

**The Vicar's Letter**

Dear Friends,

What a Christmas we had! With snow underfoot and the country's transport system seemingly as frozen solid as the puddles, and despite waves of viruses and bugs rolling over many of us, we celebrated our Lord's birth in a way that for me at least has left a deeper impression than usual. We had our regular fare of services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, including a children's Crib Service as successful as ever but this time with a script written by a young member of the Children's Church, Matthew Wright. Our Carol Service was packed, with the choir splendidly on song, and the complete contrast of the Quiet Christmas met the needs of at least one person who, because of personal loss, could not have coped with anything bigger or louder but who still wanted to observe Christmas in church. At midnight we had the unusual bonus of a sermon from a passing bishop, Trevor Willmott, who will shortly become Bishop of Dover. (The Bishop of Dover looks after the Diocese of Canterbury for the Archbishop, who has other things to do.)

On Christmas Day, our worship at 9.45 was a unique experience for all of us. We joined with our Baptist brothers and sisters for a communion service which included traditional carols and the support of those members of the choir who were not completely carolled-out by all they had sung earlier. The communion itself was led by John Smith, the Baptist minister, in a simple, informal but dignified manner that moved many of us. The church was about twice as full as it would usually be on Christmas Day, and it was a great joy to be able so to greet our Lord on this happy morning.

The reason for this joint service was, of course, that the Baptist church hall had been prepared for a Christmas lunch for people who would otherwise be on their own, and if our Baptist brethren hadn't come to us they would have had no-where else to go. It was good to have a practical reason that all could appreciate as a catalyst for our united worship – perhaps now we have done it once because we had to, we can do it again simply because we want to. The lunch itself was a tremendous success. Jean White has written about it elsewhere in this magazine, so I won't go over the details again, but I would like to record here my own thanks - and I know I can also do so on behalf of many others - to Mary Jepp, who master-minded the operation from the beginning, as well as the small army of helpers who made it all possible. We were all worn out by the end of the day, but it was worth it. We had done something that made Christmas come alive for us with new depth, and I shall always be grateful for the experience.

Now as I write our thoughts are filled with the truly appalling disaster in Haiti. We will do what we can to raise funds to help with the immediate aftermath. Let us pray God our efforts do not end there, but that individuals, agencies and governments continue their help in the long term to begin to put this afflicted land back on its feet. This would make the Incarnation of God more visible not just for Christmas time but in the hard realities of every day.

With love,

*David*

**This month's cover**

With frying pans at the ready, excited Godmanchester Community School pupils with February birthdays, remind us that Shrove Tuesday falls again this month. On the following Sunday some of the youngsters may be seen taking part in the annual Children's Church pancake races around the churchyard. See page 5 for details. The picture is taken from the School's highly imaginative calendar for 2010 and is reproduced by kind permission of photographer Mr Terry Turner and Headteacher Mr Philip Ellington.

**2010 Lent Groups**

As in past years, we will be running Lent Groups to help us focus on the meaning of this season. There will be two available, one on Wednesday afternoons and one on Wednesday evenings. The evening one consists of a general invitation to join the already existing Wednesday evening house group that meets in the home of Peter and Mary Dawe. Both groups will follow the same material, one of the well-known York Courses entitled 'When I survey...', with the subtitle 'Christ's cross and ours'.

Wednesdays at 1.30 pm in the Vicarage. All welcome – no notice necessary, or Wednesdays at 7.30 pm at 37 Post Street. If numbers for this are too great, it may move to 59 London Road (Mary Jepp's house), so it would be helpful but not essential to have advance notice if you intend to come. Please call either Mary (411734) or the Dawes (392188), unless you are a regular member of the group.

The groups will begin on February 24th, and then be held on March 3rd, March 10th, March 17th and March 24th.

There is no need to bring anything other than yourself to the groups, as the course material will be supplied. Please bring your own notepaper and pen if you want to take notes.

For more information, contact Mary Jepp or myself (436400). Please do consider coming – it can help to make Lent, and Easter, a more profound experience.

*David Busk*

**Christmas Dinner**

*The lunch held in the Baptist Church on Christmas Day, and organised by Huntingdon and Godmanchester Churches Together, was a resounding success. The number of guests and volunteers present amounted to almost a hundred! One satisfied guest reminds us of the occasion.*

The Baptists' main worship area was full of delightfully decorated tables but we were asked not to occupy them yet but to sit in a semi-circle of chairs near the platform where we were able to meet and introduce ourselves to our neighbours. We were then given a glass of sherry to get the occasion going. Soon we were invited to sit at the tables. At each there was a 'host' who helped us to the wine (red or white). The meal was superb with a choice between beef or turkey, then Christmas pudding or trifle. We enjoyed seeing the vicar and his family eating there and particularly his three children who went round the tables making friends with everyone. During the meal we were all invited to try to answer really tough quiz

questions. We were all amazed at how good the meal was considering there were so many of us. All was made possible by splendid helpers who did everything they could to make sure we were enjoying ourselves. After the meal we enjoyed some carol singing.

We offer a very big thank you to Mary Jepp, who organised the event; to the cooks, servers and the washer-uppers; and to everyone in the various churches who made financial donations. Their generosity paid for our meals and a splendid box of Fairtrade biscuits to take home. It was a Christmas we shall always remember with love and gratitude.

*Jean White*

### **Mothers' Union**

At the January meeting we held our AGM followed by a talk by Stella Howard about the Women's World Day of Prayer. Stella started by telling us about its history. The origins of the Women's World Day of prayer date back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century when Christian women in the USA and Canada initiated a variety of co-operative activities in support of women's involvement in mission at home and abroad. This was not easy as mission boards were male dominated in those days. The women persisted and from 1861 onwards women founded effective women's boards for foreign and home missions. The role of prayer in this mission work gained increasing importance and this led to annual days and weeks of prayers within individual denominations. But women had a vision of Christian unity and by 1897 the women of six denominations formed a joint committee for a united day of prayer for home

missions and in 1912 the women's board of foreign missions called for a united day of prayer for foreign missions.

It was in 1928 that a Scotswoman, Grace Forgan first introduced the world day of prayer to the British Isles. The Second World War was a time of great growth, drawing women together in prayer and fellowship. It wasn't until later that Roman Catholic women were able to take a full part in the day of prayer and in 1967 the day was celebrated at a special service in Westminster Cathedral by invitation of Cardinal Heenan. In England, Wales and Northern Ireland there are now 3,000 branches holding 5,000 services every year. The WWDP has now become a worldwide ecumenical movement for Informed prayer and Prayerful action. Stella followed her talk with some slides which illustrated some of the work that is being done to improve conditions at home and abroad.

At our February meeting, Jeannette Birch is going to talk to us about her work at the Woodlands Centre at Hinchingsbrooke.

*Jean Morgan*

### **Wives' Group**

Members have chosen to support The Alzheimer Society as their charity for 2010 and Davina Hogben, an outreach worker from Huntingdon, was the speaker at our January meeting.

Davina first explained that dementia was the term used to cover many conditions and that Alzheimer's disease is just one of them. The Society aims to support people affected by any form of dementia and nationally makes contact

with over 30,000 people a week. Each disease results in progressive degeneration as brain cells die and interfere with mental function. This can cause reduced ability to concentrate, learn and retain new information and organise and sequence tasks. The Alzheimer's Society offers many services to help both carers and the 'cared for'. These include social events, access to consultants, courses, legal advice, and much more. The Society is also active in supporting research in 3 key areas: cause, cure, and care, and it also campaigns for government policies to benefit people affected by dementia. Davina's talk was most informative and inspiring and Wives' Group hopes to raise money throughout the year to help support the valuable work of the Huntingdon branch of the Society.

Anyone requiring further information can find Alzheimer's Society leaflets at the rear of the church.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February when David Busk will give a talk on Japan.

*Barbara Thirlwall*

### **Flower Guild**

Our AGM will take place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February in the Church Hall at 10:00am, followed by coffee. After 5 years as chairman I will be standing down and would like to thank all of our members for their support, hard work and flower arranging skills. The committee are a super group to work with and they would love some new members to join them, so if you feel this is for you please get in touch or if you would just like to try your hand at

flower arranging you would be very welcome,

*Jean Miller*

### **Who's who in the parish**

#### ***Gillian and John Bathurst-Hoile***



It was late in our lives that our paths met. It was simply overwhelming. We wanted to be together forever. I wanted to look after John, cook for him, iron his shirts, darn his socks just like I saw my grandmother do for my grandfather. My mother was very poorly after my birth and my grandparents brought me up until she got stronger. By then I was so attached to my Nan and Grandad it seemed that mother and I were strangers.

We lived in Long Sutton, a small market town in Lincolnshire. I went to the County School and loved every minute. My reports were of great interest and always with the same comment at the bottom - "Gillian talks too much" - something which has stood me in good stead during my life! In that part of the world it was assumed young girls would marry early and bring up a family as soon as possible. For me it was different, and I broke loose to live and work in Wisbech prior to becoming old enough to start my nurse training in

1961 at the Herts and Essex General Hospital in Bishops Stortford.

Whilst all this was going on in my life John, having joined the Royal Air Force in 1956, was stationed for three years at Rheindahlen, Germany, the RAF Headquarters. There the fourth of his five children was born. John was born in West Ealing in 1933 and I am always fascinated when he relates the experiences he had in London during the war.

Most of John's relatives lived in Suffolk. His Auntie Doris, his mother's sister aged 96, still lives in the same house she and her husband went to when they married. She picks apples from the tree she grew from a pip and saves most of them for us to bring home! We love to visit her and I know for John there are many wonderful memories.

John was educated at Mill Hill, and played hockey and tennis for the school. He was also very fond of dancing when at home. Too bad "Strictly Come Dancing" wasn't around!

And so it was that we decided to bind our two lives into one with a wonderful family of seven children. By that time I had qualified as a chiropodist and worked in my surgery at home, and John worked for the British Standards Institute in London.

My two children were born in Australia where we spent eleven years, enjoyed a host of enriching experiences and made many lasting friends.

Our worship in the two Hemingfords floundered for a while, until one day Bizz Thackray said "Come to Godmanchester", and here we are some

20 years later. Thank you, Bizz, and bless you for that.



## Pancake Races

On  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February

*after the 9.45 service,*  
along the paths around St Mary's  
church.

*Participants of any age welcome!*

Buckets and Gift Aid forms  
available on the day, for people to  
show their appreciation of the  
efforts of the runners, by  
donating generously to Christian  
Aid.

## Charity of the Month

### Corrymeela

Founded in 1965, Corrymeela's objective has always been and continues to be promoting reconciliation and peace-building through the healing of social, religious and political divisions in Northern Ireland. Corrymeela's history is built upon committed work with individuals and communities that have suffered through the violence and polarisation of the Northern Irish conflict. The charity's vision of

Christian community and reconciliation has been expressed through a commitment of promoting interaction between, and building positive relationships among, all kinds and conditions of people.

The Corrymeela Community currently has 150 members and over 5,000 friends and supporters throughout the world. Many Corrymeela members are active in a wide variety of peace and reconciliation activities and some have created their own training agencies involved in conflict transformation work.

Corrymeela works throughout Northern Ireland and beyond, developing and delivering focused community relations work through single-identity, cross-community and cross-border community and residentially based programmes. Each year over 6,000 participants take part in programmes at the Corrymeela Ballycastle Centre which has facilities for over 100 residents in 3 units. This work can be categorised under 5 strands:

- Schools' work that seeks to address community relations issues often through citizenship.
- Family work providing respite and development work with groups.
- Faith and Life seeking to support individuals and church communities in their journey of faith and to support encounter with different traditions.
- Youth work primarily focused on marginalised young people.
- Community work looking at issues of inter-community relations, both on a single identity and a cross community basis.

Corrymeela has an international reputation for its work and believes that its 40 years of reconciliation practice has brought with it considerable learning benefits.

It believes in the importance of the residential experience. A residential experience can create a new openness to deal with issues that people find difficult in the 'home' territory, often issues of reconciliation and community relations. The experience allows old patterns, prejudices and ways of viewing one another to change. It allows different ways of meeting to invade the world of fixed expectation or old ways of being with one another whether it is in a youth group, school or church. Thus, a residential experience opens up new possibilities in ways that cannot easily be done in people's day to day world. Corrymeela believes that residential work needs to be related to work in the community. Their residentially based work is increasingly linked to community based work, particularly to developmental programmes rather than a series of one-off events. The residential experience is being used to support change in people's ordinary day to day world so that new patterns of activities and new structures are created and institutions are influenced in positive directions. Corrymeela works with others in civic society to build a more shared future and to influence public policy.

### **St. Mary's Children's Church**

With around 60 children on the register and most Sundays seeing at least 25 children attending, St Mary's church hall is usually busy (and quite noisy!) on Sunday mornings. We meet during the

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9:45am service during term time, except for the fourth Sunday in the month when we join the rest of the congregation either at St Anne's for Parish Praise or in church for Parish Communion.

We normally start off with our opening prayer, which includes actions. Then we move on to our story for the week, following the theme of the church lectionary as in church. We try to have a varied session, with music, craft, games, story telling and discussion. This is the second term in which we have separated off our older children in order that they can look at the story in a more age-appropriate way with a couple of leaders. The younger ones spend more time on games and craft. At the end of the session, we come together for a biscuit, and say our Big Thank You prayer and other prayers for the day as we prepare to join the congregation and take communion. Then we show the rest of the congregation all that we've been doing!

We have a dedicated leadership team of four, aided by youth group support, and parent helpers. All helpers have undergone CRB checks and follow the Child Protection Policy of the Diocese. As well as Sunday mornings, last term we were to be found at the Christmas Bazaar. We also made 150 Christingles and put on the Christmas Eve nativity play. We started this term with an Epiphany party with themed games such as 'Herod Says', (just like Simon, but scarier) and we made crowns that had to be kept on during musical statues or you were out!

Coming up, we have our annual Pancake Race, which will take place after the 9:45am service on 21 February

and involves children and adults racing round the churchyard whilst tossing pancakes. We will be collecting donations in aid of our nominated Lent charity which this year is Christian Aid. During Lent the children will be collecting coins for doing jobs and then, on Good Friday, we hope to make a line of coins along the side of the path to church, again for Christian Aid. This will be part of our Good Friday workshop held in the church hall from 1:30pm.

We always welcome new children and parents. You can either turn up at the church hall on Sunday mornings at 9:45am, or contact me on 01480 437090 (email [angela.wright1@sky.com](mailto:angela.wright1@sky.com)) for further information.

*Angela Wright*

### **November PCC Meeting**

*Minutes in full of PCC meetings are displayed on the south door notice-board. Here are some of the key points from the November meeting.*

### **Fund Raising Committee for the Church Roof**

The MAP committee does not wish to form into a Fund Raising Committee. The PCC agreed that an Extraordinary Meeting would not serve a useful purpose at present. It was reiterated that dynamic leadership was required. The idea of paying for a Fund Raiser was discounted. It was felt that action was required rather than continued discussion. The possibilities of grants have been explored already.

### **Updating Parish Directory**

It was noted that there is a need to ensure that there is an option for individuals to opt out of their personal

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information being placed in the Directory.

### **Graveyard**

The process of obtaining a Faculty for the repair of the gravestones in need of urgent attention has been started. There is to be a liaison meeting between the PCC and Town Council.

### **Fees for 2010**

It was agreed to increase the bell ringers' fees to £130, to ensure that at least £10 went in to funds.

### **Book of Common Prayer Communion Service**

The PCC was reassured that it would be a simple, quiet service and it was agreed that there would be adequate preparation time.

### **Digital Piano**

It was reported that a Christmas cake has been made which will be raffled at the Crossroads Concert. All proceeds will be put towards the cost of the new digital piano; £46 has been raised so far.

### **Ride and Stride**

It was reported that Barclays Bank has agreed to match the £290 that was raised by this event.

### **Mission Action Plan**

The Draft Plan was discussed. It was noted that information has been sent to the Diocese with details of the accomplishments of the MAP process so far, to be presented to the Archbishop of York at Ely Cathedral on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

The PCC decided that the draft Mission Action Plan would be considered by PCC members and discussed at a further PCC meeting.

### **Ministry News**

It was noted that there will be a Service at Ely Cathedral on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2010, to mark the appreciation and thanksgiving for Bishop Anthony's ministry in the Diocese of Ely.

Father Jeremy Craddock has indicated that he will be reducing his level of work. He will act as an Honorary Assistant Priest and will now take part in services once a quarter and will no longer be involved in evensong or pastoral visiting. His telephone number will be removed as a contact number.

### **Vicarage**

It was noted that there has been no further correspondence from the Diocese regarding this matter. The PCC agreed to await further correspondence from the Diocese.

### **Who's Who list for the Church Photo Board**

Photographs will be taken as soon as possible and the board updated.

### **Finance Committee**

Colin Thirlwall presented the current Reserve Funds. The PCC agreed that it would be realistic to start the work on the roof and then begin to raise the money required to pay off the loan and replenish the reserves.

A goose neck microphone has been trialled and found to be very effective. The Friends of St Mary's have agreed to provide the funding. The PCC agreed unanimously to purchase the microphones.

The Treasurer made a plea that if any work is undertaken at the Church the invoice is sent him directly at his home address.

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**Fabric Committee**

There are some concerns about the safety of the wall between the churchyard and the vicarage. The committee feels that it is the responsibility of the Diocese or Town Council to fund the repairs and the committee will undertake further research on this matter.

**Deanery Synod**

The parish subscriptions are to remain at £10. The Mission Action Plans of Brampton, Catworth and Fenstanton were discussed at Synod. The Deanery Evensong will take place at Brampton in 2010 on Palm Sunday. Ken Diffey reported that he had been asked to conduct the service. Cursillo in Ely Diocese was also discussed at Synod.

**Church Hall Committee**

The cooker from the Salvation Army Hall is too large to fit into the Church Hall kitchen. There is, however, a hostess trolley available, which will need electrical testing before it can be used.

**Churches Together**

Father Nicholas, the Catholic Priest, will chair Churches Together.

**Any other business**

Colin Thirlwall made a plea that he is informed of any bookings for the church or church hall to ensure that there are no double bookings.

The issue of having coffee in church was discussed, and further discussions will be held at future PCC meeting.

The PCC expressed its thanks to Gillian Bathurst-Hoile and Jean Morgan for all their endeavours in organising the refreshments for Parish Praise. Gillian

and Jean stood down from the role in November.

**Programme for February 2010**

Men's and Ladies Breakfast Meetings take place, in alternate months, at the Barley Mow, Hartford, usually on the first Saturday of the month, between 8.00 am and 9.30am for the men and 8.30 am and 10.00 am for the ladies.

For details, and to book places, please contact:

- Men: David Soldan (01480 463454)
- Ladies: Claudette Simcoe (01480 412304)

Please specify full or continental breakfast option.

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> CT Ministers away day** until 16:00 (provisional venue: Buckden Towers)

**Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> 12:15 CT Monthly Prayer.** All Saints, Huntingdon

**Thu 4<sup>th</sup> 19:00 Thursday @ 7.** All Saints, Huntingdon

**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> 08:30 CT Ladies' Breakfast**  
Barley Mow, Hartford  
Speaker: Jane Bushby.

*CRUSE and their role supporting the bereaved*

**Tue 9<sup>th</sup> 19:30 CT Members' Meeting**  
St Michael's Church, Hartford Road

## Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> - Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Mar Fairtrade Fortnight

Please aim to raise the profile of Fairtrade issues at your church during this period. During this fortnight, we hope to celebrate Huntingdon achieving Fairtrade Town status; but that is only just the beginning ...!

### Sat 27<sup>th</sup> 10:00 Seeking God's Vision 2

The second day in All Saints Huntingdon's discernment process, to which representatives of other churches are invited.

### Future dates:

### Mar 6<sup>th</sup> Men's Frugal Breakfast

### Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> Ladies' Breakfast

## Apology

In the November edition we published a short footnote regarding the Follett boys. This was drawn from a private communication with Neil and was published without his knowledge or permission. We offer Neil and his family our apologies.

## And finally...

Beetlemania hit the church hall on Saturday 16 January! Thanks to the enterprise of Gillian and John Bathurst-Hoile, thirty six enthusiasts participated in a keenly contested beetle drive. It was not always a pretty sight as dice rolled and pencils scribbled at a frenetic pace. The superior refreshments in the interval

were a just reward. Winners were the Heeley family, who walked away with both prizes, but the main beneficiaries of the evening were The Friends of St Mary's, whose coffers received another £150. An encore was called for. Watch this space!



## Need Altos & Tenors

Hurstingstone Singers is a friendly accomplished Chamber Choir that specialises in English polyphonic music of the 16<sup>th</sup> Century (although we do also sing music from other periods).

We are looking for 2 Altos & Tenors to join our choir. We have some performance dates scheduled for the Spring and would like our vacancies filled as soon as possible.

We rehearse in Abbots Ripton on a Tuesday evening. If you are interested in finding out more, or would like to join us for a rehearsal night, our contact details are as follows:-

Website - [www.hurstingstone.co.uk](http://www.hurstingstone.co.uk)

Email [hurstingstone@btinternet.com](mailto:hurstingstone@btinternet.com)

Telephone 07939 558138.

## The Registers

### Funerals

January 14            Enid Mabel Watson

January 18th        Leslie Dunn

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### The Lectionary

7 <sup>th</sup> February	2 before Lent	Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-end; Revelation 4; Luke 8:22-25
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Next before Lent	Exodus 34:29-end; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-43a
17 <sup>th</sup> February	Ash Wednesday	Isaiah 58:1-12; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; John 8:1-11
21 <sup>st</sup> February	Lent 1	Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Lent 2	Genesis 15:1-12; - Luke 13:31-end

### Dates for your diary

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Mon	1	1.30 pm	Stepping Stones	22 Porch Close (Tel: 436737)
		8.00 pm	Communications Committee meeting	23 Earning St
		8.00 pm	Worship Group Meeting	10 East Chadley Lane
Tue	2	7.30 am	Morning Prayer	
		12.15 pm	Ecumenical Prayer	All Saints Huntingdon
		12.30 pm	Churches Together Lunch Club	Baptist Church Centre
		2.00 pm	Mothers' Union	QE School
Wed	3	7.00 pm	Ely Choir Festival preliminary rehearsal	Ely Cathedral
		11.00 am	Holy Communion	Chestnuts
		2.00 pm	Signing Group	18 Windsor Rd
Thu	4	7.30 pm	House Group	37 Post St
		7.30 am	Morning Prayer	
		9.45 am	Holy Communion	
Fri	5	10.00 am	St Mary's 0s – 5s	Comrade's Club
		7.15 pm	Junior Choir Practice	Church Hall
Sat	6	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Church Hall
		8.30 am	Women's Breakfast	Barley Mow, Hartford
Sun	7	8.00 am	Holy Communion	
		9.45 am	Sung Eucharist	
		11.30 am	Holy Baptism – Rueben George Wylie-Deacon	
		6.30 pm	Sung Evensong	
		6.45 pm	Youth Group – Lent Mardi Gras	Church Hall
		10.45 am	Churches Together Ministry Meeting	59 London Rd
Mon	8	1.30 pm	Stepping Stones	22 Porch Close (Tel: 436737)
		7.30 am	Morning Prayer	
Tue	9	12.30 pm	Churches Together Lunch Club	Baptist Church Centre
		2.00 pm	Signing Group	18 Windsor Rd
		7.30 pm	Churches Together Members Meeting	St Michael's, Huntingdon
		8.00 pm	Wives' Group – Japan (David Busk)	Church Hall
Wed	10	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Oak Tree Court
		7.30 pm	House Group	37 Post St
Thu	11	7.30 am	Morning Prayer	
		9.45 am	Holy Communion	
		7.30 pm	Deanery Synod	
Fri	12	10.00 am	St Mary's 0s – 5s	Comrades' Club
		7.15 pm	Junior Choir Practice	Church Hall
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Church Hall

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Sat	13	10.00 am	Altar Server's Meeting	Church
		7.00 pm	Film Night – ' <i>Last Chance Harvey</i> '	Church Hall
Sun	14	8.00 am	Holy Communion	
		9.45 am	Sung Eucharist & Holy Baptism – Attryde family	
		6.30 pm	Sung Evensong	
			No Youth Group (Half Term)	
Mon	15		No Stepping Stones (Half Term)	22 Porch Close (Tel: 436737)
		7.30 pm	Fabric Committee Meeting	Vestry
Tue	16	7.30 am	Morning Prayer	
		12.30 pm	Churches Together Lunch Club	Baptist Church Centre
		2.00 pm	Signing Group	18 Windsor Rd
		7.30 pm	PCC Meeting	Church Hall
Wed	17		<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	
		11.00 am	Holy Communion	Woodley Court
		7.30 pm	Sung Eucharist & Ashes	
Thu	18	7.30 am	Morning Prayer	
		9.45 am	Holy Communion	
			No St Mary's 0s – 5s (Half Term)	
Fri	19	7.15 pm	Junior Choir Practice	Church Hall
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Church Hall
Sun	21	8.00 am	Holy Communion	
		9.45 am	Sung Eucharist	
		o/c	Pancake Race	
		6.30 pm	Sung Evensong	
			No Youth Group (Half Term)	
Mon	22	1.30 pm	Stepping Stones	22 Porch Close (Tel: 436737)
Tue	23	7.30 am	Morning Prayer	
		9.15 am	School Eucharist	St Anne's School
		12.30 pm	Churches Together Lunch Club	Baptist Church Centre
		2.00 pm	Signing Group	18 Windsor Rd
Wed	24	9.45 am	Holy Communion	McCartney House
		7.30 pm	Lent House Group	37 Post St
Thu	25	7.30 am	Morning Prayer	
		9.45 am	Holy Communion	
		10.00 am	St Mary's 0s – 5s	Comrades' Club
Fri	26	7.15 pm	Junior Choir Practice	Church Hall
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Church Hall
Sun	28	8.00 am	Holy Communion	
		9.45 am	Parish Communion (Children in church)	
		4.00 pm	Ecumenical Service	Rectory Gardens
		6.30 pm	Sung Evensong	
		6.45 pm	Youth Group – Youth Alpha	Church Hall

**The Editorial Committee Meeting** for the **March** magazine will be held on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2010**. Would you please ensure that material is with one of the following by that date and if possible not later than **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February**. **Peter Irving** (Editor) 26 Post Street ([peter.irving2@ntlworld.com](mailto:peter.irving2@ntlworld.com)); **Victoria Richardson** ([DIRandVMR@aol.com](mailto:DIRandVMR@aol.com)) **Claire Hurd** ([esmeuk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:esmeuk@yahoo.co.uk)) or **David Morgan** ([morgan\\_01339@msn.com](mailto:morgan_01339@msn.com))