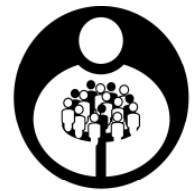


Update



The Parish of Cogges

Week beginning Sunday 7th March 2010
(3rd Sunday of Lent)

St. Mary's Church Cogges

making Christ known by word and deed...



To Everyone
Worshipping With
Us Today!

If you are new to the church we'd like to get to know you and help you to find out more about us. If you would like to find out Who's Who in the Church look in the Green book on the Shelf by the door. Please fill in a welcome card from the shelf by the main church door and hand it to one of the clergy. Please also sign the visitor's book on the table at the door.

If you would like to Gift Aid your giving today, there are envelopes available on the shelf by the church door or from Jen Osman t. 704577.



Today

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9.30 am Morning Prayer, St James
- 11.00 am Morning Worship, St Mary's
- 3.00 pm Jigsaw
- 6.00 pm Evening Prayer



Reading Today

2 Samuel 7: 18 - 29



In the week ahead :

- Monday**
9.15 am Praying Parents
- Tuesday**
10.30am Admin Meeting, The House
1.30pm Toddler Group, St Mary's
- Wednesday**
9-9.45am Blake Assembly
8.00 pm Open to God, St Mary's
- Thursday**
9.15 am Open to God, St Mary's
- Friday**
2.30 pm CSG with Revd Andrew Pritchard



Tickets for the Ray Burley concert on the 20th March are now on sale at the Church office and St Andrews Bookshop. Priced £8 and £5 concessions. Proceeds to Church reordering.



Next Sunday

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9.30 am Holy Communion, St James
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PRAYER FOCUS FOR MARCH

The Messengers working in the axis restricted countries of S.E.Asia.

Remember other countries in the region where persecution is a way of life for Christians including Myanmar, China, Vietnam.

THANK GOD FOR THE FREEDOM
WE HAVE
MAY WE NEVER TAKE IT FOR
GRANTED.

Does God Exist

- Yes
- No
- Probably



Alpha

Explore the meaning of life.
The ALPHA Course

St Mary's Church, Cogges. Begins on Monday
19th April 2010 at 7.00pm



Coffee and croissants

We will be serving the usual coffee, rolls, and fruit in the Church Centre directly after the 8 a.m. service today, **Sunday 7 March**. Do join us before making your way home. No charge, but as usual all contributions will go to Church Reordering costs.

Jackie Archer has gone to Sierra Leone today to work with victims of the Civil War, ex-soldiers, polio victims, orphans and old people (life expectancy is 41). She would value your prayers on this short visit. She will be involved with a bit of construction work and listening and talking to people.

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OUR MINISTERS

Andrew Sweeney and
Andrew Pritchard have
their day off on Friday



In order to protect
Miri's off duty days
please be aware that her
working days are as
follows:
Sunday and
Tuesday to Thursday



You could make a difference to a child in the developing world today. Victor and Tobias both need a sponsor. If this is something you would like to consider, or you would just like to know more about the work of Compassion, please speak to Rachel Webster, 01993 700910, rachel@james-webster.co.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 10 th	Open to God 8pm
March 11 th	Open to God 9.15am
March 13 th	Men's event - Kick around in the park
March 17 th	Open to God 8pm
March 18 th	Open to God 9.15am
March 20 th	Marriage Lunch
March 20 th	Ray Burley – Classical Guitar
March 24 th	Open to God 8pm
March 25 th	Open to God 9.15am
April 13 th	Standing Committee 8pm
April 20 th	PCC meeting at 7.30pm
May 15 th	Men's event - Walking weekend in the Breacons
Jun 19 th	Men's event - Wild Camping for Kids
Jun 20 th	River Baptism
June 27 th	Andrew Pritchard's Ordination
July 3 rd	Summer Fete 3pm Madley Park Home
August 1-7	New Wine
October 17 th	Confirmation Service at 6pm



OXFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE & STRIDE

The Ride & Stride in Oxfordshire last September has raised so far over £122000 and is anticipated reach £125,000. Of the 34 counties who took part in this event only 3 other counties raised more than Oxfordshire. Half of this money went directly to the churches nominated by the riders or walkers. As regards St Marys Cogges, our participants raised £691, £49 more than last year, half of which went to our church. My thanks to those members who took part.

A note for your diary, this year the Ride & Stride will take place on Saturday 11 September. I will let you know when the sponsorship forms are available nearer the time.

David Eaton



Film worth seeing

Mugabe and the White African is showing at Screen at the Square (in the Corn Exchange) on March 8th and 10th at 7.30pm. It is a true story of a Christian family, white farmers in Zimbabwe, who challenged Mugabe over his land reforms by refusing to leave their farm and the many Africans who worked with them, suffering repeated attacks as a result, and eventually challenging Mugabe in the courts.



Leaders Away Day

The new date for this is Saturday 12th June at Windmill Conference Centre, Clanfield. If you are a leader you should have had an email from the Office to let you know. If not, please contact Mo in 779613.



Open to God meetings started this week looking at Moses and his prayer life.

On Wednesday through worship, readings and encouragement we explored how we are 'called by name' as Moses was. How Moses pitched his 'tent of meeting' a place of presence, provision & power (Ex 33) Where do we pitch our tent of meeting? We then looked out to families, friends, work colleagues & parish. How can we, as church members, be a presence of grace within our community.

Following this time feedback showed us that: *God goes before us. Time is precious create time to share God's love. Pray for others to hear/ see/feel God. Be bold - stand up for ourselves as Christians. Be culturally relevant - hating the sin, loving the sinner.*

Be creative with our 'tents of meeting' - at work, home, walking around our neighbourhood. Do things as a group, not alone. Alone we are an emptying glass - together, with the Holy Spirit, we are an overflowing glass. Get out and meet with others in the community - do not worry about making mistakes. Tap into God's resources when ours are spent (Phil 2:13)

Thursday was an intimate time in the Blake Chapel worshipping and experiencing prayer. Filling ourselves with Jesus, letting go of our distractions & troubles. Looking for God's purpose in everything. We were led into our 'tent of meeting', sitting with God, asking questions, listening, seeking His wisdom and answers: being together.

Our thanks go to those who provided drinks & cakes and most especially to those who prayed, prepared & lead us into a closer experience of prayer.



Has anyone removed the feather duster from the church, the church cleaners would love it to be returned.

Prayer Chain

I would like to start up the Prayer chain again where we deal with urgent requests and send them out to key groups e.g. Pastorates and Home groups. I need someone who is willing to take over from me while I am way on holiday etc. If you are willing to help in any way, please contact me. **Jenny Allen 702555**



Easter is not far away, so it's time to think about lilies; you may remember the beautiful displays we enjoyed last year and we'd like to do them again. If you would like to donate £5 - the cost of a lily - in memory of a loved one, please speak to Elizabeth Williams (773096) or Jen Osman (704577) before 21st March. Thank you