



CHURCH DIARY

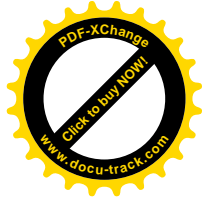
Friday, 3rd January— The Epiphany
10.00 am Family Service

Sunday, 10th January— Baptism of Christ
8.30 am Holy Communion

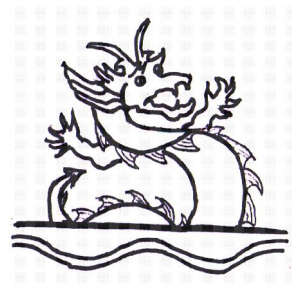
Sunday, 17th January— Epiphany 2
9.30 am Parish Communion

Sunday, 24th January— Epiphany 3
9.30 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 31st January—Epiphany 4 (Septuagesima)
10.00 am Parish Communion
Team Service at Holy Cross Chisledon



The Dragon



The Village Newsletter for Ogbourne St George—January 2010

Happy New Year!

DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FEBRUARY DRAGON 20TH JANUARY.

Plant Stall

Carol and Helen wish to thank all those who have supported the sale of plants stall. During the year £140 has been raised in aid of the church. There are still a few plants (including strawberries) available inside the gate. Please come and help yourselves and put contributions in the box by the porch.

Dragon Direct

If you would like to receive the Dragon by email please send your email address to Julia.wall@btconnect.com. Multiple emails to one household are fine.

It's a very special part of the village to have one communication that is guaranteed to reach every household (whether they read it or not!) so for the time being we will continue to deliver a printed copy of the Dragon to every house in the Village as well as the emails.

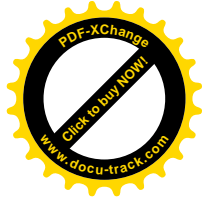
Congratulations to the School!

The school was graded 2 - 'Good' - by Ofsted. This is a category improvement on the last report. No area of the school scored less than 2 and several were graded 1— 'Outstanding'. The full report can be found on the school website.
<http://www.ogbourne-st-george.wilts.sch.uk/general.shtml>

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Thank you 'from Home Start...

For all the toys donated after the Toy Service in November. The generosity of the children of Ogbourne St George is much appreciated.

Burns Supper Ogbourne St George - Saturday 23rd January 2010

From Wikipedia:

Burns suppers may be formal or informal but they should always be entertaining. The only items which the informal suppers have in common are haggis, Scotch whisky, perhaps a poem or two, and occasionally end in a céilidh when ladies are present.

Our format will include some or all of the above elements - with the emphasis on entertainment

Tickets available from Nicky Irwin (01793741216) and Ruth Fraser (01672 841210)

For Information:

National Pandemic Flu Service 0800 1513513

www.pandemicflu.direct.gov.uk

The Ogbourne St George Website is co-ordinated by Paul Scott who can be contacted on 01672 841331
Contributions and suggestions always welcome

www.ogbournestgeorge.org.uk

The Revd Roger Powell writes...

Happy New Year!

None of us knows what lies ahead for us, no doubt the coming year will, as always, have its own mixture of good and bad experiences, both in the wider world and in our own personal lives too. We cannot predict the future and isn't that a good thing too.

We can, however, be sure that whatever happens God will not desert us. His name is 'Emmanuel', which means 'God-is-with-us'. God never abandons us. The Bible has many passages concerning God being with his people no matter what, one of the most memorable comes at the end of chapter 8 of St Paul's letter to the Romans it says,

"I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

If we are able to live our lives radiating this confidence, what a difference it would make to us and to those around us.

There will be good times, there will be bad times, but at all times let us remember that our God is 'Emmanuel', 'God-is-with-us'.

Fr Roger