



## CHURCH DIARY FOR August 2007

### Sunday, 5th August - Trinity 9

10.00 am All-age Service

### Sunday, 12th August - Trinity 10

8.30 am Matins (said service)

**Note change of service schedule for this month only**

### Sunday, 19th August - Trinity 11

9.30 am Parish Communion

### Sunday, 26th August - Trinity 12

9.30 am Matins

There will be a midweek service of Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10.00 am at Holy Cross

### From the Register

#### Baptism

July 1 Charlotte Lily Smith  
Jake Alexander Jeffrey Richards

#### Burial of Ashes

July 4 John Harry Polden

#### PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

The Revd Roger Powell (01793 740369)

#### CHURCHWARDENS

Charlotte Frost (841361)  
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# The Dragon

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Ogbourne St George

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## WHAT'S ON IN OGBOURNE ST GEORGE THIS MONTH

### August

Nothing happening this month - it's time for the summer holidays and the pursuit of good weather - we hope!!!



### Diary date

September 13th

Parish Council Meeting

7.30 pm at the Village Hall

### A Fun Place for the Youngsters to go

A new and exciting youth club is to be set up at Ogbourne St Andrew Church by Ali Martin and Nicola Jones with the support of Father Roger. The Youth Club will be aimed at 4 -14 year olds and the first meeting will be on Friday, August 31 between 5.30 and 7.00 pm. Entrance fee will be £1.00 and the children will have play facilities and also the opportunity to try their hand at various handicrafts.

Initially the Club will be held monthly but if there is strong enough interest it will be held more frequently. Ali would like to get an idea of numbers so if you would like to know more please ring her on 07976902165

### Thief Alert

Be on the look out for opportunistic thieves in the village. Recently two bicycles were stolen from an open garage when the residents were in the house at the time. It is all too tempting when living in a village such as ours to feel safe and secure and leave doors unlocked and windows open but crime can take place here. So take care and be aware.

**Please note that because of holidays I will need any copy for the September issue by August 20th at the latest - so please let me have any diary dates or any other information you wish to put in the Dragon by that time.**

## The Revd Roger Powell writes...

The 6<sup>th</sup> August is the Feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain. Transfiguration is a theme that lies at the heart of the Christian faith. Christians believe that people can be changed, and transformed into the image of Jesus himself. This means that over the course of time, we can learn to imitate Jesus in the way that we live our own lives.

But, how can we be transfigured? According to St Luke's Gospel it was while Jesus was praying on top of the mountain that, *'the appearance of his face changed and his clothes became dazzling white'*. In other words it was while Jesus was praying that he was transfigured. Here then we discover one way in which our lives can be changed. We can be transfigured just like Jesus, if we talk *with* God through prayer. For it is by talking *with* God through prayer that we learn more about him and more about ourselves.

If we look at the earthly life of Jesus we discover how it was shaped and surrounded by prayer. The ministry of Jesus begins with prayer at his Baptism, *'while he was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit came down upon him'*. And the ministry of Jesus ends with a prayer from the cross, *'my God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'* It is in prayer that Jesus begins to understand more fully what God is expecting of him. It is by our own prayers that we too can be transfigured and grow in faith.

All good wishes Fr Roger

## The Sun shines on the Village Summer Lunch

Thank you to everyone who supported the Summer Lunch at 1 Church Lane on Sunday 22nd July writes Ruth Fraser. We were very lucky with the weather and are pleased to say that we raised over £1000 for the church. Over 100 people came to enjoy a delicious lunch and buy goodies from the various stalls. A very big thank you to Tim and Charlotte Frost for hosting the event and to Mark from Parklands for supplying homemade coleslaw. Thanks also to Christine Coplestone for organising a very successful cake stall, to the Iliffes for offering their field for parking and to all the volunteers who gave up their time to help on the day

Charlotte adds "particular thanks are due to Ruth Fraser, Rebecca MacDonald, Sarah Smith and Tina West for their excellent cooking and to their stalwart husbands for making light work of setting up and clearing away so swiftly and efficiently.

## **Stop Littering the Village**

At the recent Parish Council Meeting there were complaints that children getting off the bus from St Johns School are throwing litter into the road. You know who you are - please take your litter home!

## Parish Council Meeting

At the Parish Council Meeting held on July 12th the issue of speeding was raised again. Some time ago there was a major effort by villagers to obtain further speed restrictions in the village. Although the police carried out speed checks it was concluded at that time that there were insufficient examples of people breaking the speed limit to warrant further action. The Parish Council is concerned that vehicles are still speeding through the village particularly along the Old Marlborough Road towards Marlborough. It was agreed that Cllrs Smith and Rouse would look at possible measures for traffic calming and report back at the next meeting.

The Chairman reported that although he had installed no smoking notices in the bus shelters, the Old Marlborough Road notice had lasted only 6 hours before it was removed. It could be replaced with a stainless steel one at a cost of £35 which would be more durable. Councillors questioned the extent of their responsibilities and agreed to monitor how the ban settles down.

Amongst the planning applications received garages at The Grange and the removal of an agricultural tie at Cotswold House had been approved and granted by Kennet. Other applications received by the Parish Council and returned without objection were for a pitched roof at Poppins and another transmission dish at Whitefield Farm. An application for an industrial/office building at Old Chase Road has been considered by the Parish Council and returned with concerns and comments. The Council also objected to a proposal for the demolition of existing industrial building and subsequent development of a garage/repair workshop at Bytham Road due to access issues.

Other matters discussed included bus timetables. The Clerk will create laminated timetables for the bus shelters whilst awaiting a response to the request for Stagecoach to install bus timetable holders. Cllr Manos will ask the lengthsman at their next visit to fill potholes in the road, particularly in Liddiards Green and to trim bushes and nettles particularly on the path to the main road. Cllrs Willis, Rouse and the Clerk will examine the playground equipment and report back on any items that need to be replaced and the Chairman will speak to Kennet DC about emptying the waste bin at the Marlborough Road Bus Shelter. The Council will continue to monitor the danger issues at the School at pick up time. The School's proposals to ease the congestion at this time will be discussed at the next meeting.

At the end of the meeting residents attending were allowed to ask questions and raise issues. One resident complained about overhanging hedges in the village and cars parked on the pavement in Liddiards Green. Cllr Groves offered to meet with the resident and discuss the issues in more detail and report back at the next meeting.

Apologies were received from Mrs Mudge and Mr Humphries (WCC) and 6 residents were present. The next meeting will be held on **September 13th**.