

Week beginning 5 February

8 am Holy Communion BCP (Holy Trinity)

9 am Holy Communion (Christ Church)

11 am Holy Communion (Church Centre)

Monday: Tiddlywinks 1.30 pm; Link-up Bereavement Support Group 8 pm

Tuesday: Prayer Meeting 9.30 am; Bowls 2 pm; Trinity Ringers 7 pm

Thursday: Holy Communion 11 am

Saturday: Prophetic Intercession 8 am; Prayer Meeting 9.30 am

A little boy was overheard praying:  
"Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it.  
I'm having a really good time like I am."

Vicar William Mason 712194 (Day off Friday)

Associate Priest Cathy Smith

(Day off Friday)

Newsletter Judy Knight g

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Dates for your Diary



Saturday 4 February - Men's Breakfast

Sunday 19 February - visit of the Bishop of Oxford - the morning service that day will be at 10 am in Holy Trinity

Ash Wednesday 22 February - Holy Communion 8 pm in Christ Church

**Midweek Bible Studies have been suspended until after Easter.**

#### PASTORAL CARE TEAM

If you know of anyone in need or if you require help yourself, please don't hesitate to call:-

Alan or Judy Jones

Mike Large

Marian Spratt

Rosemary Wheeler

# NEWSLETTER

**For the Parish of Penn Street with Holmer Green**

**29th January 2012**

*A very warm welcome to our services, especially if you are a visitor or new to the church. We are a Christian family committed to serving God and our community and making his good news known*

#### SERVICES TODAY

**Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

**This is World Leprosy Day**

10 am Parish Holy Communion (Holy Trinity) (This is the only service today)

Monday: Tiddlywinks 1.30 pm

Tuesday: Prayer Meeting 9.30 am;

Bowls 2 pm

Thursday: Women's Fellowship 1.45 pm, when Gail Heavey will be speaking to us

Saturday: Men's Breakfast 8.15 am

#### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Our speaker on Sat.Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> will be David Tester from Mission Aviation Fellowship.

Please let me know if you are joining us.

Many thanks. Alan



Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

God our creator,  
who in the beginning  
commanded the light to shine out of  
darkness:

we pray that the light of the glorious  
gospel of Christ  
may dispel the darkness of ignorance  
and unbelief,  
shine into the hearts of all your  
people,  
and reveal the knowledge of your  
glory

in the face of Jesus Christ your  
Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever,  
Amen

#### Our Parish Vision

To Release, Support, Enable  
and Encourage God's  
People to receive His Grace,  
share His Love and live His  
Life

**Thought for the Week**  
**Move out of your Comfort Zone**

Have you made any New Year resolutions this year?  
I don't mean giving up smoking, or not eating chocolate, I was thinking more about your Church Life!

Here are just a few suggestions:

Sit in a different pew instead of the normal one that you sit in each Sunday.

Talking to someone you haven't spoken to previously.

Trying a different Service to the one you have always gone to.

Volunteering to do some of the maintenance work around both our churches.

Helping at Lighthouse this year.

Becoming a volunteer with Wycombe Homeless Connection.

Offering to do the prayers or readings at one of the Services.

Becoming a Welcoming Steward, at the church door.

Praying with the Group that meets on Tuesday mornings.

Reading the Bible every day.

The list goes on and on. God wants each of us to be active soldiers who do things for Him, rather than being a taker.

Change does mean accepting risk, and your anxiety button will probably say:

"What if I don't like doing it?" Sometimes our greatest risk is taking no risk at all!

But God often requires us to leave the path that feels and looks safe, for one that feels and looks risky.

Let's move out of our Comfort Zone and do something different this year, all in the name of Jesus, that we have never done before.

MJC

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**THANK YOU**

A big thank you to all who have provided jam-jars. I have now finished making marmalade for this year and 90 pots have gone into storage to mature. Last year's jams and marmalades along with Apple & Ginger Chutney and Pickled Onions are now on sale in the Church Centre and in Holy Trinity with all proceeds going to church funds. If you have more jam-jars for disposal, I may need them in August/September but no more until then thank you.

Dave Wainman



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**Please Pray For:**

Shirley, Lawrie, David,  
Joan, Peter & Olive, Carrie,  
Grace, Ivan, Nigel, William  
& Hilary, Clare, Andy, and  
Bob

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**PRAYER DIARY**

In our Church Family Prayer Diary this week please pray for Michael & Muriel Allen, Bryan & Dorothy Allsop, Kathy Astbury, those who live in The Common, and Churches Together in Holmer Green

**Prayer for World Leprosy Day**  
**2012**



**God our loving heavenly Father,**  
we pray for Your peace and blessing on people affected by leprosy in Mozambique.

Thank you Lord for the growth seen in self-care groups there and bless the staff as they seek to find more and more ways of sharing Jesus with people in need.

Lord, we pray for ALEMO (the Association for Leprosy Affected People in Mozambique). We ask for inspiration as they seek to redefine their role and impact in the coming year.

Please guide and inspire The Leprosy Mission staff in their continuing work to help to change negative attitudes towards people affected by leprosy.

**Amen**

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Cherry Garth services are re-starting 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday afternoon of each month starting at 2pm (almost definitely in the foyer) William is leading the next one on the 20<sup>th</sup> February.

Cherry Garth have also asked us to pass on to our churches a request for people to support their residents on outings. They are looking for escorts to go on trips or outings which might be just for lunch or for a whole day. If anyone is interested, please could they contact Cherry Garth to put their name forward if they could help.

**An Invitation from the Methodist**  
**Church**

Dear Friends,

Please publicise at your churches the invitation from the Methodists to join us on Sunday evenings when there is no service at your own church. You will be very welcome on any Sunday, but we would like to make a special invitation to the first Sunday of each month, starting with Feb 5<sup>th</sup> (at 6pm as usual). If you are likely to attend, and might be willing to read a Bible reading, or say a prayer, or request a particular hymn, or contribute in whatever way, please tell me, because I will be leading the worship on Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, and I'd like the visitors to feel at home.

thanks very much

Mike Hill

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I have just been to see the wonderful exhibition at 47 Sycamore Road, Amersham of the work by Sue Symons called "Creation - a celebration". It really is amazing and I would urge anyone who hasn't seen it to pop along. Due to demand it has been extended until the 12<sup>th</sup> February, it's free! There are 42 panels of embroidery, calligraphy, watercolour and appliqué in a kaleidoscope of colour. It is brought to us by The Bible Society. It is open between 10 - 4p.m. and there is tea & coffee available provided by The Churches Together from Amersham & Chesham Bois. The shop is opposite Waitrose by the zebra crossing. MB

