



CHURCH DIARY FOR July 2007

Sunday, 1st July - Trinity 4

10.00 am Pets Service

Sunday, 8th July - Trinity 5

8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday, 15th July - Trinity 6

9.30 am Parish Communion

Sunday, 22nd July - Trinity 7

9.30 am Matins

Sunday 29th July - Trinity 8

10.00 am Team Eucharist

From the Register

Baptism

June 3 Arthur and Freddy Allen

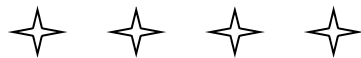
Burial of Ashes

June 2 Tony Smith

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

PRIEST-IN-CHARGE The Revd Roger Powell (01793 740369)

CHURCHWARDENS Charlotte Frost (841361)
Gordon Mudge (841338)



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The Village Newsletter for
Ogbourne St George

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WHAT'S ON IN OGBOURNE ST GEORGE THIS MONTH

July

1 Pets Service 10.00am. All pets welcome - large or small, old or young, fierce or friendly, preferably under control - that's owners as well as pets! To be held in the churchyard but in the church if it's raining.

3 & 17 Little Fishes 1.45-3.00pm at the Church

7 Barn Dance at Park Farm Barn - doors open 5.30 pm. (*more details inside*)

12 Parish Council Meeting. 7.30pm at the Village Hall

22 Summer Lunch from 12 noon in the courtyard at 1 Church Lane. (*more details inside*)

Marlborough Open Studios July 7/8, 14/15, 21/22, and 28/29

Ogbourne School Watch

Thank you to everyone who responded so positively to my request for help in preventing vandalism at the school. Unfortunately we continue to find cigarette lighters, matches and beer cans in the playground and some of you will be aware that we had a window broken over the May break. The police are treating this as an attempted burglary. The children, however, are most upset by the damage that has been done to the little gardens they have planted. As a school we face a dilemma. We are keen to maintain and develop our open, welcoming image but cannot continue to tolerate this level of vandalism. Please can I ask you to continue to be vigilant and phone the police if you see something suspicious.

Celia Hicks, Head of Ogbourne St George School

This newsletter is written for the village. If you have any news to report - special birthdays, anniversaries or perhaps sporting success - you would like to share I would love to know about it. It would be good too to hear from newcomers about what they think of Ogbourne St George as a place to live. Please contact me on 841270.

Wendy Reardon Smith



The Revd Roger Powell writes ...

'I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth...' go the opening words of the Apostle's Creed; words which have been accepted and repeated across the centuries as a summary of the faith of the Church. Many of us most of the time are happy to add our voices to those who have gone before us. Yet there are times when it's not that simple; when we find ourselves wracked with doubt.

We, however, are not the only ones to feel this way. The 3rd of July is the celebration of the Apostle Thomas, the honest sceptic, who also was given the title 'Doubting Thomas'. This was because he refused to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead until he had touched his wounds. Sure enough Jesus appears, but instead of scolding him, shows him the wounds. Thomas responds, '*my Lord and my God*'. Thus Doubting Thomas' honest doubts are turned into an honest faith, which has become a reassurance for millions of people across the centuries and all over the world, who want to follow Jesus.

Doubt about all sorts of things may come to us all and those who profess to faith in Jesus are no exception, and might at times doubt the power of God to change and transform lives. We are not to be ashamed of our doubts but to believe that God is able to use our questions to lead us into a deeper understanding of his purpose and a richer sense of his love. If we can do this then we shall see that doubt is an important part of a journey of faith. All good wishes, Fr Roger

News from Ogbourne St George School

Many of you will have seen the Schools in Focus published in The Gazette & Herald on 24th May. As you can see from the smiling faces we are a very happy school ! We have a committed and enthusiastic staff and the children are delightful.

We have worked hard to improve standards to a record high and now have a new, vibrant curriculum that takes account of our pupils interests as well as national initiatives! As a result numbers are growing and from September we will have 4 classes in the morning. I am pleased to welcome Mrs Caron Short to our team. Mrs Short was Head of a large English Faculty in a well respected secondary school before taking a career break and returning to work in the primary phase. We are also looking forward to work starting on the new teaching area and foyer.

We have had a very busy term again with pupils taking part in a drama day in West Woods, a cricket festival and an athletics meeting at which one of our pupils won 3rd place for overall performance among the Kennet schools. We have our residential trip to Osmington Bay at the end of the month where pupils will try their hand at a variety of adventure sports and we are also busy rehearsing for the school play, Robin Hood! Do take a look at our web site if you want to find out more about the school! The address is www.ogbourne-st-george.wilts.sch.uk . *Celia Hicks*

There's lots going on in Ogbourne St George this month -

hopefully we will finally get some sun so you can get out and enjoy everything that's happening. There are events to suit everyone so take this opportunity to attend the Pets Service on July 1st, support the fund raisers, visit our local Open Studios and make the most of July.



Open Studios

There are two local artists participating in this year's Marlborough Open Studios:- **Jeanette Therrien** of Grey Gables, Ogbourne St George is a glass and ceramics artist. At her studio you will find examples of her glassware and ceramics including jewellery, splashbacks, dishes and sculptural pieces in glass. She has also taken her glasswork into the garden producing unusual pieces such as stained glass bird feeders. Jeanette's studio is open from 10am to 6pm on July 14/15, 21/22 and 28/29.

Mark Somerville of Crequion, Hallam will be exhibiting photographs from a recent trip to Nairobi, together with Wiltshire landscapes and experimental work exploring techniques which blur the boundaries between conventional photographic reproduction and original artwork. Mark's studio is open from 10am to 5pm July 7/8, 21/22 and 28/29.

Village Barn Dance

Here's a chance to let your hair down and enjoy an evening of fun, with dancing to the "Butter Side Up" Band, attempting to beat the "Bucking Bronco and enjoying a cowboy themed supper at The Barn Dance on July 7th at Park Farm Barn. Doors open at 5.30pm with dancing from 6 and supper from 6.30pm. The event is organised by FOS in aid of Ogbourne St George and St Andrew Primary School. It promises to be a thoroughly entertaining evening for the whole family. Tickets are available on the night or from Debbie Sandison either c/o the School or from The Old Police House (841468).

Fundraising for the Church



Come and enjoy lunch in the courtyard at 1 Church Lane on Sunday 22nd July from 12 noon. There will be delicious home made lunches available together with wine, beer and a Pimms bar. For the children - and no doubt some adults - there will also be ice creams and hot dogs.

All proceeds will be in aid of St George's Church and there will be plenty to spend your money on with a cake and produce stall, bottles and plants, nearly new toys, raffle and tombola. There will also be games to keep the children occupied. The church is desperately in need of funds so do put the date in your diary and support the event. Any donations and offers of help will be very welcome so please contact Charlotte Frost (841361) or Ruth Fraser (841210) if you can help out.