

## CHURCH DIARY

2	October	10.00	am	Harvest Festival Family Service
9	October	8.30	am	Holy Communion
16	October	9.30	am	Parish Communion
		3.30	pm	Messy church in the school hall: Noah
23	October	9.30	am	Morning Prayer
30	October	10.00	am	Benefice Eucharist
6	November	10.00	am	Toy Service

## CHURCH SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING EVENTS

### Harvest Festival

The Swindon Women's Refuge is very grateful for the gift of harvest produce which we take to them on the Monday after our Harvest Festival service. 'Processed food' (i.e tins, packets and the like) is particularly welcome for their store cupboard.

### The Ogbourne Little Fishes

*Re-launching Tuesday 1st November 1.30 pm*

Little Fishes began in the summer of 2000. We meet in St George's church fortnightly in term time between lunch and school pick-up time. The sessions are for pre-school children and babies their families and carers to get together, have fun and begin to learn about the love of God. The programme is very informal and constantly adapts to the strengths and needs of the group. The age range and gender balance varies from year to year and this is reflected in our activities.

The structure of each meeting is based on getting together again and the children, as they arrive, post their own names on a board. We then move as a group to the church room (nice and cosy in winter) for a story and a discussion. This is often about the life and teaching of Jesus or a story from the Old Testament. Sometimes it is from a book which helps us to think about God's world, family relationships or a topic the children are particularly interested in. The discussions go in all sorts of directions. We sing with our voices and our hands, pray together and celebrate birthdays and festivals. Then we join in a craft activity, sometimes as a group, sometimes as a group to decorate the church, sometimes as individuals to take home. We finish with squash and biscuits, a cup of tea for the adults and more chat.

We have always welcomed families from other communities and several children from the Ogbourne based Little Dragons have joined us in recent years. Little Fishes have brought Mums, Dads, Grannies and Grandpas, Aunts and Nannies with them and have started as young as a couple of weeks old. We are sad to say farewell when they go on to Primary School, but excited from them, and they get a cheerful send off as they go.

We hope that you will come and join us. Richenda George, Father Roger, and the Little Fishes Team

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



# The Dragon October 2011

**30th October—clocks go back 1 hour at 2 am**

### Messy Church Free Family Fun and Food

You and your family are invited to Ogbourne St George and St Andrew School Hall from 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm on Sunday 16th October. Join your children making the ark, animal masks, and a whole host of other items as we explore the story of Noah. All followed by hot, glorious food and all completely free. If you would like to come along please let Lesley (841185) OR Charlie (841140) know so that we have an idea of numbers for food. Also if anyone (especially those without children) would like to volunteer to help we would love to hear from you

### Latest Parish Council Developments

A vacancy notice for a Parish Councillor is on the village website:

[www.ogbournestgeorge.org.uk/2011/09/17/notice-of-vacancy-in-office-of-councillor/](http://www.ogbournestgeorge.org.uk/2011/09/17/notice-of-vacancy-in-office-of-councillor/)

The notice includes an address to write to request that the vacancy be filled by election rather than co-option.

*Editors note—unconfirmed information suggests that there may be a number of vacancies to be filled.*

### Governor Vacancy

The school has a vacancy for a governor and is actively seeking applications for the post from the local community. Governors have a real responsibility for and influence on the strategic management of the school and the education of our children so it is a great opportunity for community involvement. Experience of the education sector is not necessary but you will need enthusiasm, a willingness to take responsibility and be able to commit time to the role.

Interested?

Please contact Rev Roger Powell, Chair of Governors—01793 740369

## The Rev'd Roger Powell writes...

This month we celebrate 'Harvest' which I would have thought has been celebrated ever since we first planted seeds, cut the heads of grain and stored them for use through hard times. Even in today's fast moving technology driven society the celebration of harvest lies very deep in us. It seems to stir up in us a sense of our country roots, the memories of a land that lived by agriculture before the Industrial Revolution turned most of us into 'townies'.

There will be many of you who will not have to go far back to find your farming connections. The increasing number of people in all sort of different contexts and situations who are growing their own vegetables is surely part of a wish to go back to those country roots.

In the bible, harvest and judgement go together. The parable of the wheat and tares puts the point very starkly (Matthew 13 ;24—30). It is right and good that we should be thankful, but we also need to ask ourselves what we can do when so much of the world does not enjoy what we have.

This year we shall be celebrating harvest on Sunday 2nd October . It may seem strange that some of us bring tinned food to decorate the church , but this can be a modern way of acknowledging our dependence on God. On the other hand, lumps of coal and sheaves of wheat may evoke memories of the past, when life was harder and the celebrations more poignant.

### Christmas Glass Show

Oct 28/29/30 10-4 pm

Jeanette and Pierre Thierrien would like to warmly welcome you to their glass exhibition. The unique gifts start at £5. All original and hand made; jewellery , sun catchers, decorations for the tree, candle holders. coasters, decorative plates and panels. Held at the clay and glass studio opposite the village hall. All welcome, free refreshments. jet@jeanettetherrien.com 841464

### Wiltshire Police has changed its non emergency number to 101

'Changing our non-emergency number makes it much easier to contact us. It is easy to remember and will be used by forces all over the country by the beginning of 2012'

'Calls to 101 are automatically directed to the nearest police station, so I can assure the public that calls from Wiltshire will be answered by Wiltshire Police Staff.'

### The Parklands—Wine Tasting—Friday 11th November 7 for 7.30

7 interesting wines matched with everyday food items; a chance to win a fabulous bottle of wine on the night; Thai curry supper included to follow the tasting; £20 per person; hosted by our wine colleague.

booking essential;; deposit required; 841555 mark@parklandshotel.co.uk

### Correction to email address given in the September Dragon:

David.tippetts@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk  
(missed the 2nd 't' in the surname)

## Recycling Scheme Update

[www.ogbournestgeorge.co.uk/2011/09/20/recycling-scheme-updates-september-2011/](http://www.ogbournestgeorge.co.uk/2011/09/20/recycling-scheme-updates-september-2011/)

### Special Offers

Wiltshire Council is promoting a special offer on waste food digesters

- 1) Green cone—offer price £15 instead of the usual £69.55
- 2) Green Joanna—offer price £20 instead of the usual £89.99

### Collection Days

If you need a reminder on which days are collection days, check the refuse collection days calendar

### Black Boxes

If you are struggling to fit your recycling into one box, the council can provide up to two boxes per household free of charge. Please contact East Wiltshire recycling on 01380 734849

### New Blue Box for recycling plastics

Your new blue lidded bins for the collection of plastic bottle and cardboard will be delivered from 31st October 2011. Your fortnightly plastic bottles and cardboard collections will start from 28th November 2011

### Thank You

The quiz at The Inn with the Well on the 18th September raised £170 for the Open Door drop in centre. Thank you to all those who came along and to those who donated who were not able to take part.

### Music Makers

Music makers is a group for babies and young children. We meet every Tuesday during term time at 10 am in the Memorial Hall, Aldbourne. We would love you to join us for singing, parachute fun, bubbles and more!

Please see [www.musicmakers.info](http://www.musicmakers.info) for more information

### The Inn with the Well

From October the Sunday opening hours will be 12-5

1/10/11—30/11/11—Special Offers

### Wag Wednesday

Free cocktail with any main course

### Senior Thursdays

2 course lunch £5.95

### Fishy Fridays

Special deals on selected items

### Public Worship with Communion by Extension

At a recent meeting of our Parochial Church Councils (PCC's) we agreed to 'communion by extension' being introduced across the benefice. This is a service of Holy Communion where the bread and wine have already been consecrated at an earlier service, a bit like receiving Communion at home or in a residential or nursing home. The service follows a very similar pattern to the communion services that you usually attend but this service can be taken by our two lay ministers, Timothy George and Tim Ormond. The intention is to still be able to offer communion when Freda or I are away or unavailable. A trial run of these services will happen before the end of the year and early in 2012. Communion by extension will not normally be part of our regular pattern of worship but will only be used when the need arises.

Best Wishes Fr Roger