

CHURCH DIARY

1 April	(Palm Sunday)	10.00 am	Family Service
Holy Week			
3 April	(Tuesday)	7.30 pm	Evening Service
6 April	(Good Friday)	2.00 pm	Good Friday Liturgy
8 April	(Easter Day)	9.30 am	Family Communion
15 April		9.30 am	Parish Communion
22 April	Patronal Festival	3.00 pm	Family Service & Tea
29 April		10.00 am	Benefice Eucharist at St Andrew
6 May		10.00 am	Family Service

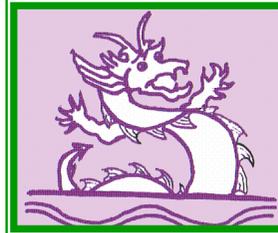
The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be held in the church on **Monday, April 16 at 7 pm**. All parishioners are very welcome to attend and everybody who is on the parliamentary electoral roll is entitled to vote for election of the two churchwardens. Those who are also on the church electoral roll are entitled to vote for election of parochial church council (PCC) members, and also to stand for election themselves. The PCC is not up to full strength this year due to death and retirement and it would be great to have some new members. Please contact Father Roger if you would like to find out what is involved – his number is 01793 740369.

"Hello fellow villagers. I am probably known in the village for walking my two gorgeous chocolate labradors for miles across the downs and around the Ridge-way. After 15 years that is no longer happening. However I have kept up my running and decided to enter the Sarsen Trail Half Marathon which is a section from Avebury to Stonehenge. I am therefore training hard for 13 miles. I have pledged to raise as much money as possible for the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. As we are all fortunate to live in this beautiful countryside and have all the benefits that the area offers I was hoping people would be able to support me in my quest! All you need to do is go to www.justgiving.com/Deirdre-Booth and register a donation.

All donations would be greatly appreciated and thank you all in advance for your support" Many thanks, Deirdre Booth.

Apology

My spinning plates went out of control last month and I didn't manage to produce a March Dragon. Sorry about that and especially to those who took the time to send in contributions. Julia Wall



The Dragon April 2012



QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE



First Fun Day Sunday 3rd June 2012 around the village

As part of our planning for a really fun few days over this special holiday period we are holding a scarecrow competition and we would like as many of you that live in the village to enter.

However as this is a Royal occasion we would like you to design a scarecrow with a "Royal" theme about it. How close or how far from Royalty we leave to you. Your entries should be displayed in your front garden or suitable spot for the judges to view.



There is no cost for entry but your applications need to be received by Tuesday 27th May at the latest.

There are three cash prizes available for the best entries:
1st prize £15 2nd prize £10 3rd prize £5

To apply e-mail: colin.corfemullen97@btinternet.com or if you have any queries please contact Hilary or Colin Jeffery Telephone: 841485

Happy Scarecrowing!

The Revd Roger Powell writes...

At the beginning of this month we celebrate the greatest of all Christian Festivals – Easter, on 8th April. I look forward to many of you joining me to celebrate this greatest of all Christian festivals.

The pain and horror of Good Friday was the gateway to the joy and celebration of the resurrection. We think about 'new life', 'new ways of being', and how this will affect how we live in the world.

Through His victory on the cross, and His subsequent resurrection, Jesus invites you and me to share in His life. To share in the risen life does not mean that we will be spared pain or mean that things will always run smoothly. The tragedy in Haiti clearly shows us that.

But what it does mean is that we can approach life and all that might happen to us along the way knowing that God is present in the midst of it all. It might not feel like it and we may well struggle to believe it but it is this faith that marks us out as 'Resurrection People'.

As 'Resurrection People' we are called to witness to a life walking in the 'Way of the Cross'. This means to take seriously the command to live our lives in the best way possible regardless of the obstacles we might encounter. This is our challenge. Are we up to it?

We live in a world which seems to be changing so rapidly that it can be hard to keep up with all that is happening around us both locally and globally. But the one remaining constant in the midst of all this change and 'progress' is God. Ever loving and ever present. Fr Roger

Ogbourne St George Jumble Sale

The Jumble Sale in Ogbourne on 17 March was a huge success and we raised a staggering £1050, to be split between Wiltshire Air Ambulance, and Ogbourne St George Church / School. Many thanks to all who donated, baked and helped on the day. We wouldn't have done it without your support.

Many thanks again Jackie Lund and Jane Shave

Recycle your printer cartridges for McMillan Cancer Support

Email erseurope.com and they will send you envelopes to post your printer cartridges in. (Epson & compatible cartridges can't be sent)

*Contributions for the May Dragon by 20th April;
and/or to receive The Dragon by email
info@theinnwiththewell.co.uk or julia.wall@btconnect.com*

From the Ogbourne St George Parish Plan Committee

The Ogbourne St George Parish Plan will move to the next stage of the development process at the end of April with two public meetings to publicise the initial results from the questionnaires returned in January and February. Of the 200 questionnaires sent out by the Parish Plan team, 98 were returned - an excellent response rate compared to other Parish Plans - and a large number of respondents kindly offered to help with future activities. Analysis of the responses is ongoing in readiness for the Initial Findings meetings to be held in the Village Hall on Friday 27th (7:30 - 9:00pm) and Saturday 28th (10:30 - 12:00am) of April. Some of the data has already been put to good use by the Parish Council in their deliberations over current planning issues including the Poole's Yard plans. The Initial Findings meetings will provide an opportunity for everyone to find out the majority views of the respondents, also to get involved with the final part of the process where the actual Parish Plan is developed by teams dedicated to specific elements of the plan working with any interested parties. The meetings will feature refreshments and the draw for a lucky winner of the £20 M&S vouchers at each meeting, so why not come along and help ensure the Parish Plan truly reflects the views of the majority and delivers its aim of being a significant driver in the future activities in the Parish.

DARTS EVENING AT THE INN WITH THE WELL

We will be having a series of FRIENDLY darts matches every Thursday from the 12th April through the summer starting at 8.30pm.

This is to a view of having a team in this year's winter darts league. If you are interested just come along.

Notes from a Parishioner – the March PC Meeting

Despite a long agenda this meeting was over by 8.45 thanks to the Chair who kept business moving. The full minutes will be available on the notice board and on the village web page so this is just a taste of items discussed: the results of the housing needs survey have been published; there were no new planning applications since the last meeting; a staffing and a complaints committee have been established; the Jubilee Celebrations Committee report that plans are progressing well, there is a lot of support from the village and volunteers are still welcome to make this a memorable occasion for all. If you are interested in finding out how you can help please contact Michelle Cook on 841543

After routine business was discussed, the role of parishioners at PC meetings was raised as a result of comments made on the Village Plan. It was agreed that the PC should be proactive in encouraging more community participation so if you have any ideas how this can be achieved your councillors would like to know. Their details are on the web and they would be pleased to hear from you.