



CHURCH DIARY FOR November 2007

Sunday, November 4th - 4th before Advent

10.00 am Toy Service
Gifts of toys and books very welcome which will be given to local charities

Sunday, November 11th - Remembrance Day

10.45 am Remembrance Service

Sunday, November 18th - 2nd before Advent

9.30 am Parish Communion

Sunday, November 25th - Christ the King

9.30am Matins

Christmas is coming!

If there is a favourite carol which you would like to have included at this year's Carol Service (on Sunday December 16th at 4pm) please tell the Vicar or the wardens, and we will try to fit them all in.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

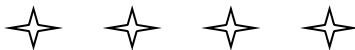
From Advent Sunday this year our Gospel readings will largely be taken from Matthew's account of Jesus' life. In preparation for this you are welcome to a three-part course on Matthew's Gospel Mondays, 29 October, 12 and 26 November at 7.30 pm Ogbourne St George Church. Enquiries to Timothy George (01672841278)

From the Register RIP

Hazel Espley September 24th

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

CHURCHWARDENS Charlotte Frost (841361)
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The Village Newsletter for
Ogbourne St George



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Remembrance Service
Sunday November 11th

WHAT'S ON IN OGBOURNE ST GEORGE THIS MONTH

November

- 6 & 20 Ogbourne Little Fishes 1.45-3.00pm at Ogbourne St George Church
- 8 Parish Council Meeting 7.30 pm at the Village Hall
- 17 Friends of Ogbourne School [Christmas Craft & Gift Fair in Marlborough Town Hall 9am to 12.30pm](#)

Have you got your numbers yet?

There has been a terrific response to the launch of the 100 Club, thank you very much to those who have already subscribed. But there are still some numbers available and we do have to sell them all to cover the cost of the repairs to the village hall porch roof. If you would like to join, tickets cost £12 for the year starting in December, available from Charlotte Frost (841361) and Jane Merritt (841309).

A Big Thank You

I would like to express grateful thanks to so many villagers for all the telephone enquiries, get well cards, visits and messages during my recent stay in hospital and since my return home. It has really helped to know that I have been in so many people's thoughts during what has been quite a difficult time. Thank you again to everyone *Ros Wallace*



Remember, remember the 5th of November and any time over the next few weeks when you might think about letting off fireworks. Please spare a thought for your neighbours and their pets and the farmers and their animals. If you are planning to hold a fireworks party let your neighbours know and give them advance warning so that they can make sure their pets are protected from the noise.

Please could dog owners clear up after their dogs. Bottom Lane and the footpath leading up to the bus stop and the old railway line are areas that are particularly bad. There have been many complaints about persistent dog fouling in the village and it is an opportune moment to remind dog owners that it is an offence not to clean up after your dog.



The Walking Bus

This is a lovely picture of the Ogbourne St George School walking bus which has been successfully launched this term! We now have 22 children who walk to school on Wednesdays under the supervision of trained adults! I think the smiles say it all! Thank you to all the villagers who are taking extra care as they drive along the High Street! We are particularly grateful that people are trying not to park by Dragon House drive where the road narrows. *Celia Hicks, Head*

Harvest Supper

There was a goodly turnout for the Harvest Supper on Friday, October 5, with some 75 people coming to the 'church bistro', mostly from St George but including about a dozen from St Andrew. The pews were rearranged around tables, and with pretty tablecloths, lots of candles and music there was a very relaxed atmosphere. And plenty of room for the 20 or so children to gallyivant about! A table quiz kept everyone entertained before supper, which was a simple meal but good, and consisted of roast ham, baked potatoes, two salads, cheese and biscuits, grapes, flapjacks, shortbread and coffee, washed down with wine and ale from the bar. It was organised by Nicky Irwin, Charlotte Frost and Sue McNally-Mills, with generous help from Rebecca Macdonald (delicious veggie tarts), Parklands Hotel (coleslaw) and Ogg Valley Organics (who supplied the potatoes that Jemima Milton then baked). A profit of £319 was divided pro rata between the two churches. Thank you to all who came, and we hope you'll come again next year! *Charlotte Frost*

Roving the Ridgeway— an extract from Bishop Stephen's Blog

On Thursday I spent a great day as part of my pastoral visit to the Ridgeway Benefice, comprising the parishes of Chiseldon with Draycot Foliat, Ogbourne St Andrew and Ogbourne St George. Particular thanks go to Charlotte Frost for organising my programme and to the parish priest, Roger Powell, and to all my hosts. Alan, John and I have established a pattern for making pastoral visits of at least two days in a week, with opportunities to meet individuals and groups within the community as well as to share in worship and to meet PCCs. This has been my first and I am very encouraged.

My day began with a men's breakfast in Chiseldon, the food prepared by a team of men led by one of the Readers, reinforced by a serving army officer who responded to need because we had many more men than expected, forty-two altogether. It was hard hats thereafter as I visited the Makins' racing stables and saw the beauty of creation in liquid motion - not me but some real equine winners. This all made me ready for lunch at school in Chiseldon. Lunch happens in shifts so I needed more than one grace. I was very impressed by the food cooked on site, by the imaginative play areas and by the computer suite. Roger's children, Ben and Sophie, seem happy there, too.

A trip to the pub where the landlords sponsor parish activities and a toddler group was followed by tea with the Silver Threads, a gathering for older people in the church hall sponsored by the church. I would have stayed for bingo except that I am innumerate. I then went up onto the downs to have spectacular views on the Ormond farm and learned much more about the reality of dairy and sheep farming - thanks to Tim, Jemima, John and Polly and two hundred mixed Holsteins and Friesians and two hundred and fifty sheep .

The next stop was a delicious meal at the rectory. The icing on the cake was a special performance of dance put on for me by the older Powell children, Benjamin and Sophie. The youngest, Samuel, for whom walking is still a challenge, chose to do sit-down dancing with me in response.

The day was completed by a visit to the bellringers at Ogbourne St George before a meeting of the combined PCCs of the benefice. People were able to be very honest in conversation with me. A nine-year-old who had to be present because Mum is a PCC member asked the most pertinent question: what is a bishop for? I would value as many contributions towards an answer as possible. I am working on a paper about this myself to share on the blog. Watch this space..

Many thanks to all the people of the Ridgeway. *Bishop Stephen*

Changes at Little Dragons Pre-school

After 7 years of jointly running the Little Dragons Maria Bulley has left to become a full time childminder. On her last day the children held a party and presented her with gifts to say thank you for her hard work and her part in making the Little Dragons the success it is today. All the parents wish her well in her new venture and welcome Linda Craw who will be taking over from Maria. Maria can be contacted on 07795957020.