 4. In chapters 1 to 3, Paul has given a beautiful and awesome view of our blessings in Jesus Christ. His prayers (see 3:16-19) makes clear his purpose, that we 'may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.' It is on this basis, and only this basis, that Paul turns to exhort the church to unity.

The passage has 3 parts: 1) Paul's call for unity (vv. 1-5), 2) God's provision for unity, gifts (vv. 5-13) and 3) the consequence of the gifts: love (vv. 14-16). In verse 12, Paul gives very purpose of the body of Christ: 'to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.' This is what the church is for. Using its God given gifts, it seeks to bring all its members to the full stature of Christ. As each member is transformed into the likeness of Christ, so they are transformed by and into love, that in turn brings unity to the church. We must always remember, it is Christ that loves us first, not that we loved him. It is God that enables the gifts that result in unity. It is God that deserves the glory, not us.

Questions:

1. How much do I love the person sitting beside me? Or who attends one of the other services? Or attends another congregation in Highworth?
2. What is missing without those other Christians?
3. Do I know my gifts and am I using it to bring others into a fuller relationship with Christ?

Arthur Woo

Our readings today are:

: Ephesians 4:1-16 (pew bible page 1175) Luke 22:14-20 (pew bible page 1058)

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

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
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SERVICES TODAY, Sunday 11th July 2010, Trinity 6

Highworth	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP, Arthur Woo/Justin Griffith
	10.00am	Family Communion & children's activities, Arthur Woo/Hilary Fortnam
	4.00pm	T-time service with children's groups, Arthur Woo/Stephen Fasham
	7.00pm	Informal Worship, Arthur Woo
Hannington	10.30am	Morning Praise, John Godfree
Blunsdon	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP, Rev Dr Richard Armitage
	10.00am	Family Worship, Jane Ockwell
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong, Peter Demmen
Grove Hill	7.30pm	Evening Service, Hilary Fortnam

SERVICES NEXT WEEK, Sunday 18th July 2010, Trinity 7

Highworth	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP, Geoff Sowden/Jean Ashton
	10.00am	Morning Praise & children's activities, Jean Ashton/Lesley Uzzell
	4.00pm	T-time service and welcome with children's groups, Geoff Sowden/Bobby Bailey
	7.00pm	Informal Worship, Julie Whitfield/Steve Rawlinson
Hannington	10.30am	Morning Praise, John Godfree
Blunsdon	10.00am	Family Communion, Geoff Sowden
Newburgh	7.30pm	Evening Service, Hilary Fortnam

TOGETHER WEEKEND

We will be holding a **COFFEE MORNING**, cake, bric-a-brac & books sale and raffle on Saturday 31st July 10-12noon in the church room and churchyard, to help meet the cost of the parish 'Together Weekend' in October. Offers of help on the day, cakes, raffle prizes and Bric-a-brac to Lesley and Stephen Page

PARISH GOODBYE TO ALAN HAWKER

We have invited Alan Hawker to speak at all our services on the 5th September and the PCC's of the three parishes are making a collection of thanks for all his help over the years. Anybody who would like to contribute to this, please do so via Rosie. **Geoff**

Special ALPHA collection

The churches together in Highworth have been preparing and praying for the ALPHA course that will be running at Warneford starting September 17th (launch event) and every Wednesday thereafter. There are more details on the notice boards. The cost will be approximately £6.5k and we are reliant solely on individual donations. On Sunday July 25th there will be a special collection for Highworth ALPHA. Please prayerfully consider supporting this joint mission to the Highworth community

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 12 th	9.30am	Prayers in church - all welcome, please join us
	7.45pm	Ministry team meeting, Vicarage
Tue 13 th	9.30am	Pilates in the Church Room
	9.30am	Tuesday morning fellowship, 40 Bydemill Gardens (Lynn 763197)
Wed 14 th	9.30am	Music Bugs in the Church Room
	9.30am	Little Fishes in Church
	7.00pm	Pilates in the Church Room
Thu 15 th	2.00pm	National Trust meeting in the Church Room till 4.00pm
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice, bell tower
	7.30pm	Holiday Club Meeting for ALL HELPERS, The Bridge
Sat 17 th	10.00am	Coffee morning & bulletin folding, Church Room
	10.00am	Music from 'Green Jam' in Church

THE BIG BOOK CAFÉ - HOLIDAY CLUB 2010

The Big Book Cafe - Monday 16th to Friday 20th August 2010

The Big Book Cafe All leaders and helpers meeting -

Thursday 15th 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 anyway (including Big Book Cafe goes large). 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. Also if you have had a form and haven't returned it, then please bring it with you.

Any questions/queries to Sarah Heppenstall - 01793 703371, sarah@bigbookcafe.co.uk



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.



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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

'Praying for Alpha

The churches in Highworth are running a joint Alpha course in the autumn. In preparation for this we are planning for 4 weeks of continuous prayer from midnight on Sunday 8th August to midnight on Sunday 5th September. Please join us by signing up in the 1 hour slots on the sheets on the chest in the centre of church. More information is available on the chest, together with some prayer pointers for Alpha.

PRAYERS AT BRISTOL CATHEDRAL

The Benefice of Highworth with Sevenhampton and Inglesham is to be included in prayers at Bristol Cathedral this Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th at their 12.30pm Holy Communion and at 5.15pm during Choral Evensong. See poster in the porch for details and let Rosie know if you are interested in going. **Geoff**

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