

CHURCH DIARY FOR May 2009

Sunday, 3rd May — Easter 4

10.00 am All-age service

Sunday 10th May—Easter 5

8.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday 17th May—Easter 6

9.30 am Parish Communion

Thursday 21st May—Ascension Day

7.30 pm Holy communion at Holy Cross, Chiseldon

Sunday, 24th May— Easter 7

6.00 pm Evensong

Sunday, 31st May—Pentecost

10.00 am Team Eucharist at Holy cross, Chiseldon

Ogbourne Little Fishes We are a group of pre-school children and their parents and carers, who meet to have fun and to learn more about God through story , prayer , song and activity. Further details from Richenda George 01672

Christian Aid Week—10-16 May

There will be a house to house collection. Please give generously. If you are a UK taxpayer you can be even more generous (at no cost to yourself) by filling in the Gift Aid declaration, so that Christian Aid can claim the tax back. Enquiries to Timothy George 841278)

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The Dragon

The Village Newsletter for
Ogbourne St George

May 2009

- 5** Ogbourne Little Fishes
- 10-16** Christian Aid Week
- 16** Shire Horses at the church —see below
- 19** Ogbourne Little Fishes

Thursdays are Darts Nights in the Inn with the Well—new players welcome

Shire Horses collect the Bride

A rare and impressive sight to watch—the horses will come through the village at 3.00pm on the 16th May , to be waiting at the Church for the bridal party at 3.30.

Merry Wives of Windsor

On the 19th June the White Horse Opera will be performing at Sheppards Farm. £10 per ticket in aid of the church. Gates open at 6pm, bring a picnic and enjoy the gardens., tombola & bar. Cakes & puddings to buy. For more details contact Nicky Irwin— 01793 741216

Fish & Chips Take-Away

...will be available again from the pub between 6 & 8 on Thursdays from the 7th May

The Savernake Hospital still needs support

By following the link below you can answer a really quick survey that could help in the battle to re-open the MIU.

<http://www.friendsosavernake.org/>

New arrival!

A warm welcome to the village for Olive Roberts-Barrat, born March 24th.



Church Working Party

The church working party on Saturday, April 18 achieved an enormous amount in a long morning's hard graft. Outside, slipping slates were replaced, guttering cleared, some lead flashing patched up to stop (we hope!) a major leak, all the windows cleaned, ivy removed (a never-ending task); inside, the side chapel glazing was cleaned of a year's worth of bat piddle, high-level lamps replaced, the storage area thoroughly cleaned (more bat-tery) and re-arranged, high-level dusting of windows, and other tasks as well. Fearless ladder-climbing skills were much in evidence! We had music while we worked much of the time, as a visiting team of bell ringers was ringing a full peal throughout the morning to celebrate St George's Day – three hours of non-stop ringing. Which was slightly less enjoyable for those working outside who after a while couldn't hear themselves think! and the north wind was very cruel to wet hands which then had to be warmed on a mug of tea. But a very big thank you to Keith Wallace and the crew – Andy Moffatt, Brian Utton, Carol Manos, Colin Stribling, Cynthia and Max Gater and Roger Smith - for giving up a whole Saturday morning for a bit of church TLC. It is hugely appreciated.
Charlotte Frost

Local pub golf contest

4 teams were entered by the Inn with the Well, with the contest being won by Silk on the Downs. Congratulations to Barrie Reardon-Smith who won closest to the pin.

Recycle your bike (sorry!)

An auction of bikes will be held at Marlborough Town Hall on the evening of April 30th (no time given) in aid of the new St John's school. Donations of bikes can be dropped anytime during the day. Viewing in the afternoon.

Free to Collector

During our years in the village we've seen many useful items passed on—for example washing machines when a kitchen is re-fitted. We'd like to encourage you to use the Dragon to find good homes for things - m&j

Help the Heroes—

and get a little more flexible at the same time. Charity Yoga morning 6th June—details from Lizzy Hawnt 841553
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Make his effort count!

By the time you read this Chris Allen will have staggered through this— but there will be still time to donate and make the most of the Vodafone extra support

I am running the London Marathon this weekend (26th April) and trying to raise money for Skill - a charity that supports people with a disability to make the most of their learning and development opportunities.

As you can see from the training update on the link below preparation hasn't exactly been ideal but its for a great cause so got to be worth a go - should be a doddle - if you would like to sponsor me please follow this link to my fundraising site <https://www.bmycharity.com/V2/chrislondon2009>

It's a really easy link to use and if you are a UK taxpayer and give Gift Aid consent the charity will receive an extra 28% at no cost to you . Also as Skill is one of Vodafone's recognised charities Vodafone will match your donation, so not only does Skill get an extra 28% they get double as well.
Many Thanks, Chris Allen.

Bulletin from our correspondent 'behind the wire'

It wasn't just the beautiful weather that made everyone happy at the return to school after the Easter holidays. Work had finally started on the new hall and what was, up until then, something that only existed on paper had now become a reality. The contractors (Steele Davis) had used the first week of the holidays to set up the site and work proper started on the Tuesday directly after Easter Monday. Already the outline of the building can be seen and although so far nothing is visible above ground level you can definitely see the hall taking shape! The contractors kindly agreed to use the 'see-through' style safety fencing so that every step of the build can be watched (and appreciated) by the children, staff and parents as well. Fingers crossed that the fine weather is here to stay and that the build can continue at a good steady pace.

Supper and Quiz Night

Thank you to all who came to the supper and quiz night at the end of March. It was a sell-out evening, and raffle prizes were won, supper was eaten, lots (lots!) of wine was drunk, 80 questions were answered more or less (actually, rather less!) correctly, there was a sudden death play-off, and £674 was raised for church funds. Everyone was rubbish at geography.
Charlotte Frost

