

CHURCH DIARY

Sunday, 7th Feb — 2nd before Lent (Sexagesima)

10.00 am Family Service

Sunday, 14th Feb—Next before Lent (Quinquagesima)

8.30 am Holy Communion

Wednesday, 17th Feb— Ash Wednesday

7.30 pm Holy Cross, Chiseldon. Holy Communion & Ashing

Sunday, 21st Feb — Lent 1

9.30 am Parish Communion

Sunday 28th Feb—Lent 2

9.30 am Morning Prayer

Please note that the pattern of services in March will be different to normal please check the church notice boards and the website www.ridgewaybenefice.org for dates and times.

Thank you, Fr Roger

Congratulations

Well done to Benjamin Dean-Britton who, after playing chess all day Saturday and Sunday, came 3rd in Wiltshire in his age group

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Contributions to the March Dragon by 20th Feb—thanks



The Dragon

The Village Newsletter for Ogbourne St George—February 2010

6 Pub Athlete contest—WII
20 Charity Quiz in the pub
21 Garage Sale—Parsonage Piece
27 Jumble Sale—Village Hall
All through Feb—6 nations rugby live on the big screen in the pub

JUMBLE SALE

27th February 2010 - Ogbourne St. George Village Hall - 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 pm. Entry by donation. Beat the credit crunch and be trendy - recycle your clothes! Refreshments and Tombola. All proceeds to be divided between Ogbourne Primary School and the Haiti Earthquake Appeal. Donations gratefully received - we can collect and store now. All enquiries - Jackie 01672 540347 or Helen 01672 841481.

Help needed in the churchyard.

Over the next couple of months the PCC hopes to be carrying out work to some of the trees in the churchyard, permission having been granted by Wiltshire Council. One of the unskilled jobs that needs doing is to de-sucker the lime trees on the eastern boundary (the car park end) which have become massively unkempt and overgrown. Help would be much appreciated from anyone who has a sharp pair of secateurs or loppers and an hour or so to spare as and when they feel like a break from their own gardens. (The off-cuts make excellent pea and bean sticks if required.) Please call Charlotte Frost 841361 if you can help. Many thanks.

PSO Polly Ritchie writes:

This is my first article since Michael has gone and before Sarah joins me on the area.

Since the last bulletin we have had reports of vehicles being broken into at rural locations and there have been some reports of Hare Coursing, although the weather has helped in that respect. Please carry on reporting anything you see that is suspicious.

Finally, as the weather dominates the news with roads, and in particular pavements, being quite hazardous, I'm sure I don't have to say it, but please be careful when out and about.

Remember if you think something is suspicious it probably is, call Wiltshire Police on the non emergency number 0845-408-7000 Or if a crime is being committed or about to be call 999.

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Garage/Clearance Sale

Parsonage Piece, Ogbourne St George, Sunday 21 February between 10am and 3pm. (Contact: Kim Jones 07799601428).

We are moving and so are selling some quality items, - small pieces of furniture, clothes, toys, household bric-a-brac, books etc.

The Revd Roger Powell writes...

It seems as if we have only really just finished celebrating Christmas, and now Lent is almost upon us. Ash Wednesday (the first day of Lent) is on the 17th February and you can find more details about the services on that day on our website, www.ridgewaybenefice.org

During the days of Lent we are given the opportunity to deepen and strengthen our relationship with God; to commit ourselves afresh to proclaiming God's presence and love, as we go about our daily lives. Lent challenges us to look at our personal prayer lives, to read the Bible more, even to come to church more!

Lent is also a time of preparation for the celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ in Holy Week and at Easter. To help us in our preparations, we are again running a Lent course. This year we will be looking at 'Living the life of faith in Jesus' through the dioceses 'Fully Alive' programme. Bishop David says, "...the material is not so much a Bible study or discussion group, as a formation course."

I hope that you will take the opportunity to use this Lent to reassess *your* spiritual life and to come and learn more about a life of faith.

'What is it that God is asking *me* to do?'

Details of the Lent groups can be found in each of the churches or by asking me or one of the churchwardens.

I wish you all a 'good' Lent.

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

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