

CHURCH DIARY FOR March 2009



Sunday, 1st March—Lent 1

10.00 am All-age service

Sunday, 8th March - Lent 2

10.45 am Holy Communion

Sunday, 15th March - Lent 3

9.30 am Parish Communion

Sunday, 22nd March - MOTHERING SUNDAY

10.00 am All age service

Sunday, 29th March—Lent 5 (Passion Sunday)

10.00 am Team Eucharist

Church Electoral Roll

The Church Electoral Roll is updated every year in time for the annual parochial church meeting, which this year will be on April 20 in the church at 7.30 pm. Being on this Roll determines eligibility for attendance at and participation in the APCM, and for election to the Parochial Church Council. The current list is posted in the church porch, so please make sure your name is on it if you wish it to be so, or get a form from the Electoral Roll Officer (Charlotte Frost, as below) so it can be added. This must be done before April 6, when the list closes until after the APCM. The next complete revision, done every six years when everybody has to sign up again, will be in 2013.

Christian Aid Week 10-16 May

A house to house collection is being organised in the village for Christian Aid Week, which raises money for good causes in the developing world. Volunteers are needed to deliver a envelopes to a few houses and collect same. Commitment no more than an hour or two. If you feel you could help please contact Timothy George (841278) or Nicky Irwin (01793 741216).

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Contributions for the next issue by 20th March please



The Dragon

The Village Newsletter for
Ogbourne St George

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- 6** Film night in The Inn with the Well—6.15 Ratatouille; 9.00 Shirley Valentine - with guest barman Chris Underwood
- 12** Parish Council Meeting 7.30 Village Hall
- 13** Poker night in The Inn with the Well
- 21** Quiz night in The Inn with the Well
- 22** Mothering Sunday
- 29** SUMMER TIME STARTS—clocks go forward 1 hour
- 3,17,31** Little Fishes 1.45—3 in the Church

Supper & Quiz Night

To mark the end of winter time we're having a supper and quiz night in the village hall on Friday, March 27th, kicking off at 7.30pm. There will be 8 rounds of questions (only easy if you know the answer!), a delicious 2-course supper, a raffle and a wine bar. Tickets cost £7.50 which includes your first glass of wine, with a £5 discount for booking a whole table of 6. Available now from Charlotte Frost (841361), and all proceeds will go to church funds

The Village Bear



Hello, my name is OGGY OGBOURNE. I am the village teddy bear who loves to travel. So far I have been to Cuba, France, Lyme Regis, Crete and Slovakia. I'm off to Sharm el Sheik in a couple of weeks for some sunshine

If anyone is thinking of going on holiday please consider taking me with you. All I need is a postage stamp for my passport from our destination and a picture of me on holiday on my website so people can follow my adventures. Maps on the website show where I have been.

My website address is <http://www.wheresmyteddy.com/live/view/teddy/2005386>
I can be picked up from The Inn with the Well at any time if I'm not away. I am ready to go NOW—or ring Megan on 841445 to let me plan ahead.

The Revd Roger Powell writes...

By the time you read this we will well and truly be in to the season of Lent. Those of you who have given something up may by now begin to feel a little uneasy as the withdrawal symptoms start to kick in! By the same token those of you who have taken something on may wish that you hadn't!

Whatever way you look at it, it is good and important to have those periods in our life when we look afresh at what we are doing and try to make some sense of where our life is going. This is made even more important and crucial as we go through this global financial crisis. Many people in our communities will be affected by this economic downturn and many of us will have to look again at what are priorities are for the future wellbeing of ourselves and our families.

It is important for the church to do this. That is why the Parochial Church Councils of our three churches are always looking with me at ways in which we can make our worship and the work of the church accessible to everyone. So that it is a place where people can feel a sense of peace and be given support through the difficulties they may face. The church is not here just for those who come to worship regularly or irregularly but for all of us regardless of whom we are. As Jesus says from St Matthew's Gospel,

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.'

The services in our churches this month will not all follow the usual monthly pattern and I urge you to check elsewhere in the magazine, on our website and on the church notice boards for the times of services in each of our churches.

Lunch Club Keith Wallace is offering to organise a quarterly lunch club for retired or semi-retired locals to visit local pubs and restaurants together. So far 6 people have signed up—looking for a further 4 to make it viable. The hope is to arrange the first visit in April. If anybody is interested please contact Keith by the middle of March 01672 841405 or email kg.Wallace@btinternet.com

Snow Pictures

See some great pictures of Ogbourne in the snow on the website—do you have some to add?

<http://ogbournestgeorge.org.uk/community-section/photo-gallery/2009-pictures/>

WINDOW CLEANING SCAM—alert from Marlborough Police.

'Proper Clean' are cold calling & offering a 12 month contract for £99, taking the money, and then never coming back. No reports in this area as yet—please let the police know if any instances.

4 THINGS YOU PROBABLY NEVER KNEW YOUR MOBILE PHONE COULD DO

(Sent in by Chris & Pat Mason—many thanks)

Emergency

The emergency number worldwide for mobiles is 112.

If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile network and there is an emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to establish the emergency number for you—will work even if the keypad is locked.

Does your car have remote keyless entry?

If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their mobile phone from your mobile phone. Hold your mobile phone about a foot from your car door and ask the person at home to press the unlock button on the spare remote, holding it near the mobile phone at their end. Your car will unlock

(I'm told this only works for some cars—jw)

Reserve phone battery

If your mobile is showing very low battery, press *3370#. This will restart your phone with a 50% increase in battery.

To disable your mobile if it's been stolen.

To check your mobile phone's serial number key in *#06#. Write down and keep safe the 15 digit code that appears on the screen—this is unique to your handset. (works, just tried it—jw!). If your phone gets stolen, phone your service provider and give them the code—they will block your handset. You probably won't get your

Ogbourne School Jumble Sale 'WOW' despite the bad weather we made over £600 on the 7th February! The proceeds will be split between Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Ogbourne School. Thanks to Jackie, Sam and Helen for organising the sale and especially to those who gave jumble, helped

New School Hall Planning permission has been granted for the new school hall by Wiltshire County Council Regulatory Committee

Congratulations Well done to Meg of Ogbourne St George School for winning two swimming cups at Marlborough Penguins Swimming Club's Annual Championships and for representing the school at the BBC regional poetry reading competition, Off by Heart in Bath