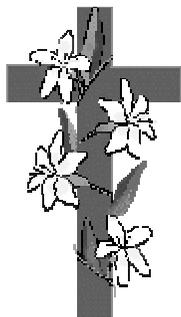


'For God so loved that he gave'

Easter Day St John's Annual Gift Day

As part of our celebration of Easter we shall be holding our regular annual Gift Day when we think about all that God has done for us and offer all we can in response. Half of the money given goes to needy causes both in this country and overseas. The other half is for God's work at St John's.



Thanks to the enormous generosity and hard work of a large number of people more work has been completed around our lovely church this year and our paths are now safe and attractive. Next on the list will be the exterior lighting and the loop system.

Come to the next secondsunday@six service on Sunday March 14 to find out more about how some of our donated funds are supporting the needy.

When the vicar's away...

Did you know that the title 'vicar' comes from the word 'vicarious'? Officially, I understand it refers to the role as someone acting on behalf of a higher authority. Popular folk-lore has it that wealthy parsons would pay a poorer curate to look after their parish - so the cure of souls was vicariously held by another.

Discussion about the various, and sometimes quite unusual titles form an interesting diversion from the real issue of church, which is about the community of people meeting in faith to worship and learn more about God; something that happens every week at St John's. That work continues outside the building, as we daily seek God's will in our lives. Do come along to experience the welcome and friendship, and enjoy the peace of our beautiful building.

Our vicar, David, will be away on Sabbatical from Easter to the end of June; all normal church activities will continue as before, and for all those items that you would normally direct to the vicar, please contact the curate instead. (Now, what is a curate?)

Helen Gardner (curate) 865218

Good Neighbours in Bourne End

Our coffee and cake mornings on the last Friday of each month continue to be popular. The next ones will be on March 26, April 30 and May 28. Please do ring Jos, our co-ordinator, if you would like a lift (☎ 01923-263733 or ☎ 07979-590480).

Our Good Neighbour service continues to be used by several residents of Bourne End village. If we can be of help or if you would just like someone to pop in and see you, do feel free to call Jos, any time.



Invitation to Breakfast

On the first Saturday of every month a simple breakfast is available in the parish room between 8 and 8-30 followed by half an hour's prayer time. All are very warmly welcome.

Church Officers

Vicar	Rev. David Abbott	865100
Curates	Rev. Dick Clarkson Rev Helen Gardner	873014 865218.
Church Wardens	Stephen Fletcher Jane Manson	864322 878058
Secretary	Audrey Gubbay	866376
Treasurer	Edith Harkins	871040

Village Prayers

Our prayers in church each Sunday include prayers for the residents in each of the village roads in turn. In this way we can pray regularly for all the residents of our village. Prayer requests are also beginning to appear on our prayer board in the church porch and we include all of these too. Please continue to let us have your prayer requests and do encourage us by giving us feedback if you can.

March Residents of Bourne End Lane

April Residents of Sugar Lane

May Residents of Winkwell and Pouchen End

Friday@5

For children in school years 3-6.
Next session Friday March 12th
in the parish room.

Please contact Sharon Fowler on 877931
or children@sunnysidechurch.org.uk for
details of further events being planned.

SERVICES

March April May 2010

All are warmly invited to come and worship on Sundays at 10.30am. on Good Friday at 9am and on Wed March 31st at 9-30am. Details below.

March 7 Holy Communion

March 14 Special All Age Service for Mothering Sunday

secondsunday@six

6.00pm with visiting speaker

March 21 Morning Prayer with APCM

March 28 Palm Sunday Holy Communion

Wed March 31 9-30 Holy Communion

April 2 Good Friday service 9am-9-45am

April 4 10-30 am

Holy communion for Easter Day

April 11 Morning Prayer

secondsunday@six

6-00 pm

April 18th Holy Communion

April 25^h Morning Prayer

May 2nd Holy Communion

May 9 Morning Prayer

secondsunday@six

6-00 pm

May 16th Holy Communion

May 23 Morning prayer for Pentecost

May 30ⁱ Holy Communion

Teaching in the parish room for all our children and young people will continue twice monthly and facilities are always available for younger children but we are encouraging the older ones to take a fuller part in worship with their parents and the rest of the adults on a more regular basis.

Celebrate Easter
in your village
church
St John's
Bourne End



NEWSLETTER

March – May 2010