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2013 - A NEW BEGINNING

Dear Readers,

Happy New Year, and welcome to the first edition of InSPIRE. We hope that our existing readers enjoy the new format and now that the magazine is going out to every household in the villages, we welcome our new readers also.

We will try to provide village and area news as well as Church news, so if anyone has anything of particular interest please feel free to send it to the team, every effort will be made to include it. As we are setting out, any views, comments or indeed complaints will be welcomed.

Regards,

The Editor

FRIENDS OF CHRIST CHURCH DERRY HILL

Please put a date in your diary. The Friends are organising a concert on the **18th May at 7.30pm at Christ Church Derry Hill** featuring **The Bath Male Voice Choir led by Grenville Jones**. Tickets are **£15** adults, **£12.50** concessions. We expect this to sell out very quickly, so we are offering Derry Hill and Studley residents the chance to reserve tickets prior to general release on **31st January 2013**.

Please call Stephen Starr on **01249 821325** or email stephen1.starr@btinternet.com to reserve your tickets and for more information.

NEWS FROM GREATHOUSE

The Greathouse is a care home in Chippenham owned by the charity Leonard Cheshire Disability. The charity was originally known as The Cheshire Foundation Homes for the Sick. In **1976** it became the Leonard Cheshire Foundation and in **July 2007** it changed its name to Leonard Cheshire Disability.

If you would like to volunteer with Greathouse, please contact me on (maggie.foster@LCDisability.org or tel: 01249 750235.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SCHOOL REPORT

We have had a very busy and successful year at **Derry Hill C of E Primary School**.

At the end of the summer term we were awarded an '**Outstanding**' rating in our most recent **Ofsted** inspection of which we are all very proud.

Work has also begun on a brand new front entrance to the school. This new and exciting development will provide the school with a much larger reception area to welcome visitors, pupils and parents to the school. The children are all enjoying the on-site entertainment whilst the builders make rapid progress installing scaffolding, building the new walls, installing doors and windows and only shortly before Christmas completed the build by adding the roof making the new extension watertight. The building should be completed and ready for use in **Spring 2013**.

The school continues to encourage and support fund raising opportunities and this year our children raised nearly **£30** from the sale of Poppy's in school for the **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal** and over **£250** for **Children in Need** by coming to school dressed in spots and having lots of spotty fun...!

At the end of the year we always hold our annual School Music Concert. Many children in school enjoy learning to play musical instruments and this year some of our Year 5 pupils have even had the opportunity to learn to play the Ukulele!! On this occasion the School Music Concert celebrated music that happens within the school day and included the pupils who take part in Wiltshire Music for Schools, Year 5 Ukulele players, Year 3 Recorders and the after school choir. A musical extravaganza was held at the end of the year which included performances from all our musicians. It was absolutely amazing, and clear to see what talented performers our children are.

In December the children began rehearsals in earnest for the Key Stage 1 Christmas performance of "A Wriggly Nativity". There was not a dry eye in the house and all the children thoroughly enjoyed their moment in the spotlight. Our Key Stage 2 children lead a beautiful carol service at **Christ Church, Derry Hill** just before the end of term which was a magical experience and very well attended as usual. These productions could not take place without the generous help and support from all the parents and staff and of course not forgetting all the actors in KS1 and singers in KS2!

Our Reception Class even managed to go on a very exciting trip to the Scrapstore at Lacock just before the end of term where they enjoyed Christmas craft activities, visited Santa's grotto and were even able to meet Santa himself!

Meanwhile our Year 6 class went to the Steam museum in Swindon and had a fantastic time finding out about life during WWII. They even took part in a workshop to act out some scenes of WWII and found out how everyone got together to help the community and make an effort to help our country!

The term concluded with the Pantomime "Dick Whittington" performed by Pyramid Productions as a treat to the whole school.

We would like to thank all pupils, parents and Friends of Derry Hill School for their continued support to enable us to enjoy such action packed learning experiences during the year.

MOTHERS' UNION – DERRY HILL

More news next month! Our AGM is on the 2nd January 2013 in Christ Church, Derry Hill at 2.30pm.



Visitors and new members are always welcome - for details contact Deirdre on **01249 822157**.

Nanette Bird

DERRY HILL AND DISTRICT WI



Our November meeting was a very creative one - we made table decorations for Christmas and had a great time doing it. Oasis and bases were provided and we all brought along greenery, candles, ribbons, baubles, etc. to make up our own individual masterpieces! As it was our last meeting before Christmas we treated ourselves to mince pies, nibbles and a glass of wine - certainly made a festive atmosphere! We each made an extra decoration which we sold at the **Church Christmas Fayre** and raised **£80.00** towards Church funds.

On **Friday 7th December** fourteen of us went to a Christmas Party at **Bowood**, which was very enjoyable. We were very well looked after and the food was excellent. Quite a lot of bopping and hopping but does the music have to be so loud? Or is that a sign of age? (Replies not actually required, thank you!)

We still have our lunch at **The Sign of the Angel**, on **Thursday 20th December**, to look forward to. Perhaps an exercise class in January may be a good idea after all this wonderful food!

Our speaker for January will be Kenneth Warr who will talk on Fifteen Years as a TV Journalist. The knitting group will meet again in January, at Ann's house, so we'll probably be knitting more frilly scarves to keep us cosy in the wintery weather

We wish everyone a very, very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of every month in The Lansdowne Hall, Derry, starting at **7.30pm**. If you would like to join us please phone Angela on **01249 824740** or Tina on **01249 814145** - or just pop in, everyone is very welcome. Sheila

GARDENING STEVE

January is often a very cold month so your garden needs to be protected from frosts, gale force winds and heavy rain. We have had plenty of that this year. Check stakes, ties, fleeces, and other supports for damage. Don't forget to keep feeding the birds; food is scarce for them in the winter.

Sow seeds of lobelia, begonia, salvia and pelargonium in a heated greenhouse or propagator to provide early plants. Plant lily-bulbs in pots and borders to provide early plants. Sweet peas can also be planted this month. Sweet peas sown earlier can also be potted on. If you took pelargonium or geranium cuttings back in the summer they now need to be potted on into a really good compost, but be careful not to over water or they will rot. These plants prefer to be kept on the slight damp side.

Cut off old leaves of hellebores that produce flowers from ground level to expose the flowers. Enjoy delicious home grown strawberries at least four weeks before you pick them in the garden by bringing in some plants into a cool greenhouse. Just three plants in a pot or hanging basket will provide enough fruit for an early taste of summer.

Sow the following under cloches: broad beans, carrots, spinach, carrots and onions. Spread a good mulch over the borders and around trees, shrubs and roses. This will help keep the soil moist in the summer. A good mulch is leaf mould which is around two year old as it provides a lot of nutrients; also horse manure is good.

This is just some of the garden jobs that could be done this month. A gardener is always busy - don't matter what time of the year it is. Let's hope we don't have a really cold spell. See you all in February. Happy gardening!

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

This is a whole United Benefice Service as Calne will be joining the parishes of Bremhill, Foxham and Derry Hill to bring in and celebrate the New Year!

The Reverend Bob Kenway will lead us in worship at Christ Church, Derry Hill at **11pm** on the **31st December** to bring in the New Year which we will then follow with a celebration together in the traditional way!

Hope to see you there!
Reverend Ann.

ARTICLE FROM THE PAST

Can this really be from so long ago?



.....for Derry Hill, April 1945.....

There has been a small but steady and encouraging increase in attendance at all services lately, especially the Holy Communion. It is good to have the laity taking a greater part in the Eucharist by means of the servers on the first and third Sundays of every month. These boys are setting an example of regularity and effort; will you encourage them by coming along and taking your part in the service?

The Day School. There has been a welcome response to the School Improvement Fund which now stands at over £60. The Government has now published the new standards for school premises and the improvements required (including a playing field, water and sanitation, etc.) will come to a considerable sum. But our share is only half the cost and we will be able, it is hoped, to get grants from the diocese and other sources towards our share. Also it will be a number of years, perhaps ten or fifteen, before all the requirements can be fulfilled. So our £60 is only the beginning, although it is a good beginning. So let us keep it up.

THE PRAYER TREE

The Prayer Tree is an ancient and anonymous way of sharing Prayer Concerns.

Please **email, or telephone, your request** and we will attach a Prayer Leaf to our Tree for you. Alternatively, you may go into church and pin a Prayer Leaf on to the tree yourself or ask a friend to do it.

You do not need to give your name, only as much detail as you wish on the situation you would like to be prayed for.



We will offer your prayer to God in our Mid-Week Prayer Service, every 2nd Monday at **1.30pm**. In January the dates are **14th** and **28th January** in **Christ Church, Derry Hill**. All are welcome to join in this service.

THANK YOU!

Happy New Year to you all and thank you to all who helped to make our December services in church so special. There was lots of hard work involved in setting up the Christmas Tree, providing refreshments, setting up and lighting all the candles, preparing and playing the music and the choir for their special contributions and generally decorating the church and clearing up in between each service. Thank you to everyone too who participated in each of the services. It was lovely to see so many.
Reverend Ann

PARISH REGISTERS

We welcome as Lay Pastoral Assistants, licensed at St Michael and All Angels, Lyneham on:

25th November 2012

Averil Davis
Anita Uttley
Pat Day

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At Public Speaking time Paula Edwards made the case for having at least one defibrillator in Derry Hill. She was asked to give councillors more information at their next meeting.

It was noted that the white gates had been installed either side of the Studley Crossroads. This was funded by local stakeholders including Guinness Trust, Chapel Street Residents Association, the Parish Council and the Calne Area Board. The hope is that the gates will alert drivers that they are coming to a busy area and encourage them to slow down.

Some work has been done on Derry Hill pathways and it is hoped that the Church Road one will be targeted next.

It was decided that the council would consider how to go about setting up emergency Planning procedures at the next meeting.

The Hills Waste Solutions Recovery Facility planning application in Lower Compton was discussed, and it was decided to draft a response at the next meeting.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Chapel Street Residents Association had been advised to plant an Acer in the triangle where they want a tree.

This report is based on November's meeting of the Parish Council. Full minutes are available at <http://www.calnewwithout.org>. Richard Aylen Parish Councillor

A DEFIBRILLATOR FOR DERRY HILL

As a member of the public and on behalf of the Village Hall Committee I attended the Calne Without Parish Council Meeting on **Monday 3rd December**. The Village Hall Committee had applied to the Parish Council for funding towards a defibrillator for Derry Hill and the sum of **£200** was granted for this purpose. This will be the starting point for raising funds which we hope will be undertaken by the whole community. Further money (**£1,000**) has been requested from the Calne Area Board which will consider the appeal at the beginning of **February 2013**.

The sum needed in total will be around **£2,200**. If we can raise more than that we will be able to arrange public training sessions to familiarise people with defibrillators and have a contingency fund which will be held in a ring fenced account by the Village Hall.

'Public access' defibrillators are designed to be used by any member of the public. You must dial 999 and the Ambulance Service paramedics will give instructions and the machine itself gives on screen and audible guidance. Information about defibrillators can be found on the website of the charity Community Heartbeat Trust - www.communityheartbeat.org.uk

So we hope groups and individuals in the village will be willing to help with raising funds for this very valuable equipment, which will be accessible 24/7 for the benefit of everyone living in our community. Please

be thinking of ideas such as sponsored events, raffles – you name it we can do it!

If you would like to make a donation please send a cheque to the Lansdowne Hall made out to 'Lansdowne Hall', mark the envelope and the back of the cheque 'Defibrillator Fund' or if you wish to make contact please phone the hall Answer Phone **01249 822670** and we will get back to you. Thank you very much in advance! Paula Edwards

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY

WRITE THE FIRST LETTER OF EACH OBJECT IN THE NUMBERED SQUARES, TO DISCOVER THE NAME OF ONE OF ST PAUL'S FRIENDS

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REVEREND ANN WRITES



Dear All,
Happy New Year!

I do hope if you read this before the New Year arrives that you will consider coming along to the Watchnight Service in Christ Church on New Year's Eve. This is something I hope will help us to enter 2013 full of hope and expectation of good things in the future!

New Year is a time of new beginnings and therefore a time too when we muster our energies to start afresh and improve on the last year. Sometimes it is a matter of renewed determination to get things done that have been on the 'To Do' list for ages; for others it is time to do something that one has wanted to do for a very long time! - for yet others it is a time to rethink what they are doing with our lives. Are we accomplishing what we ought or do we crave something new? Perhaps our Lent Course this year will help you – inspire you!! (pun not intended!)

This year's Lent Course is about 'Journeys'. You don't need in depth Biblical knowledge to take part, just an open mind to discuss what journeys are and how they are the centre of our lives. Where are we going? Are we getting there? Are we on a direct route or one that goes round and round without us getting anywhere?

Synopsis of the Course – This is our Story - Journeys of Faith: Lent is a time, when we say 'This is our story': the story of the Israelites, the story of Jesus, the story we can tell about our own 'journey of faith'. We each have a story to tell and every story is different.

The themes for the six weeks are:

- Lent 1 (**Feb 17**) What does it mean to be a baptised Christian?
- Lent 2 (**Feb 24**) What laws do Christians have to keep?
- Lent 3 (**March 3**) What does it mean to us to share in the Eucharist?
- Lent 4 (**March 10**) What do Christians have to sing about?
- Lent 5 (**March 17**) What sense can we make of the cross today?
- Lent 6 (**March 24**) Can dying be seen as arrival at the promised land?

The course has been written by Reverend Nicholas Sagovsky, an Anglican priest, who is Whitelands Professorial Fellow at Roehampton University. Until last year, he was Canon Theologian at Westminster Abbey. The link to the website is: www.ctbi.org.uk/622

If you would like to take part then Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on **13th February 2013** and we will be running study groups during the period between **11th February** and **24th March** - Palm Sunday. I am looking for venues and discussion leaders and a broad set of dates and times to enable people to join in.

If you are happy to host or/and lead a course then please let me know when would suit you best – ie which day of the week and at what time. Each session will run for around 90 minutes. If you just wish to take part then let me know that too and I will let you know the dates, times and venues where the course will be held so that you can choose what suits you best.

With love and every good wish for 2013
Reverend Ann

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Bible Adventures 3: David and Goliath – Looking at the main players in the David and Goliath story as Goliath is defeated. In particular we look at what we can learn about sharing the gospel story and leading.

Tuesday 22 January 7:45pm

Church Croft, Royal Wootton Bassett, SN4 7BQ

Leading Intercessions: Improvers – A session for those who want to hone their skills in leading intercessory prayer. Please bring with you a couple of sets of intercessions you have recently used. In this session, we will look at different ways of engaging with intercessory prayer and how to cope with the challenges of news and pastoral events that occur in real life. Please book your place with The Reverend Alison Way (details above).

Tuesday 29 January 7:30pm

The Convergence of God and Science: An evening looking at the big questions where science and scientists are seeking to help us in the search for the divine and in being seekers of deeper levels of truth – led by Tony Milson.

The Upper Room, Church House, Calne, SN11 0HU

Tuesday 5 February 7:30pm

Church Croft, Royal Wootton Bassett, SN4 7BQ

Bible Adventures 4: David and Goliath – Looking at the main players in the David and Goliath story in the aftermath of the action. In particular we look at what we can learn about being confident in our daily lives as Christians today.

Contact for more details: Reverend Alison Way: **01793 739044** or calnelaylearning@tiscali.co.uk or pick up a leaflet from inside the churches.

LAY PASTORAL ASSISTANTS (LPAS)

Anita Uttley, Pat Day and Averil Davis were all licensed on the **25th November** in Lyneham to work in Derry Hill with Reverend Ann on pastoral care in the community.

Reverend Ann says that she is most grateful for their support in caring for the community and hopes that they will be welcomed. All Christians are called to serve their neighbour and Pat, Anita and Averil have recognised a calling to assist Reverend Ann in the wider community. If anyone would like a caring visit then do call Reverend Ann on **01249 817926** or one of the Lay Pastoral Assistants to arrange. Their contact details are on the last but one page of this magazine.

If you would like to know more about this ministry or would like to discuss what God may be calling you to do then do get in contact with Reverend Ann.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF FEBRUARY SERVICES

3rd February – Praise Service: Presentation of Christ in the Temple at 4pm in Christ Church. We hope to confirm a guest speaker very soon. This service is alternatively known as Candlemas, so as you can imagine, we will have lots of candles!

10th February – The Mothers' Union are organising a service for all that recognises Marriage. It will essentially be a celebration but will also recognise the hard work that it can take and the sadness which can also accompany love. This will be at 11am in Christ Church.

13th February – Ash Wednesday Service at 7.30pm which will include the Imposition of Ashes. This is the beginning of Lent.

17th February – Family Service at 11am in Christ Church – First Sunday in Lent when we look at what Lent is and why we have it!



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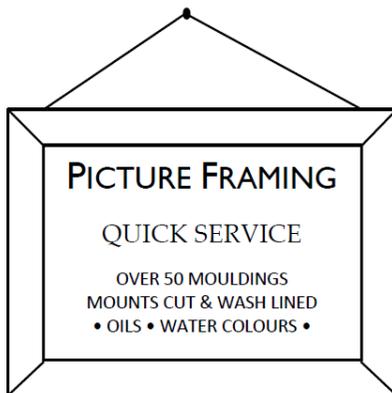
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Flowers in Church: The Flower Guild are inviting flower sponsorship for the single pedestal in Christ Church, Derry Hill each week. If you would like to do this or sponsor part of a pedestal, in memory of a special occasion then, to find out more, please call Christine Powell on **01249 813472**.

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SERVICES IN JANUARY

6th January – Epiphany

8.00am	Bremhill	Holy Communion (BCP ¹)
9.30am	Foxham	Holy Communion (CW ²)
11.00am	Derry Hill	Mattins
4.00pm	Bremhill	Evensong
4.00pm	Derry Hill	Praise Service

13th January – Baptism of Christ

9.30am	Foxham	Plough Service
11.00am	Bremhill	Holy Communion (CW)
11.00am	Derry Hill	Holy Communion (CW)

20th January – Epiphany 3

8.00am	Derry Hill	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Foxham	Holy Communion (CW)
11.00am	Derry Hill	Family Service
4.00pm	Bremhill	Evensong

27th January – Epiphany 4

9.30am	Bremhill	Christian Leaders: The Conversion of Paul
11.00am	Derry Hill	Holy Communion (CW)
6.00pm	Foxham	Evensong

All are welcome to any of the Services - Whatever age!

If you have difficulty with transport

please get in touch with Reverend Ann or any of the churchwardens

¹ **BCP** - Book of Common Prayer

² **CW** – Common Worship