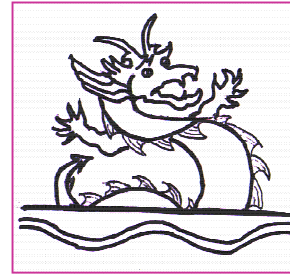


## CHURCH DIARY

5th	Dec	10.00 am	Family Service
12th	Dec	8.30 am	Holy Communion
19th	Dec	4.00 pm	Christmas Carol Service
<b>Christmas Eve</b>		4.00 pm	Christingle
<b>Christmas Day</b>		10.00 am	Family Christmas Service
26th	Dec	10.30 am	Benefice Communion at Holy Cross Chisledon
2nd	Jan 2011	10.00 am	Family Service



## The Dragon



**Wishing all in Ogbourne St George a Wonderful Festive Season –December 2010**

### Confirmation & Communion before Confirmation.

I am planning to run confirmation classes for both adults and children (11 years upwards) beginning in the New Year. These classes will also be open to those, already confirmed, who would like a 'refresher' course. Our churches have also recently taken a decision to allow children (7 years upwards) to receive communion before confirmation after suitable preparation. Again I shall be running a class in the New Year.

Please get in touch with me if you want more information about any of these classes—Fr Roger

### Carol Service

The candle-lit Carol Service this year on the Sunday before Christmas will include the traditional readings of the Christmas story and the carols we all know so well and love singing, but the school will also be contributing several carols and songs. At the commissioning service in November for the new Head Teacher, Mrs Normington, the Diocesan representative said that the school's reputation for excellent singing is widely recognised in the Diocese, and in the corridors of Salisbury Ogbourne is known as 'the school that sings'. So do come to the Carol Service and hear for yourselves! There will be mince pies afterwards.

### Thank You

We have had a very appreciative thank you poem from the Swindon Women's Refuge for all the harvest gifts – it's pinned up on the church porch notice board so do have a look next time you're at church. The toys which were so generously given at the November toy service we could not give to Home Start as planned, because their council funding has been withdrawn and they are having to close. However, we were directed by them to the Koalas and Special Tots group, who are based at the Salt Way Centre in West Swindon and who help disabled and disadvantaged children; they were extremely grateful to you all and send warm thanks

### Decorating the Church for Christmas

On Saturday 18 December between 10 and 11.30am we will be decorating the Church and the tree, arranging flowers, cleaning and generally getting ready for the Carol Service on

Sunday 19 December and the services over Christmas. You are very welcome to come along and join in the preparations—just turn up—or Contact Rosemary Wallace (841405) or Richenda George (841278)

### Our own Telephone Boxes

The village is now the proud owner of its two red telephone boxes so ideas for their usage are welcomed by the Parish Council. Other villages have used boxes for book exchanges, information points, picture galleries and more so what should we do with ours? Suggestions to Parish Councillors or the Clerk on 840011, email [clifreeman@aol.co.uk](mailto:clifreeman@aol.co.uk) or a note to The Old Rectory.

### BT Infinity Broadband

BT are running a campaign to prioritise the roll-out of their 'Infinity' Broadband—which claims speeds of up to 40 MB. As we have less than 1000 households in the village, they are looking for a 'vote' from 75% of the households in the village to put us onto a priority list. Currently sitting at less than 10%! Even if you are not on BT you can still vote!

Link for voting:

[www.racetoinfinity.bt.com](http://www.racetoinfinity.bt.com)



### Rabbit—Free to good home

Ring the Halls at Hallam 01672 841194

### Driving too quickly?

You can contribute to slowing down village traffic by joining the village Community SpeedWatch as a volunteer. This is the next best thing to having a permanent Police presence as volunteers capture speeding vehicles on special monitoring equipment and the details are passed to the Police for appropriate action. Spare an hour or two a week and the more volunteers the better sharing the task and reducing speeding. Please contact Cliff Freeman, the Clerk, for more details on 840011, email [cliffreeman@aol.co.uk](mailto:cliffreeman@aol.co.uk) or a note to The Old Rectory.

### Parish Plan Update

At the meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> we had contributions from 52 people. We've had suggestions from 20 who were not able to make it in person and the pupils of the school; all together over 20% of the parish - far beyond expectations of Community First – Thank you everyone who contributed.

So what next? Several things:

We will be having a coffee morning in the school hall on the 15th Dec to give those not able to get out in the evening a chance to have a say. We will take your ideas to shape a questionnaire so that we can get everyone's view... expect this early next year.

In the mean time we have enough from your contributions to start things moving already:

More bins around the village has been put to the Council.  
Extending access to the School Hall has been put to the letting committee.

A few other things also seem to be raising interest in the parish:

Street lighting – should we have more or less?

Allotments – is there enough interest?

Playing field – do we want one, how big and where?

Finally, it is clear from everyone that we like living in our parish and we don't want it to change too much; we like the countryside and we like the quiet. And that includes the children.

Once again thanks for all your comments and support.

### The Inn with the Well—Christmas Opening Times

Monday	20		6 to 11	
Tuesday	21	12 to 3	6 to 11	
Wednesday	22	12 to 3	6 to 11	Crib play to lose 9 p.m.
Thursday	23	12 to 3	6 to 11	
<b>Christmas Eve</b>		12 to 3	6 to 11	Quiz 4 charity 9 p.m.
<b>Christmas Day</b>		CLOSED		
<b>Boxing Day</b>		12-4		Drinks and limited Snacks
Monday	27	12 to 3	6 to 11	Darts pairs, teams by lottery!
Tuesday	28	12 to 3	6 to 11	
Wednesday	29	12 to 3	6 to 11	Wii night extreme challenge?
Thursday	30	12 to 3	6 to 11	
Friday	31	12 to 3	8.30 Till late	

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> of January The Big breakfast 1 to 5 p.m.

### Having a Heart Attack at home?

The Parish Council is considering having a Community Defibrillator located in the village. Survival times can be greatly enhanced by the immediate availability of a defibrillator and to progress this project the Parish Council would like to hear from you. More details can be found on the web, particularly at — [www.communityheartbeat.org.uk](http://www.communityheartbeat.org.uk). What do you think? Would you be a volunteer and take part in training? Please let us have your feedback to a Councillor or the Clerk, but also by coming along to the next Parish Council meeting on January 13 and joining the discussion.

### Contributors please note—no January Dragon

*(due to historical struggle for content)*

Contributions for the February Dragon by 20th January please to [info@theinnwiththewell.co.uk](mailto:info@theinnwiththewell.co.uk) Or [julia.wall@btconnect.com](mailto:julia.wall@btconnect.com)