

# St Mary's Church North Mymms Magazine



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**February 2013**

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## Parish Diary for February

<b>Fri 1</b>	10.00am – 12noon	Pramsters
<b>Sun 3</b>	<b>Candlemas</b>	
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Family Eucharist
	6.30pm	Evensong
<b>Mon 4</b>	8.00am	Welwyn Hatfield Deanery Chapter Meeting at St Mary's
	3.00pm	Bible Study Group in St Michael's Room
<b>Tues 5</b>	3.30pm	'Messy Church' at Brookmans Park URC
<b>Fri 8</b>	10.00am – 12noon	Pramsters
<b>Sun 10</b>	<b>Last Sunday before Lent</b>	
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist with Junior Church
	11.15am	Family Service
	4.00pm	Snowdrop Sunday Service (tea in St Michael's Room from 2.30pm)
<b>Mon 11</b>	9.30am	Team Eucharist at St Michael's Birchwood
<b>Weds 13</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	
	10.30am	Imposition of Ashes Service at St Mary's
	8.00pm	Ash Wednesday Team Service at St Etheldreda's
<b>Fri 15</b>	10.00am – 12noon	Pramsters
	2.30pm	Poetry Group in St Michael's Room
<b>Sun 17</b>	<b>First Sunday in Lent</b>	
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist with Junior Church
	11.00am	Stewardship Presentation in St Michael's Room
	11.30am	Baptisms – Lexie Louise Sullivan & Thomas Bidgood
<b>Mon 18</b>	9.30am	Team Eucharist at St Etheldreda's
	11.00am-2.00pm	Lenten Lunch in St Michael's Room
<b>Tues 19</b>	3.00pm	Lenten Bible Study Group
<b>Fri 22</b>	10.00am – 12noon	Pramsters

## Letter from Julia

Christmas was a very busy time for St. Mary's and we were delighted to see many of you at our services. Nine Lessons and Carols was particularly well attended this year and I know that many of you enjoyed the hard work that our choir put in to make that service so special. We are always keen to encourage anyone who would like to join the choir and if you are interested please do get in touch with our choir leader, Brenda Harris, for more information. We had various new musical Christmas offerings this year. Junior Church sang in Church three pieces that they had learned and which were much appreciated by the congregation. We also had an impromptu choir for the inaugural tree lighting ceremony on Welham Green organised by the newly formed residents association. This was a lovely event with children from the school singing and a visit from Father Christmas. It was so good to see it so well supported and to enjoy the real sense of community that these events can foster. We also had a good number on New Year's Day when we gathered for a short service of prayer and dedication before sharing a delicious lunch together.



However, new things are not confined just to the Christmas season! I know that some of you have already attended our afternoon teas in St. Michael's room on the second Sunday of the month and I hope that as the weather improves more of you will be tempted to come and enjoy a cup of tea and chat in our beautiful surroundings. You may particularly like to do this on 10<sup>th</sup> Feb when we will be celebrating our annual snowdrop Sunday. At present all the snowdrops are hidden from sight by the snow but I am hopeful that by then they will have emerged in all their gentle loveliness. Teas will be followed by a short service at 4.00pm.

January saw the launch of our new family service and was well attended and enjoyed by all who came. This service is open to all and is a short, non-Eucharistic service designed with families in mind. In particular if you are looking to have your child baptised or have school age children, this service would be ideal for you. Do look on our website or contact me for more details. The services take place every second Sunday at 11.15am and are preceded by tea and coffee. The next service will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> and we will be having a pancake race!

Two other events for families this year are a Christingle service on 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 9.30am and all are most welcome to attend that Family Eucharist, and Messy Church, which we will be launching in conjunction with Brookman's Park United Reformed Church on Feb 12<sup>th</sup> from 3.30-5.30. Messy Church is a very popular idea

which operates in many churches here and abroad. It begins with crafts and games focused on a particular theme and then has a short act of worship designed with families in mind and is followed by food. Mums and dads, grandparents and friends are all welcome (children are required to be accompanied by an adult for the session). Please do get in touch if you would like more details or again look on the website.

Finally of course, February sees the start of Lent and there will be the traditional Ash Wednesday services as listed in the diary.

Clearly there is a lot going on and we look forward to seeing where God will lead us in this New Year.

Julia



### **What is MESSY CHURCH?**

**Messy Church is a fresh new way of experiencing church.**

**It's for all ages.**

**It's fun.**

**It's family friendly**

Messy Church is a time when families come together to enjoy craft, music, bible story and worship and a chance to eat together. A typical Messy Church afternoon runs something like this:

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|----------|---|
| 3.30-4pm | Families arrive, often straight from the school run.<br>Tea/coffee/juice biscuits |
| 3.40pm   | Craft time  |
| 4.45pm   | Celebration time in church  |
| 5.00pm   | Tea together then home!   |

### **Where and when is MESSY CHURCH?**

Messy Church is a joint enterprise between Brookmans Park United Reformed Church and St. Mary's Church and will be held on

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at  
The United Reformed Church, Oaklands Avenue, Brookman's Park  
From 3.30pm to 5.30pm  
No need to book just turn up!**

**For more details contact  
Rev Julia on 01727822887 or Rev Nick on 01707655793**



# take another step

## *Take the Challenge ... live the words of Jesus this Lent*

Wherever you are on your journey of faith this is a chance for you to take another step. Whether you are just beginning to follow Jesus, or been working at it for years, or even still thinking about it, this is for you.

The words of Jesus are truth and life, not simply to know in our heads but to live each day. Lent offers a great opportunity to take up that challenge and make a difference in our lives, our relationships and our communities.

*So why not sign up today to  
receive a daily email or text?*

Visit [www.livethechallenge.co.uk](http://www.livethechallenge.co.uk) for more information.

- Take time to read and think about something Jesus said,
- Make time to pray and then act on it.
- Journey through the Gospel of Matthew from the beginning of Jesus ministry through to the events of Holy Week.
- Emails will include a section designed for children which can be used by families, schools or church groups

**Take Another Step** is the Live the Challenge initiative for Lent 2013 from the Diocese of St Albans. It begins on Wednesday 13th February.

You can download a weekly sheet with the verses and reflections and read previous verses on the website. In addition you can add your comments on each day's verse or post videos.

[www.livethechallenge.co.uk](http://www.livethechallenge.co.uk)  
The Diocese of St Albans



**A  
Big  
Thank  
You**

**To everyone at Junior Church  
You were brilliant!!!  
Because of all your efforts  
we sold 49 Christian Aid  
baubles and raised a massive  
**£200**  
For Christian Aid**

## **COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS**



This Lent Junior Church will be using a Lent Diary produced by Christian Aid which is an exciting resource full of interesting facts and challenges. They will use the diary to remember the good things that they have, and to think of people around the world that don't have as much.

If you would like a copy of the leaflet then it can be downloaded from St Mary's Church website [www.stmarysnorthmymms.org.uk](http://www.stmarysnorthmymms.org.uk)

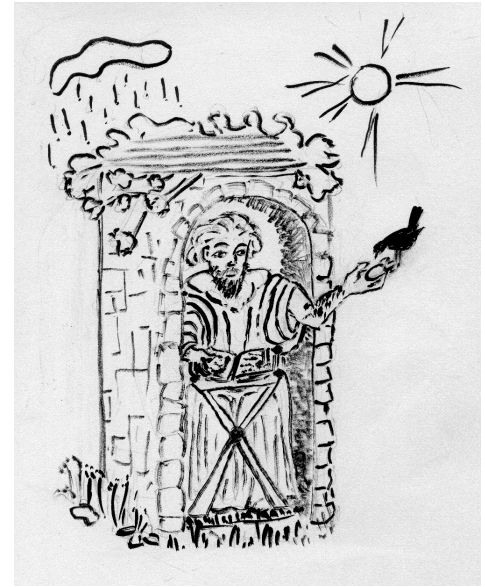
Other Christian Aid resources for Lent can be found at [www.christianaid.org.uk/getinvolved/lent-2013](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/getinvolved/lent-2013)

## St Kevin and the Blackbird

An old Celtic legend for early Spring.

It was Lent and St Kevin retreated to a little hut in order to give himself to reading and prayer. One day, as he was holding his hand outstretched through a window in praise of God, a blackbird settled on it, and as if his hand was a nest, laid an egg in it!

St Kevin was so moved by this that he remained with his hand outstretched until the chick was fully hatched ...



Anne Appleton

## Nature Notes



We have been delighted to have our first visit of the winter by a flock of goldfinches.

A flock of these beautiful birds is called a 'charm.'

It has the typical heavy finch bill and is roughly the size of a sparrow.

It is distinguished by the red face and by a yellow bar across its black wings and a white rump is seen in flight. It enjoys the niger seeds which we put in our bird feeders. Goldfinches are very gregarious and are normally found in large groups.

Their nests are built by the female who is identical in shape and colour to the male bird.

The nest is a neat and delicately woven cup of plant material, usually including thistle down. The nests are well hidden in the upper branches of small trees. The females usually lay four to six eggs from April to early May, incubated for two weeks entirely by the females.

The baby birds are fed by regurgitation that is, food being first digested then coughed up into the mouths of the baby birds. They still depend on their parents for about a week after they have fledged.

The juvenile goldfinches are much plainer in colour, mainly a streaky brown colour.

Craig Rees

## Heating Comfort in Worship

In a recent Sunday address Julia invited debate on how our faith would be affected if the church was not here. Perhaps a little far-fetched you may think. General consensus said our individual faith would continue, however opinion was mixed on the value of our communion and its potential survival with no regular meeting place available. An interesting theoretical argument one might conclude as with the grace of God our lovely church building will hopefully survive and continue to prosper.

This prompted me to think of the less dramatic but very inconvenient prospect of our heating system failing to provide us with a comfortable environment for our worship and other activities. You will doubtless remember the extreme weather last winter, and when our heating failed to perform we endured an uncomfortable period when our personal attire needed constantly beefing up to sustain us in a freezing cold church!

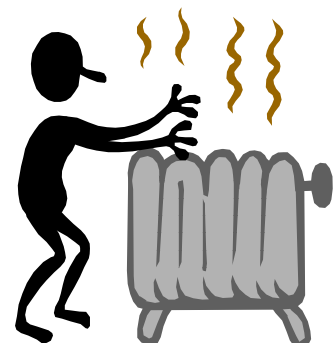
The problems last year resulted from the breakdown in the integrity of 40- year old wiring and connections, caused by damp and natural wear and tear.

The repairs carried out last year have thus far been successful in restoring adequate warmth levels and, subject to some ongoing adjustments we are on course to achieving a balance of comfort, optimum temperatures for the fabric of the building itself (including the Bevington organ) and not least, saving of electric power! However the deterioration of old cabling etc is likely to continue and therefore the Fabric Team has agreed in principle to commission a refurbishment and simplification of the control equipment before the 2013 winter season which should then give us future continuity.

Whilst it is lovely to walk into a warm atmosphere akin to the cosiness of our homes, please bear in mind that the church is a large open space which takes a great deal of heating up. The masonry /stonework takes a while to react to the temperature generated, initially absorbing the heat until a point when it begins to radiate some of its acquired warmth back into the surrounding space. Even when this point is reached we must also be keenly aware that excess heat can easily damage the structure, causing wood to move, warp and dry out. We will always endeavour to favour the comfort of the congregation but it is possible sometimes during especially cold weather conditions you may need to keep that coat and scarf on!

Have faith in your fabric team – we're here to help!

Martin Wiggs



## Parish Charities

To continue our overview of the records, I am looking at the Account of the Proceedings of 25 January 1815. This meeting was the culmination of seven years of investigations by Joseph Sabine to get the charities back on an even keel.

Some time prior to 1760 all the estates had become vested in one set of trustees, five of whom being alive in 1778 at the Inclosure of North Mimms Common. However, when the last trustee, Sir Charles Cocks, later Lord Somers, died, the estates devolved to his heir, who by then had no connection with the parish. Hence the detailed review that had been prepared and was presented to the meeting, chaired by William Casamajor and attended by the Rev Elwin (Minister), Messrs Sabine and Mason (Churchwardens), Messrs Baxter and Owen (Overseers) and thirteen named inhabitants (all male) with such names as Gausson, Gould, Holloway and Traveller.

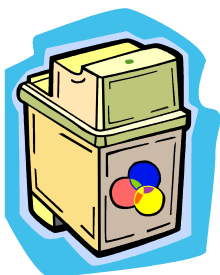
At the meeting, eight new trustees were appointed and a document (all in copperplate handwriting) was produced, setting out the charities and listing the 65 acres of land held by the combined charities. Also it was decided that an account of the property belonging to, and the object of, each charity, be placed in the church in a conspicuous position. What were produced are with us to this day – the dark green boards in the porch.

In his capacity as Churchwarden, Mr Sabine had administered the charities from 1807 to the end of 1814. During this time he paid out to needy widows at the rate of four shillings per week the sum of £232, plus £96 for additional bread. Needless to say, the revenue and the law also were well paid - £31 in Land Tax, £27 in Property Tax, and for the overhaul of the charities, legal expenses £33, survey and map £11. To put these values into context for those of a younger age, the map alone represented 55 weeks of widow's benefit.

Next time we shall look at the estates of the charities.

John Potter

## Printer Ink Cartridges



As it is proving difficult to dispose of them there will no longer be a collection box in the porch for used ink cartridges. If anyone knows where you can take the cartridges to be recycled with the money going to charity then please let us know. Thank you for all your contributions over the last few years.

## Stewardship Renewal 2013

February sees the start of our 2013 stewardship renewal campaign. The support of everyone at St Mary's to the basic principles of stewardship, using our own time talent and money to return to God some of the gifts he has given to us, continues to be truly wonderful and words just can not express the gratitude that I know Julia and the churchwardens feel. However, I am again forced to highlight the difficult financial situation that we still find ourselves in. Our expenditure continues to be well contained, but it also continues to be greater than our expected income. For 2013 the financial projections suggest a shortfall of around £13,000 of anticipated income against projected expenditure. This projects a reduction of the deficit from 2012 but will, non-the less, again mean we will have to draw down on our reserves. The main areas of capital expenditure budgeted for 2013 include works on the Belfry window, heating system, action to tackle damp on the south wall and a significant amount for replacing parts of the rainwater/guttering system, the latter has been delayed for a couple of years but must be dealt with now as a matter of urgency.

I will be giving a brief update on our financial position after the 9.30 service on February 17<sup>th</sup> so please come along if you would like to understand more about this. I am very grateful to those of you who use the Gift Aid envelopes on a regular basis, could you please consider taking another step towards supporting our church by entering into a pledge to give a regular amount on a weekly or monthly basis?

Cash donations are always welcome but, if you are a taxpayer, please consider donating using a Gift Aid envelope as this will increase the value of your gift by 25% 'just like that'.

As always I am very happy to discuss any aspects of stewardship at any time so please chat to me in church or contact me via the phone number or email address shown below.

Finally I would like to reassure anyone who already makes a pledged gift to our church, or to anyone thinking of committing for the first time that, should your financial situation take a turn for the worse, you are perfectly free to reduce or suspend your payment until your financial situation is back on an even keel. All I would ask is that you let me know that you will be changing your pledged gift amount and what the new amount will be.

Graham Nicholas  
Stewardship Treasurer  
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nicholasgl@aol.com



## **ST MICHAELS RAMBLERS – DATES** **TO SAVOUR THE COUNTRYSIDE** **AND GOOD COMPANY IN 2013**



Every month walkers from all over the Hatfield Team area gather for a convivial ramble – usually around 6/7 miles all around the county and sometimes just beyond. It's a great way of discovering the local countryside as well as meeting others from the Hatfield Team. If that isn't tempting enough, a pub lunch is usually included.

We rendezvous at St Michael's Church. Birchwood Avenue Hatfield AL10 0PL at 10.15 for 10.30 – or at the starting point for each walk.

All the walks are on a Saturday on the following dates. Also included are details of other Team events:

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> August</b>
<b>Easter Pilgrimage Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> September</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> September sponsored bike ride</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> October</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>Merry Christmas!</b>

For further details please contact **Dave or Janet Gunn on 01462 790280**. Those boots were made for walking!

Jo Grimes



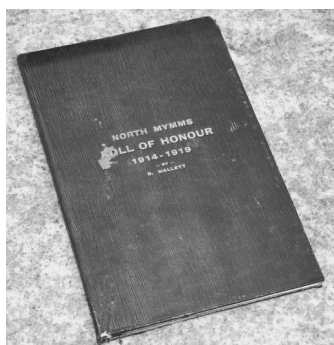
## Mighty Men of Mymms

A tribute to the 248 men of North Mymms who enlisted for World War I, 45 of whom were never to come back.

Mr Benjamin Mallett Headmaster of the Welham Green Boy's school, published in 1919 The North Mymms Roll of Honour. A copy was given to each of the men that served or to the surviving relatives as well as a copy to St. Marys which is still kept in the old vestry. This red leather bound book gives names and where possible details of the men that served. Now, nearly 100 years on, to commemorate the 100th anniversary in August 2014, Mike Allen is looking to reissue the book with more detailed information using the Parish Magazines for the period, Mr Mallett's Book, the census returns for 1911, the war memorial itself and the internet. Mike hopes to bring it alive once again with more information that was not available back then and pictures of as many of the men as possible - 10 so far!

Some of the facts discovered are fascinating, one private soldier had a Christian name of Major, what difficulties that caused him we can only wonder at. John Frederick Game received his fatal wound 2 hours before the armistice stopped the insanity and did you know there are 2 North Mymms WWI graves in St. Mary's old churchyard, which is listed as a War Grave site. They are Thomas Nash of the Bedford Regiment who died whilst training in England in 1916 and Arthur Gray who died in St. Albans hospital on Christmas day 1918 due to the effects of dysentery for which he was discharged from the army in 1918.

Many of the family names still exist in North Mymms and it is hoped that by making people aware of the project more photos and reminiscences can be unearthed, can you help? If so please ring Mike on 01707 268553 or email him on [imagesofnorthmymms@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:imagesofnorthmymms@hotmail.co.uk)



*Copy of Roll of Honour from St. Mary's*



*John Nott & George Knott both of whom survived the War*



*Dedication of the War Memorial in 1920*

## Charity News: Send A Cow

At the end of last year, St Mary's Away Giving for 2012 was donated to various charities, locally, nationally and internationally. The sum of £7950 was given to 18 charities, some of which we had helped before, but also to some new charities.



One of these new charities is Send A Cow. The charity started in Africa over 20 years ago and works hand in hand with poor families, providing them with training, livestock, seeds, tools and support as well as teaching them the skills they need to build new lives free from poverty and hunger. In turn, these families then pass on young livestock, seeds or training to others. This 'pass it on' principle builds stronger communities, and allows even more people to develop skills, confidence and self-respect.

Send a Cow doesn't offer a quick fix solution to poverty and rural development. Typically they work with groups of farmers for five years to effect substantial and sustainable change. In addition to ongoing training in animal well-being, sustainable organic farming practices and natural resource management, their work also provides courses in subjects such as gender equality, conflict resolution, health and hygiene and HIV/Aids awareness. This balance of practical farming skills with social life skills is a potent mix and produces remarkable results. This year, almost 14,000 families will be helped along on their journey out of poverty. Each of those will go on to lend a hand to an average of 10 further families, restoring real hope to communities in rural Africa. The long-term aim of the charity is to help 55,000 families by 2015, thereby transforming the lives of 300,000 people in Africa. Those who benefit include families, women, orphans, child-headed households and people living with HIV/Aids. They have often lived in extreme poverty – despite their hard work. But with the support of Send A Cow they are starting to feed their families, send their children to school, earn a steady income, and lead happy and fulfilled lives. If you would like to know more about the work of Send A Cow, do visit their website: [www.sendacow.org.uk](http://www.sendacow.org.uk)

Next month we will have a look at the work of another new beneficiary – Royal National Institute for the Blind.

Lynda Potter

## Junior Church



Happy New Year to everyone from Junior Church!

We hope that you had as much fun as we did during the Christmas period.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the Children's Special on 1<sup>st</sup> December. During the afternoon they had the opportunity to try their hands at

jembe drumming, made model sheep and created beautiful Christmas tree pictures using tiles, twigs and glitter. The children also helped Diana Glanfield make the stunning Christmas frieze which was displayed in church. Thanks go to Diana for taking the lead on the Christmas frieze and for inspiring the children. They had great fun!

The crib service on Christmas Eve was well attended and the children all looked wonderful dressed up as a collection of kings, pages, shepherds and angels! In these days of commercialisation it was lovely to see so many families remembering the true meaning of Christmas. The highlight was singing 'Away in a Manager' by glow stick light!

The new junior church term started back at Epiphany. The children made stars out of twigs and attached a label detailing what gift they would give to the baby Jesus. After communion the children processed into church to the tune of 'We Three Kings', played beautifully on the violin by Catriona Stewart, and placed their stars on the altar.

Most recently we thought about the baptism of Christ and we acted this out in junior church. The children made playdough doves and cracked the code to reveal the words "This is my beloved son with whom I am well pleased".

We also had the first of our monthly services. It was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. We hope that more families will join us for on 10<sup>th</sup> February for fun with pancakes.

If you or anyone you know would like more information about Junior Church please get in touch.

Emma & Ian Stewart: [juniorchurch@btinternet.com](mailto:juniorchurch@btinternet.com)

Becky Boscott: 07765 072598

## Letter from Devon

Dear Friends,

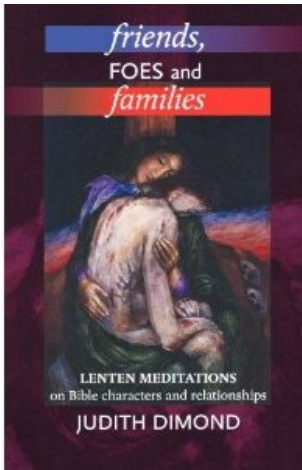
2013 is off at a gallop and it is already much too late to wish you a happy new year. I do hope it has started well for you. We decided to remain closed to guests during January so that we had an opportunity to have a post-Christmas clean-up, do some maintenance jobs, and have a ski holiday. The first two of those things we are in the midst of as I write this, I have the paint smudges to prove it. The third, a trip to France, is coming up soon and will be our first encounter with Exeter airport, let's hope it is a good one.

Of course there are many things here that we are doing for the first time, making little discoveries, often on our doorstep. Today I discovered Coryton Cove just beyond the main part of Dawlish. The town of Dawlish is a pretty place known mainly for its red cliffs, black swans, and the feat of engineering known as the most expensive stretch of railway in the country. There is a river (Dawlish Water) running right through the centre of the town down to the sea: very picturesque. December was a wet month and the river ran a dark reddish colour as water poured into it from the fields and moors. The combination of a high tide and a full river has all the shops reaching for their sandbags, but is a tremendous sight as the water churns in the bay and sprays up against every surface. Today however was a mild, dry, calm day, not a sign of that energy. My stroll along the sea front heading south took me first into Boat Cove, a well known landmark at the end (or so I thought) of the town, and obviously a safe haven for boats pulled up clear of the tide. It was only then I realised that the path continued around the cliff and soon found myself passing by a little row of brightly coloured beach huts and entering Coryton Cove, a delightful surprise. I have since looked it up on the internet and see it is described as "one of Devon's hidden beaches", "secluded", "a treasure", etc. It is indeed all of those things, very sheltered and very different from the wide open beaches of the Warren and the long stretch of bay between the Warren and Dawlish. It must get busy whenever the weather is warm, but on this winter's day I shared this lovely place with just another dog walker and felt again the now familiar thrill of *living* here.

God bless  
Carole (and David) Linnell

*Coryton  
Cove*





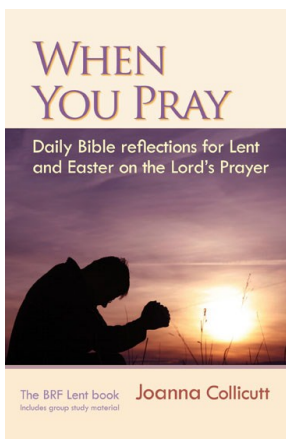
## **Friends, Foes and Families – Lenten meditations on Bible characters and relationships**

By Judith Dimond, SPCK, £7.99

The Bible is full of stories about people in very human relationships. Some relationships are good, some are bad; some are healthy and fulfilling, others broken, dysfunctional and destructive. But they all have something in them that helps us to view our own relationships in a clearer light: to explore what they really mean to us, and think about what might happen if they are nurtured or left to decay.

In this captivating Lent book, Judith Dimond paints vivid pen portraits of Bible characters whose relationships reflect common predicaments and emotions: love, friendship, rivalry, conflict, trust, hatred and fear, to name but a few. Running through all these relationships is a repeated pattern of wilderness, death and resurrection, and each daily meditation explores one or other element of this threefold pattern.

With the author's beautifully crafted prayers interspersed throughout, this book could help you to think prayerfully about significant moments of decision in your life.



## **When you pray – daily Bible reflections for Lent and Easter on the Lord's Prayer**

By Joanna Collicutt, BRF, £7.99

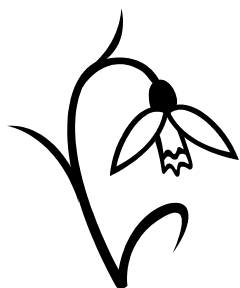
'This book arises from my increasing awareness that the Lord's Prayer contains all that Christians really need to know; it is the very essence of the Gospel... My prayer is that you will have a sense of the great privilege that has been granted to us of holding a precious gem in our hands, of being able to delight in its radiance, play with its many facets, plumb its depths, gain a

sense of peace and security from its touch, and in so doing deepen our awareness of our union with Christ.'

In these Bible readings for Lent and Easter, Joanna Collicutt shows how growing as a Christian is rooted in the prayer Jesus gave us. As we pray the Lord's Prayer, we express our relationship with God, absorb gospel values and are also motivated to live them out. As we pray to the Father, in union with the Son, through the power of the Spirit, so we begin to take on the character of Christ. The Holy Week readings encourage us to pause, watch and wait at this special season; commentary is kept to a minimum and we spend time reflecting, in the light of the Lord's Prayer, on Luke's description of Christ's passion and resurrection.

## Dates for your Diary

**ih** Isabel Hospice  
Local Care for Local People since 1982



**Sat 2 Feb - Sun 24 Feb**

**Snowdrop Gardens - Bennington Lordship**

Isabel Hospice will receive a donation from the proceeds of The Snowdrop Gardens which will be open to the public daily from 2nd to 24th February. Bennington Lordship, Near Stevenage, Herts SG2 7BS.

Free parking, Refreshments, Sorry No Dogs.

Adults £5, concessions £4 (not Sundays). Under 16 £2, Under 12 Free

**Sat 9th Feb - 7.30 for 8pm**

**Party Night in aid of Isabel Hospice.**

To be held at North Mymms Memorial Hall, Welham Green AL9 7PG.

Tickets £17.50 include supper, bring your own drinks and glasses.

Tel 01707 658531.



**Snowdrop  
Sunday**



**Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup>**  
is  
**SNOWDROP SUNDAY**  
at St Mary's

We would love you to join us for a cup of tea from 2.30pm followed by a short service at 4.00pm and a chance to enjoy our lovely tranquil churchyard

## A Prayer for Ash Wednesday

*This prayer is taken from an Ash Wednesday resource produced by Wild Goose Publications for The Iona Community*

### **A time of turning round by Jan Sutch Pickard**

Truly dust we are, and to dust we shall return;  
and truly yours we are,  
and to you we shall return.  
Help this to be a time of turning round and beginning again.  
Through the forty days of Lent, help us to follow you and find you:  
in the discipline of praying  
and in the drudgery of caring -  
in whatever we deny ourselves,  
and whatever we set ourselves to learn to do.  
Help us to discover you in our loneliness and in community,  
in our emptiness and our fulfilment,  
in our sadness and our laughter.  
Help us to find you when we ourselves are lost.  
Help us to follow you on the journey to Jerusalem  
to the waving palms of people's hope,  
to their rejection,  
to the cross and empty tomb.  
Help us to perceive new growth amid the ashes of the old.  
Help us, carrying your cross, to be signs of your Kingdom.

Amen.

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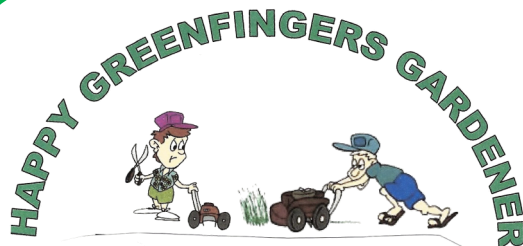


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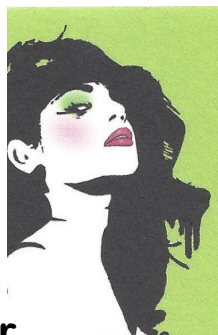
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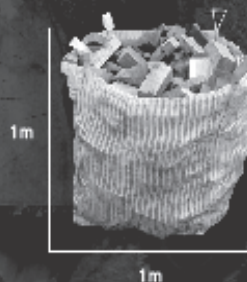
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### Funeral

23 January

Geoffrey Moorhouse



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Only the current registers, (Baptisms from March 1980; Weddings from January 1999, Burials from March 1984 and Services from July 1996) are stored at the church.

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## Parish Diary for December & January cont'd...

<b>Sun 24</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Lent</b>	
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Family Communion
	11.15am	Civic Service
<b>Mon 25</b>	9.30am	Team Eucharist at St John's Hilltop
	11.00am-2.00pm	Lenten Lunch in St Michael's Room
<b>Tues 26</b>	3.00pm	Lenten Bible Study Group

## Renewal of Electoral Roll

Notice is hereby given that a NEW "Church Electoral Roll" is required for the year 2013.

All persons who wish to have their names entered on the new roll, whether or not their names are entered on the current roll, must apply for enrolment as from Sunday 3rd March until Sunday 24th March.

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