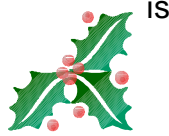


## 'Hello & Goodbye' (from the school newsletter)

This edition is the last one to be printed with Celia Hicks as Head of the Primary School. Celia has been at the school for just over 5 years and has taken it on the most incredible journey. As expected, there have been highs and lows (or amazing views and the odd puncture to continue the journey analogy!) but overall the school has thrived under her outstanding leadership. We will miss her being a part of our community and wish her well at Preshute.

As Celia's train departs, another one arrives (have I taken the analogy a bit far?!), with Colin Jones aboard. Colin is an experienced deputy Head from Even Primary school in Swindon. He has several years experience as part of a Primary School SMT (senior management team) and has two successful stints as an acting Headteacher to his credit. The decision to appoint him was a unanimous one and the selection panel believe that he is the person best placed to lead the school whilst they continue the search for a permanent Headteacher. He has been put in post from January 2010 to July 2010. So, as the title says it's 'goodbye' and 'hello' from everyone at school, plus Happy Christmas of course!

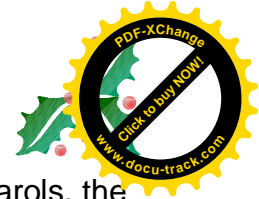


### **Vacancy – Catering Assistant, Ogbourne Primary School**

£6-53/hour (pay award pending)

1 ½ hours/day, term-time only

The opening of our fabulous new hall means that we will be offering our children hot lunches five days a week. We therefore need a catering assistant (no previous experience necessary) from January 4<sup>th</sup> 2010 to work in our purpose built kitchen helping serve meals and clearing away afterwards. We would be happy to fill the vacancy on a job share basis between as many people as are interested! For further information please contact the school office, 01672 841318.



## The Revd Roger Powell writes...

I don't know about you, but I love Christmas. The carols, the atmosphere, the Christmas cards, the presents! It saddens me, however, to see how we allow the preparations to start earlier and earlier each year. It is so important for us all to try and resist the continuing commercialism which has become typical of the Christmas season.

Just think back, how long ago was it that you first saw the Christmas decorations going up in the shops? The television adverts continue to entice us and we feel under pressure to spend more than we can afford. All of this continues until Christmas Eve when the signs in the shops are changed to 'Sale Now On' and the television adverts are all about summer holidays. This in many ways has become the new Christmas tradition.

In all the mix of partying and jollity it can be so easy to forget why it is that we celebrate Christmas at all. We forget the true value and meaning of Christmas. God loved us so much that He gave us His only son that all who believe in Him might have eternal life.

God gave Jesus to be born as a small defenceless baby, dependent upon Mary and Joseph for protection and nurture. This is the beginning of the Gospel story; at the end Jesus speaks of the Last judgment and tells us that the way we treat others, protecting and nurturing them will be regarded as the way we treat Him and that we will be judged accordingly.

Telephone box



**Sunday, 6th December. Advent 2**

**Sunday, 13th December. Advent 3**  
**9.30 am Holy Communion**



**Sunday 20th December—Advent 4**

**9.30 am Parish Communion**

**4.00 pm Carol Service with mince pies to follow**

**Christmas Eve**

**4.00 Christingle**

**11.30 Midnight Mass**

**Christmas Day**

**10.00 am Christmas Family Service**

**Sunday 27th—Christmas 1**

**10.30 am Beneficent Eucharist at Holy Cross, Chiseldon**

### Home made Cakes, Sweet Buns & Tray Bakes needed!

The Church will be running a burger van and comfort food at South Farm, Chiseldon Camp on the 6th December for participants of an endurance ride; we need donations of home baking, preferably single portion size e.g. muffins, tray bake, brownies.... but don't let these suggestions limit your creativity!

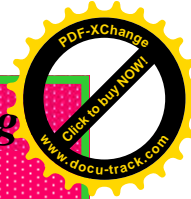
Nicky Irwin is coordinating the stall, please ring her with offers of donations and to arrange for collection on 01793 741216.

### Thank you .....

to the mystery donator of jumble at the Old Police House (recently and a few months ago). I assume it's for the school but just wanted to say that there is no jumble sale on the cards at present so I've taken the items to the Charity Shop. We will advertise and ask for donations when another sale is planned. Thank you. Debbie Sandison.



## The Dragon Ogbourne St George Dec 09



- 17. Carol Singing
- 19. Decorating the church
- 20. Carol Service
- 25. The Inn with the Well open 12.00—1.30
- 26. The Inn with the Well Xmas Quiz—curry 7.00—8.00



Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

contributions for the January Dragon to [julia.wall@btconnect.com](mailto:julia.wall@btconnect.com) or [info@theinnwiththewell.com](mailto:info@theinnwiththewell.com)



**Carol Singing around the village**  
**Thursday 17 December**  
**meet outside the school at 5.30pm**

**Decoration of the Church for Christmas will take place on the 19th December 10.00—11.30 am. All helpers very welcome. Contact Rosemary Wallace 841405 email [raw\\_orestonehse@btinternet.com](mailto:raw_orestonehse@btinternet.com)**