

## CHURCH DIARY

3 July	10.00 am	Family service (not Pets Service as wrongly trailed last month)
10 July	8.30 am	Holy Communion
17 July	9.30 am	Parish Communion
24 July	6.00 pm	Evensong
31 July	10.00 am	at St Andrew: Benefice Communion
7 August	10.00 am	Pets service

### From the Register

Holy Baptism

19 June: Samantha Jones

Holy Matrimony

11 June: Robert Merritt and Jennifer Fennell

18 June: Richard Albery and Emma Stickler

25 June: Matthew Roberts and Ann Richards

RIP

23 June: Rosemary Wallace

### 100 Club June Winners

1st Chris Allen.      2nd Cynthia Gater.      3rd Flave Fraser.

## CHURCH SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING EVENTS

### **Ogbourne St. George Village Fete Summer Lunch and Dog Show**

**Saturday 2nd July**

**Lunches from 12.30 pm—Dog Show from 2.30pm  
at**

**The Manor  
with**

**Free car parking - Entrance in Church Lane, near the  
Church**

**All proceeds to Church funds**

**Plant stall, Tombola, Welly Wanging, Cake stall,  
Tea tent, Coconut shy, White Elephant and Sack race.**

*Contributions for the September Dragon by 20th August. To receive The Dragon by email [info@theinnwiththewell.co.uk](mailto:info@theinnwiththewell.co.uk) or [julia.wall@btconnect.com](mailto:julia.wall@btconnect.com)*



# The Dragon July / August 2011

**Jannette Therrien, Denise Roberts,  
Kim Pethybridge, and Dorothy Donovan,**

are exhibiting together for  
**Marlborough Open Studios 2011**

You are warmly invited to visit them to view their latest work at Liddiard Green, opposite the Village Hall

*Open Days: July Sat/Sun 2nd and 3rd, 9th and 10th, 16th and 17th  
Open Times: 10.30am to 5pm*

For more information visit: [www.marlboroughopenstudios.co.uk](http://www.marlboroughopenstudios.co.uk)

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT Rosemary Wallace**

I would like to thank the many villagers who sent sympathy cards or messages of support following Rosemary's death.

I will be unable to respond to each one individually, so please can you accept my sincere thanks through this entry in the Dragon.

Rosemary will be greatly missed by those who were friends or colleagues in the Church, School and Pub. No longer will we see the small figure walking energetically through the village on a daily basis. She enjoyed her life in the village, the beautiful countryside and the companionship of her many friends. Thank You Keith Wallace

*White Horse Opera*

*Gilbert and Sullivan in the Garden*

*Sheppard's Farm, Draycot Foliat*

*on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2011 **Pirates of Penzance***

For a £10 entry fee, you can bring a picnic and enjoy the gardens 6:00pm. The performance, sung in English, will begin at 7.00pm.

For tickets or more information please contact: Nicky Irwin (01793 741 216)  
Or buy on line at: <https://www.hymnswith-outwords.com/catalog>

## Hello from the Head.

It seems unbelievable but I have now been the headteacher of Ogbourne St George and St Andrew CV Primary School for nearly a whole academic year. I've written this short article to make sure that before the year is out, I have introduced myself to the whole community.

I came to Ogbourne from Devizes (where I still live). Since becoming headteacher, life has been very busy, helping the children, working with the families and friends of the school – in fact just getting used to a new job.

At school we are all well into the Summer Term so you may well have seen the children out and about the village, learning about road safety, exploring the locality. The children also want to develop the grounds of the school, creating a vegetable patch so you may see me around and about the school, helping them do this. Please do feel free to come and along and introduce yourselves - I will be pleased to meet you. Anne Normington



## Calling all knitters!

Please knit some little hats for Age UK's Big Knit. They send the hats to the innocent drinks company, who put them on the top of their innocent smoothie bottles in November. For each be-hatted smoothie sold, Age UK receives 25p. Last year Age UK Wiltshire collected in over 21,000 hats and raised over £6000 to help make winter warmer for older people in Wiltshire.

The hats are very simple to knit, using double knit wool and 4mm needles cast on 28 stitches, knit 14 rows then knit 2 together for the next 2 rows and cast off. Sew up the sides to make a hat. Add a bobble if you wish.

You can post or drop off the hats at Age UK Wiltshire's Devizes office at 13 Market Place, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 1HT or at one of the 6 Age UK charity shops in Wiltshire or Swindon.

The final deadline for hats is **7th October 2011**. If you have any questions please ring Emily on 01380 710411 or refer to [www.ageukwiltshire.org.uk](http://www.ageukwiltshire.org.uk)  
Happy Knitting



## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

The collection for Christian Aid Week in May made exactly £400 – well, £399.25, but it got rounded up. This was a great result and the money will be put to excellent use in developing countries. Many thanks on behalf of Christian Aid to all who contributed, and also to those who helped with the collection. Timothy George

## The Revd Roger Powell writes...

You might not think so but there are so many exciting things happening in our churches at the moment. I'm sure you are wondering what it is I'm talking about.

Well we have had some real changes in our churches over the last few weeks and happening in the weeks to come. It was wonderful last month to be in Salisbury Cathedral as five adults from across our village were confirmed by the bishop. As a priest it is always wonderful to see adults committing themselves to take that step and to publicly affirm their faith in God. It was a good event and as well as being reverent and it was very relaxed and fun.

Three children from our parishes being admitted to communion before confirmation again highlights for me how much the Parochial Church Councils want to relate to and nurture the young in our communities.

Later this month on the 14<sup>th</sup> July in St George's Preshute, our new Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPAs) will be licensed by the Archdeacon. LPAs are trained and authorised to engage in pastoral ministry according to their individual gifts and skills; they will join our existing LPAs in exercising a very valued and important ministry within the local community.

The 'Messy Church' initiative which began in May in Ogbourne School appears to be working well, and with others I will be exploring the possibility of doing something similar in Chiseldon over the coming months.

For me these are all positive signs of the growth of the Kingdom in our local communities. But this is only really a start, the beginning of what the church should be doing and of what we should be about.

However, this also applies to all of us whether we are people of faith or none. We all need to stop and refocus, look at our lives afresh and to make decisions about how we are to move forward into the future.

The promise Jesus gives us is to enable us to do that in the context of love and forgiveness with his Word as our lead and guide. For me that is not a bad place to start.

Best wishes,

Fr Roger