

CHURCH DIARY

5 February	10.00 am	Family Service
12 February	8.30 am	Holy Communion
19 February	9.30 am	Parish Communion
22 February	7.00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
26 February	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
4 March	10.00 am	Family Service

CHURCH SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Plant Stall.

In 2011 the plant stall outside The Old Forge raised an astonishing total of £685, the icing on the cake being the beautiful Christmas wreaths during December. This is a significant contribution to church funds and the Rector and the PCC are so grateful to Carol Manos and Helen Fisher for the time and effort they put in to it; also to the anonymous people who leave produce, and to all who support it by buying from it. Thank you all very much.

Lent Group.

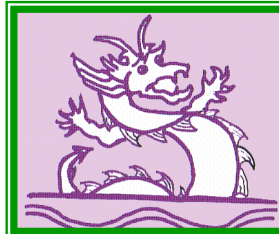
The theme of the Lent Group this year is 'Handing on the Torch'. We will look at questions such as, 'A Christian Country?' and 'A Beleaguered Church?' The evening group will be meeting on a Monday (starting 27 Feb) at Chiseldon Church Hall at 7.30pm. The afternoon group will meet on a Thursday afternoon (venue to be confirmed). Please do come along and spend just five weeks reflecting on our faith and the world. For more information please contact Fr Roger (01793

The Ogbourne Little Fishes

The Little Fishes came to an end at the end of the autumn term 2011. It has been a hard decision to take because we have had a lot of fun together. However, in spite of the sterling endeavours of the two families who have been steadfastly participating over the last year or so, we have not been able to bring the pool of families up to the strength needed to maintain the character of the group.

For the future it may be possible to get together from time to time on a more ad hoc basis, if there is sufficient demand. We can look forward to a number of Messy Church events in Ogbourne St George during 2012, at which pre-schoolers are always very welcome, and the Little Stars are still shining in Chiseldon.

A big thank you to all the children and their families and all who have supported the Little Fishes in so many ways over the years for your enthusiasm and friendship. Richenda George



The Dragon February 2012



QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE



There was a well attended meeting on Tues 17th January.

These are some of the ideas that were put forward:

SCARECROW COMPETITION with a jubilee theme, to run the week prior and be judged on 1st /2nd June (need a judge); entry forms from the school and cash prizes for the best scarecrows.

OPEN GARDENS on Sunday afternoon 3rd June: if you would like to open your garden (large or small)

please contact Jane 841155, Jo 841349 or Bea 841111.

Tickets and teas from the village Hall (offers of help).

BIG JUBILEE PARTY on Monday 4th June from noon until 8.30pm based in the school hall and grounds and including:
Football competition help needed Treasure Hunt (walking)
Barbecue (free hot dogs & burgers, BYO salads and puddings to share)
Pay bar (Licence applied for), teas and soft drinks

MEMENTO of the day to each village child

VILLAGE BEACON in the evening at the top of the Aldbourne Hill - offers of help/wood to Richard & Susan 841282.

It would be lovely to have **FIREWORKS**

A small grant from the Area Board (Wiltshire Council) has been applied for but we will still need some sponsorship or ideas to raise further funds.

Next meeting will be on March 1st 7.30 in the Village Hall.

Reminder from the Parish Plan Team

Have you returned your Parish Plan Questionnaire? If not, there's still time as we will continue to accept them up until Monday 13th Feb when we start to analyse the answers from those that we have already received. It's important that we hear from as many of you as possible. The higher the number of returns, the more influence the final plan will have. So please help us by completing the questionnaire if you haven't already done so. If you have any problems returning your questionnaire, please call one of the Parish Plan team members, who will be happy to arrange collection.

And don't forget.....there's the chance to win one of the £20 Marks and Spencer vouchers in the draw to be held at the 'initial findings' public meeting in March.

Don't miss the opportunity to have your say and help ensure the Parish Plan reflects the needs and wants of the parishioners

New links available from the Village Website

www.ogbournestgeorge.org.uk

Superfast broadband in rural Wiltshire Proposed Dog Control Orders

Mobile libraries - biennial route review

Wiltshire Council suggests solar panel caution

Fredericks Wiltshire: Business loan fund

Bus timetable changes

Parklands Hotel

Daily 09.00 – 18.00

Coffee, teas/speciality teas, served daily from our new menu including freshly baked cakes, light lunches, toasties and more. A free coffee or pot of tea with any Parklands cake purchased; no voucher necessary; please come in and bring a friend too. Menu available for Valentine's Day

Parklands Hotel: 01672 841555. mark@parklandshoteluk.co.uk

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

Burn's Supper

Saturday 4th February 2012

7.30pm PROMPT

Ogbourne St George Village Hall

**Come and celebrate with an informal supper,
traditional pipe music, fun and dancing (?)**

**Price £15.00 Adults only 3 course supper and whisky
Raffle and Quiz (Time permitting)**

Proceeds to Ogbourne St George Church

Dress—Scottish theme.

Bring your ticket with you

**Tickets from Nicky Irvin 01793 74126
and Sarah Howard 01672 841397**

Congratulations to our newly elected Parish Councillors

Current Councillors are:- Keith MacDonald, Keith Wallace, Kevin Howard, Michelle Cook, Richard Illife, Timothy George and Wendy Reardon-Smith

2nd May 2013

The country goes to the polls for Unitary and Parish council Elections

School Disco

There will be a school disco on Friday the 10th February from 5.30 to 7.00pm in the school hall. Tickets are £4 and include pizza and pudding. Tickets can be bought from Debbie Sandison, Nicola Hickford or the School Office.

COFFEE MORNING

Free entry

**In the Village Hall Saturday 3rd March 10-12 am
Cake stall and Raffle
In aid of the Village Hall new ceiling lights**