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## EDITORIAL

Welcome to the February edition of InSPIRE! Thank you for all the encouraging comments on the new format, please keep them coming!

Richard Boyd (Editor)

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Richard

A friend gave me the new Magazine to read. I liked it very much. Would you kindly include a small piece when space is available to say Thank You to all the Luncheon Club ladies who work very hard on our behalf. Names as follows: Rachel Collins, Ruth Parker, Barbara Barnard and Margaret Hogarth - not forgetting the ladies who wash up; they vary from time to time.

Very enjoyable meals are provided – lovely first courses and delightful sweets followed by tea and coffee, presents for all of us at Christmas, and they deliver meals if we are not well enough to attend and pick up those of us who are not good at walking.

Yours sincerely

Jean Feeney

## PRAISE SERVICE – 6 JANUARY (EPIPHANY)

### From Pat Day

Having been used to a more traditional form of worship, on **Sunday 6 January** I went to the Praise Service at Christ Church. It was a really brilliant service with a theme of 'Light in the Darkness'. With Emma Manning playing piano and Megan Crocker on flute we sang hymns new to me which didn't matter as the words appeared on a large screen operated without a hitch. The children left the main congregation before the talk for a craft session and, later in the service they presented the boxes they had made to the Christ Child in the Crib. They also said prayers which they had written.

The Reverend Canon Simon Tatton-Brown gave a most interesting talk about the work of Doorway, a drop-in centre for homeless and vulnerable people in Chippenham. Doorway's guests are offered advice, information and support in dealing with a variety of issues from housing, alcohol/drug dependency and financial matters. Food, friendship, shower facilities and social activities are also provided. The centre is mainly staffed by volunteers.

At the end of the talk we listened to 'Streets of London' by Ralph McTell (and watched an accompanying video) which was appropriate and very poignant.

The service concluded with prayers and a rousing hymn, many of us joining in with various percussion instruments. Excellent refreshments of coffee, tea and delicious cakes were enjoyed.

It was a wonderful service with the promise of many more.

Pat Day.

### **From Barbara Barnard**

A Praise Service was held at Christ Church Derry Hill on **Sunday 6th January**, and the large congregation was greeted with a warming cup of coffee or tea before the service began.

The service was very enjoyable with a mixture of live music, songs and hymns. There was also a talk from Canon Simon Tatton-Brown on the work of the Doorway Charity in Chippenham regarding the work that they do for the homeless in the area. This was very informative and brought home the fact that it is not only large cities have this problem.

The service concluded with more drinks together with a selection of cakes. In all a very enjoyable time; so do look out for the next one on 3rd February.

Barbara Barnard.

## **THANK YOU**

Joyce Marsh would like to thank everybody who has sent her Get Well and Christmas cards recently, they were much appreciated.

She's now back home and taking it easy!

# FRIENDS OF CHRIST CHURCH DERRY HILL

The friends are an organisation that raises funds for the church. We hold social events in the church and village hall, monthly coffee mornings in the church, Christmas/Summer draws, concerts in the church and many other events. If you would like to become a friend of Christ Church the rates are as follows.

Single member	£10 per annum
Couple /family	£15 per annum
Life single member	£100
Life couple member	£150

Each member receives 10% discount on any event we put on, a yearly newsletter and a membership card. If you would like to become a member or join our fundraising committee please contact the chairman Graham Mulholland on **01249 812870** or email: [pejero@btinternet.com](mailto:pejero@btinternet.com) or [stephen1.starr@btinternet.com](mailto:stephen1.starr@btinternet.com)

Due to Lent Lunches coffee mornings will recommence on the **27<sup>th</sup> April 10am-12pm Christ Church Derry Hill** where there will be bacon rolls, cake stall, hot drinks and a raffle. Everyone is welcome.

Please put another 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** (from BBC's Last Choir Standing) and **The Bath Chorus** led by **Grenville Jones**. Tickets are **£15** adults, **£12.50** concessions.

Please call Stephen Starr on **01249 821325** or email [stephen1.starr@btinternet.com](mailto: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.

I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and a wonderful New Year, although it seems so long ago now. With the month of February upon us, we are looking forward to the Spring, when the days will be getting longer and the flowers and blossoms will be out, especially in the big grounds at Greathouse.

Everybody has been rehearsing for the annual Greathouse pantomime. This year it is called Waltham Street. The pantomime will be held at **Kington Langley Village Hall** on **Sunday 3rd February**. You are welcome to come and support this event. Doors open **2.30pm** for a **3pm** start. Tickets are **£5** an adult and **£2** a child. These are available to purchase from the reception at Greathouse. Refreshments will be available as well as a raffle.

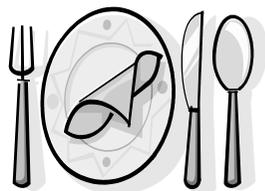
We had a very successful coin drive last year, which raised nearly **£1,000** for Greathouse. This year we will be collecting old printer cartridges and costume jewellery. So if you have empty cartridges or any spare, broken and odd jewellery that you do not want and would like to donate them to us, please drop them off into reception in Greathouse.

We are always looking for more volunteers to help out at Greathouse with hours and times to suit. We are looking for volunteers to help take residents out on trips, gardening, driving and to interact with the residents by talking to them, playing games, help with IT, watching videos and playing music with them. If you would like to volunteer with Greathouse, please contact me on ([maggie.foster@LCDisability.org](mailto:maggie.foster@LCDisability.org) or telephone: **01249 750235**).

## LUNCHEON CLUB

The Lansdowne Luncheon Club meets on alternate Wednesdays in the old meeting room at the hall. The club is open to those over 60yrs living in Derry Hill or Studley and we welcome anyone who will enjoy some social contact. We provide a two-course hot meal, with a current charge of **£3.50**. We

are always pleased to hear from others who would like to lend a hand in the kitchen, and serving meals. We don't expect any helpers to make a regular commitment unless they wish to do so. If you or a friend is interested in joining please contact the Organiser, Rachel Collins on **01249 817548**.



# DERRY HILL AND STUDLEY VILLAGE FETE

The 2013 Derry Hill and Studley Village Fete will be held at the Lansdowne Hall and school field on **Saturday 13th July**, please put the date in your diary even now!

The aim of the fete is to give everyone a really good time and as a by-product of its success make cash donations to a range of local community groups ranging from the WI and the Mothers Union to the Scouts and Brownies.

The organising committee is planning to introduce a range of initiatives to make the fete experience even better in 2013. These include:

- Rousing opening ceremony
- New stalls
- Arts & Craft Village
- Exhibits and demonstrations
- Competitive activities in the main arena
- A traditional Arts & Crafts Show with a range of classes for everyone to enter

Could you or your business sponsor the fete or volunteer to run one of our stalls? We have Gold, Silver and Bronze sponsorship packages available starting from **£100**.

Do you manufacture and sell traditional arts and crafts (painting, paper, candles, jewellery etc.)? If so, join others and take a pitch in our Arts & Crafts Village. Can you demonstrate your particular skill or hobby – demonstrate it for free in our Demonstration Zone.

If you have interest in any of these things then please contact me. Oh, and why not follow the Fete organising committee on Facebook and Twitter?

Details are:



Derry Hill and Studley Fete



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Chair, Derry Hill & Studley Fete Organising Committee

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## RUB-A-DUB PRESCHOOL

The start of the new academic year saw the children and parents get involved in many exciting events; raising money for Children in Need, attempting a new world record in making a poppy for people to mark Remembrance Sunday, and making Christmas decorations for the Chippenham Festival of Trees.

The term ended with the children performing a wonderful Nativity play at Christ Church, and a Christmas party that was thoroughly enjoyable!

Children and staff are really looking forward to 2013 and Easter, starting with a Judo session with Nick Lowe from Calne Leisure Centre!

If you would like to find out more about us, look out for our ad later in this copy of inSPIRE.

## MOTHERS' UNION – DERRY HILL

**Mothers Union Theme for 2013 - "The seeds we sow..."** The Mothers Union met



for their **AGM in Christ Church on January 9th**. Deirdre will continue as leader and Nan and Robyn as secretary and treasurer.

2012 was a very busy year with members organising various Church activities, including the "Celebration of Marriage" service, The Harvest Supper and the Christmas Fayre; all of which were very successful! 2013 looks like being just as busy, with several new projects planned -including making a contemporary banner for a praise service in Salisbury Cathedral and decorating a wheelbarrow for the village fete!!

Our planned speakers will have a good mix of religious and secular themes and our social events will include a summer outing , a visit to a local hotel for afternoon tea and the annual joint Mothers Union and choir new year's lunch. The next major event will be the "Celebration of Love" service on **Sunday 10th February at 11.00am in Christ Church**.

Our next meeting is on **February 6th at 2.30pm in Christchurch**. New members and visitors are always welcome and more information can be obtained from Deirdre Lias on **01249 822157**.

Nan Bird

# PARISH REGISTERS

We welcomed  
**Finlay Lewis Desmond Willox**  
into the Christian Family through Baptism at Christ Church, Derry Hill  
on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2013

We remember the following who all have connections with Derry Hill:

**Maureen Foreman** who died on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2012

**Barbara Attrill** who died on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2012

and **Phyllis Hazel** who died on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2013

May they all rest in God's peace

## LENT LUNCHES

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday – **13<sup>th</sup> February 2013!** A series of Lent Lunches will be held in **Christ Church, Derry Hill** each **Saturday** from **12.30pm – 2 pm**. All are welcome. Please pop in at any time during lunchtime for a warm welcome. Donations requested in aid of Wiltshire Blind Association.

The dates are (all Saturdays) from **12.30pm – 2pm**:

**16<sup>th</sup> February**

**2<sup>nd</sup> March**

**16<sup>th</sup> March**

**23<sup>rd</sup> February**

**9<sup>th</sup> March**

**23<sup>rd</sup> March**

## GARDENING STEVE

Hi to all you gardeners. I hope you have been making use of the fine days we had in January and been getting out in the garden. Well another month has passed and now we're into February. Where is the year going?

This month there are signs of the approaching Spring; the daylight hours are getting longer; the bulbs are beginning to show through the ground and the buds on the trees and shrubs are beginning to swell. Also the wildlife is waking up as temperatures begin to get milder. But don't be fooled by the mild temperatures as winter can still be cold during February and early March.

Now is the time to prune Wisteria. This can be done by cutting back the side shoots to two or three buds {2.5-5cm/1-2 inches}. Avoid cutting off the

flower buds around windows. Ornamental vines, Ivy and Virginia creeper can also be cut.

Cut back late Summer and Autumn flowering Clematis to the lowest pair of strong buds and then Mulch and feed. It is best to plant Clematis now to give the plant a good start. When planting Clematis always plant the main stem from the root ball fairly deep into the ground with around an inch cover and then cover the main stem in tree stem shading as it needs to be kept cool in the Summer months. This will also protect from rabbits.

Prune winter flowering Jasmine once the flowers have faded. Remove any dead or damaged shoots and tie in the new shoots to the main framework. Cut off laterals growing off the main framework to 5cm just above a bud.

Roses can also be pruned now:

*CLIMBERS...* Tie in new stems kept from the summer. Cross over the stems so that there is a good solid display during flowering. Take out old stems more than 3 years old as these take the goodness from the younger growth.

*FLORIBUNDA...* These can be pruned quite low, about 3ft above the ground. Remove any thick stems and keep young healthy stems. Keep the centre of the rose uncrowded to allow room for new growth.

*HYBRID T...* Always choose the strongest stems and keep the bush to about 4 feet tall. Prune as for floribunda.

Roses can be planted now but never plant in the same soil as they will suffer from replant diseases. This can be cured by removing the old rose, the roots and, replacing the soil to about a spade depth and digging in plenty of horse manure, before planting the rose. When planting never put the crown of the rose under the soil as this can cause suckers to grow in the summer. After pruning the roses put rose fertilizer around the base and hoe in, then put a layer of mulch over the surface. This will benefit the rose in the Summer by retaining moisture in the ground.

Many Summer flowering deciduous shrubs can be pruned now or beginning of March and include those that flower on the current year's

growth i.e. Buddleia Davidii, Ceratostigma, Hydrangea Paniculata, Lavatera and Hardy Fuchsias.

In the vegetable garden dig over the plots and plan where all your vegetables are going to be put. It is best not to plant the same type of crops in the same soil as last year. Sow early carrots or peas, provided they are covered with horticultural fleece.

It is best to wash your greenhouse now with Jeyes Fluid and really give it a good scrub. Do your pots and seed trays too as this will get rid of all the unwanted pests and diseases. Really soak the ground as well. You can now start by sowing tomatoes, cucumbers, and courgettes to get them off to a good start in the greenhouse.

Anyway I hope these few guidelines will help you. If you have any questions on gardening please send your question to the editor of the magazine and I will answer in the next month's magazine. Happy gardening. See you next month.

Stephen Starr - Bowood House Gardener.

## **MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE**

Did you know that mobile library vans visit Derry Hill on a regular basis?

The van that visits the Lansdowne Hall, just as school finishes, has a stock suitable for school children as well as for a general readership. The van that visits Kingston House has a stock specialising in books for the more mature members of our villages. The staff are very helpful, knowledgeable people and will find books for you and generally make you very welcome.

### **Lansdowne Hall - 14:50 - 16:00**

Tuesday 08 January 2013,

Tuesday 05 February 2013,

Tuesday 05 March 2013.

Tuesday 22 January 2013,

Tuesday 19 February 2013

### **Kingston House - 10:05 - 10:45**

Monday 28 January 2013

Monday 25 March 2013,

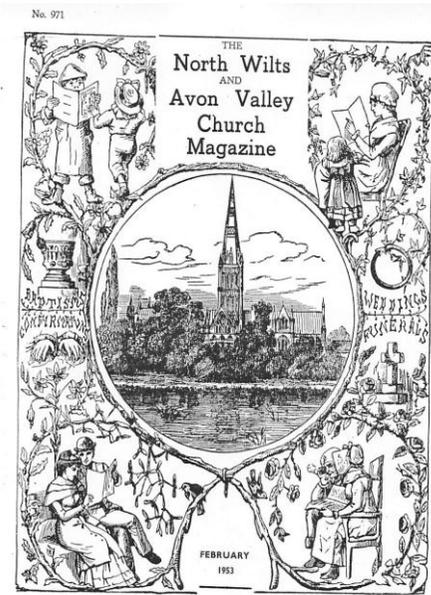
Monday 20 May 2013.

Monday 25 February 2013,

Monday 22 April 2013

# ARTICLE FROM THE PAST

Can this really be from sixty years ago?



...for Derry Hill, February 1953.....

May I express thanks to the ladies who so kindly gave donations and those who actually helped in the very successful Sunday School party and prizegiving. Mr. T. Simkins, who so generously gave of his most practical help, cut the traditional cake, and presented the prizes.

Lent begins on the 18th – Ash Wednesday. It is a season of opportunity – to reassess one’s spiritual position and possessions, to renew vows and responsibilities of our baptism and confirmation, to repent of our present selfishness

and disloyalties, and to refresh our world-weary souls and world-jaded appetites, by putting the things of God first, if only for a change, for a little more than six weeks. To help in this process there will be the traditional special series of services and sermons. The weeknight services will commence with Ash Wednesday, opened by the Rev. R. Watts, Padre at Compton Bassett R.A.F., and continued by the Vicar on Friday nights, all at 8 p.m. This will comprise a series of talks on the subject, ‘Alive unto God’ (Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord – *Rom.*, vi, 11). In this connection I ask all faithful parishioners to use daily the prayer, ‘God be in my head’. Significantly, the words came from an old *Sarum Primer* of 1558 – our own cathedral, and so our own inheritance. I hope to have copies available for distribution, and the choir will sing it to *Walford Davies’* setting at the services during Lent.

There will be Children’s Services, with story and stamp, on Fridays after school. We shall be having a series of preachers in the evenings on

Sundays, commencing with Padre Watts and the Rev. K. S. Rich, of Hilmarton.

May I remind all those over the age of 12 years who are not confirmed that confirmation is on April 19<sup>th</sup> next at Derry Hill, and that there is no time to waste before submitting your names for preparation classes.

From 'A Weekday Page for Women' conducted by MISS E. M. HARDING

### **Monday's Washing**

*To remove mildew* – Mix soft soap and powdered starch, add half amount of salt and juice of a lemon. Lay on both sides of mark with a brush. Leave in the open air for several hours, then wash in the usual way.

Mrs. E. M. JAMES.

## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

News from the Calne Without Parish Council (which covers Derry Hill and Studley) is as follows:

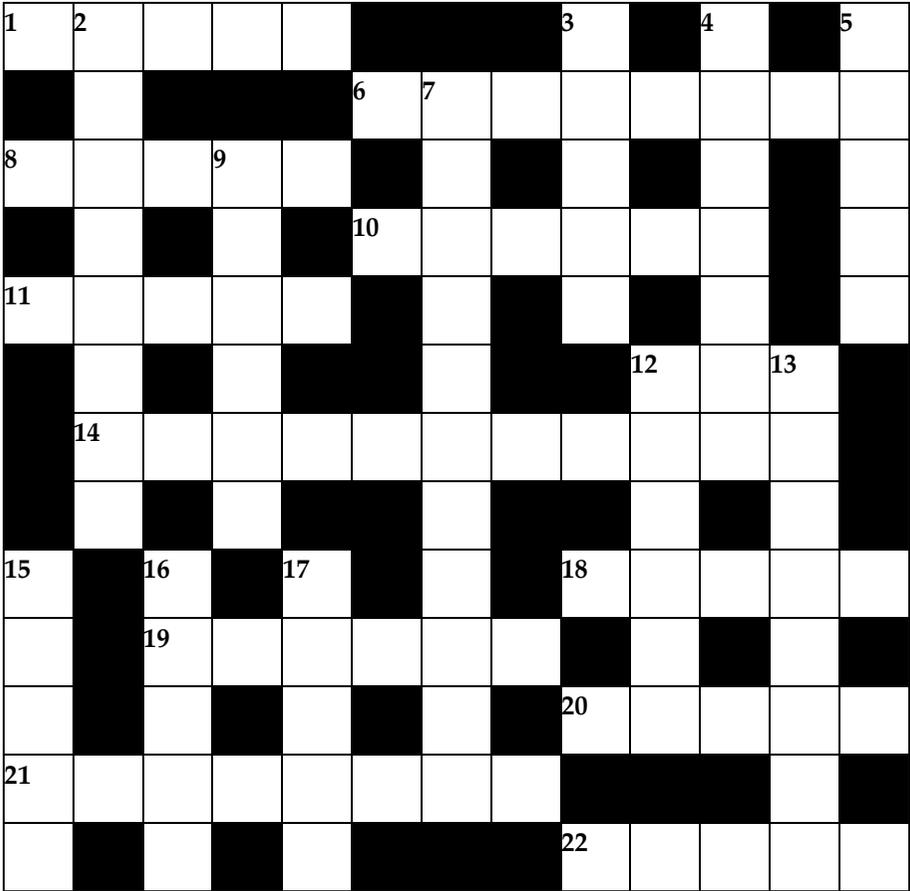
The last meeting was early December when, as usual, a number of different items were discussed.

A report was made back to the meeting on Neighbourhood Planning in Calne and how that could impact on Calne Without. It was agreed to meet with the Calne Town Clerk and an official from Wiltshire Council's Spatial Planning group to discuss this further.

As you may have noticed in last month's inSPIRE, the Parish Council agreed to put £200 towards the Derry Hill Defibrillator Scheme. The Clerk reported that there was still some work outstanding on the Church Road paths (Bowood side) but he had been told that this was as much as we could expect to be done in Derry Hill at the moment. The Parish Council will next meet at the Lansdowne Hall 7.30pm 4th February. Full official minutes are available at <http://www.calnewwithout.org>.

Richard Aylen Parish Councillor

# BIBLICAL CROSSWORD (ANSWERS ON PAGE 18)



**Across**

- 1. Country famed for its gold. 1 Kings 9:28 (5)
- 6. Church festival celebrated on 6<sup>th</sup> January. (8)
- 8. Mother-in-law of Ruth. (5)
- 10. Great warrior and nephew of David. 1 Chronicles 2:16 (6)
- 11. Employing. (5)

**Down**

- 2. Words of thanksgiving to the Lord. (6,2)
- 3. Algerian cavalryman. (5)
- 4. Underground chamber with arched roof. (5)
- 5. Woman described as “dealer in purple cloth” in Acts 16:14-15. (5)

### Across

14. One of the twelve apostles. (11)
18. "Oh Lord..... I am your servant" Psalm 116:16 (5)
19. A clergyman. (6)
20. A Caananite city in the north of Israel. Joshua 11 (5)
21. Covered arcade forming part of a monastery. (8)
22. Symbol of the Christian faith. (5)

### Down

7. The two weeks preceding Easter. (11)
9. Word or phrase repeated inwardly in meditation. (6)
12. City and port mentioned in Revelation 1:11. (6)
13. Birds mentioned in Psalm 84:3. (7)
15. A descendant of Adam's son, Seth. Genesis 5:22. (5)
16. "Trouble Valley" near Jericho. Joshua 7:24. (5)
17. Father of King David. (5)

## 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 hang 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 February the dates are **11<sup>th</sup>** and **25<sup>th</sup> February** in **Christ Church, Derry Hill**. All are welcome to join in this service.



## DERRY HILL DEFIBRILLATOR FUND UPDATE

The funding is now really getting going. Several groups, individuals and organisations have offered to help. Our application for funds to the Calne Area Board is happening on **February 5th**.

Carol singing round the villages on **December 17th** raised over **£250** despite rain descending. Thank you very much to all the brave souls who got wet, singing beautifully and to all the very generous contributors.

Please contact the Village Hall answer phone **01249 822670** or e mail [lansdownehall.administrator@sky.com](mailto:lansdownehall.administrator@sky.com) or me if you would like to be involved in any way.

Thank you

Paula Edwards Tel: **01249 816364** email: [bryher3@talktalk.net](mailto:bryher3@talktalk.net)

## LENT COURSE

Details of the Lent Courses were in last month's inSPIRE and will be held in Derry Hill and Foxham for six weeks on the same day and the same time in each location. The choices are:

<b>Monday: 7.30pm – 9pm</b>	Cymru Fach, 18 Lansdowne Crescent, Derry Hill
<b>Tuesday: 10.30am - Noon</b>	7 Petty Lane, Derry Hill
<b>Tuesday: 7.30pm – 9pm</b>	Field House, Westend, Foxham
<b>Wednesday: 3.00pm – 4.30pm</b>	1 Redhill Close, Derry Hill
<b>Thursday: 7.00pm – 8.30pm</b>	150 Lansdowne Crescent, Derry Hill

The course will begin the week beginning **11<sup>th</sup> February 2013**. For more information or to register for one of the venues please call Reverend Ann on **01249 817926** or email [ea.massey@btinternet.com](mailto:ea.massey@btinternet.com).

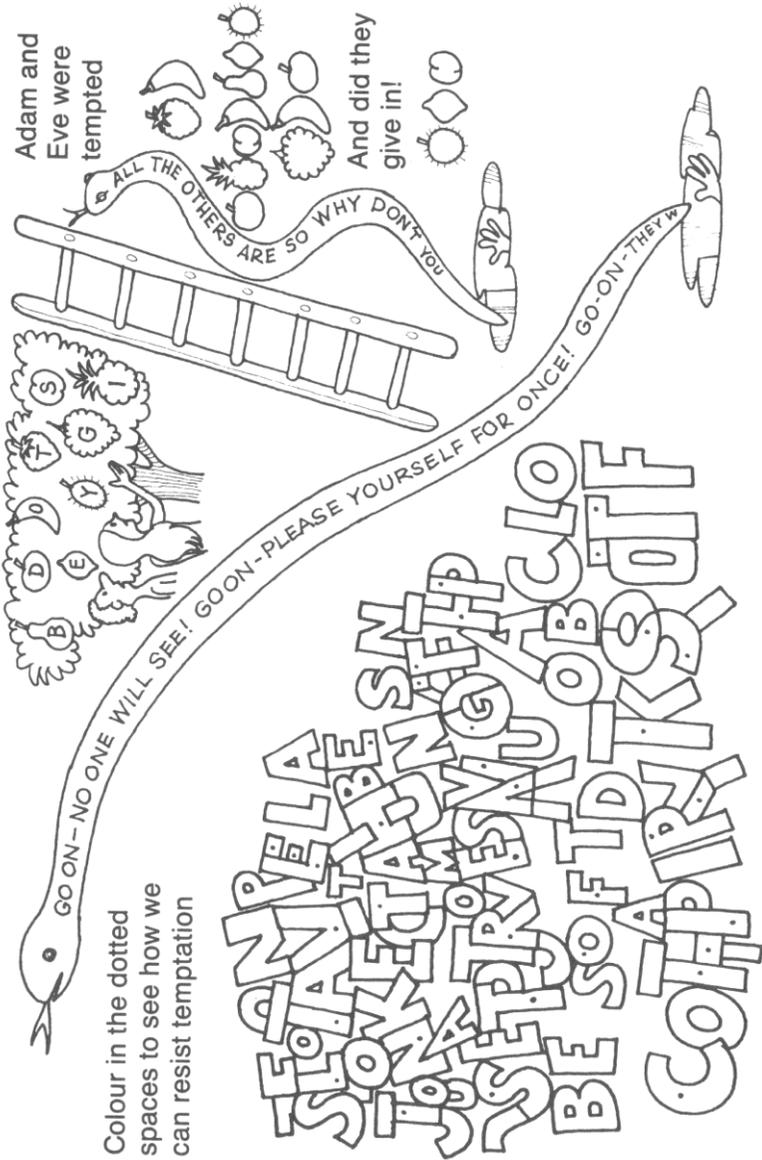
## SHROVE TUESDAY – PANCAKE FEAST!

At Christ Church, Derry Hill you are invited to a family Pancake Feast. A buffet of sweet and savoury pancakes made as you go! Who can flip a pancake the highest, I wonder?? Come and have fun from **4.30pm – 7pm** on **Shrove Tuesday – 12<sup>th</sup> February!**

An event for the whole family as we remember that on Shrove Tuesday the luxuries from the larder are eaten up in preparation for Lent and fasting in readiness for Easter.

# CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY

## LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION



Adam and Eve were tempted

And did they give in!

Colour in the dotted spaces to see how we can resist temptation

# CALNE DEANERY BYTE-SIZED LEARNING

## 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.

## Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 7:30pm

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

**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 being seekers of deeper levels of truth.

Led by Dr Tony Milsom.

## Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 7:30pm

Holy Cross Hall, Chiseldon, SN4 0NJ

**Bear one another's burdens:** This will be an evening concentrating on ministry at the time of bereavement. It is particularly recommended as a useful session for Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPA) and others who walk alongside the bereaved. This is a joint evening with *Marlborough Deanery and LPAs*. Led by Freda Beveridge and Roger Powell

## Tuesday 5 March 7:30pm

Church Croft, Royal Wootton Bassett, SN4 7BQ

**Praying with and praying for work shop:** A work shop session for those who want to hone their skills in praying with or in praying for others. In this session, we will look at honing our skills in responding to requests to pray with someone in a pastoral encounter, and following through on promises to pray for someone or something after that encounter. This session is particularly recommended for Lay Pastoral Assistants and others who undertake pastoral visits. Booking is essential.

*Contact for more details and to book a place:* Reverend Alison Way: **01793 739044** or [calnelaylearning@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:calnelaylearning@tiscali.co.uk) or pick up a leaflet from inside the churches.

## REVEREND ANN WRITES

Dear All,

As I write this I am preparing worship resources for Lent. Lent begins during Marriage Week on the 13<sup>th</sup> February. The week begins with a celebration of 'love' and turns by mid-week into preparing for inward reflection and repentance as we enter Lent. We come to know the pain of 'love' during Lent and Holy Week. It is only on Easter day that we find that God always brings light to a bad situation; a tough relationship, to those who turn to him in faith – It is then this hope and truth is revealed as Christ is seen by friends and family. God defeats death in the rising of Christ from the depths of darkness. The worst fear is defeated.

I wonder if this Lent we could reflect on 'love'. What is 'love'? 'Love' is sacrificial, it is understanding and placing ourselves in another's place and seeing the good in them. It is caring. It is thinking about the happiness of the other before the happiness of 'me'. It is hard work – or can be. It can be particularly hard work when there is gossip involved and opinions, judgements, expressed that have formed from hearsay. Gossip can be very cruel, it can destroy the good as confidence in the love of the other is undermined through ill-chosen words. It amazes me sometimes that people who are trying to be supportive find it necessary to pass on harmful gossip to the subject, rather than offering support or challenging it!

So, during Lent we look inwards. We look at how our words and actions affect other people. Do we build people up or knock them down. If we feel someone has wronged us how do we deal with it? Lovingly or harshly? Do we try to help resolve the situation, or run away?

We are all on journeys of life, and this is what the Lent Course this year is about. Journeys with God. It can be hard – remember the Israelites spending 40 years in the wilderness looking for the Promised Land? The temptations were many and they succumbed many times and were rescued by God an equal number of times. This Lent, let us each examine our own lives; ask God for his forgiveness; but most of all ask him to change each of us into those loving people that he intends us to be. God created each of us in 'love', therefore let us honour that 'love' by living in 'love'.

With love

Ann

## ADVANCE NOTICE OF MARCH SERVICES

3rd March 4pm	Praise Service
10th March 11am	Mothering Sunday: Family Service
24th March 11am	Palm Sunday with Francis the Donkey
25th-27th March 7.30pm	Retracing the events of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week
28th March 7pm	Maundy Thursday: Passover Meal
29th March 2pm	Good Friday: The Stations of the Cross
30th March 7.30pm	Waiting and Listening – Easter Eve
31st March 11am	Easter Day: Family Communion with Egg Hunt

## SOME ERUDITE THOUGHTS

A good sermon should have a good beginning and a good ending. And they should be as close together as possible.

War doesn't decide who is right; only who is left.

When you're swimming in the creek and an eel bites your cheek, that's a Moray. [Gilbert Shelton]

I wish there was a knob on the TV to turn up the intelligence. There's a knob called brightness, but it doesn't work. [Eugene P Gallagher]

Computers are useless. They can only give the answers. [Pablo Picasso]

When you meet someone better than yourself, turn your thoughts to becoming his equal. When you meet someone not as good as you are, look within and examine your own self. [Confucius]

## Answers to Biblical Crossword:

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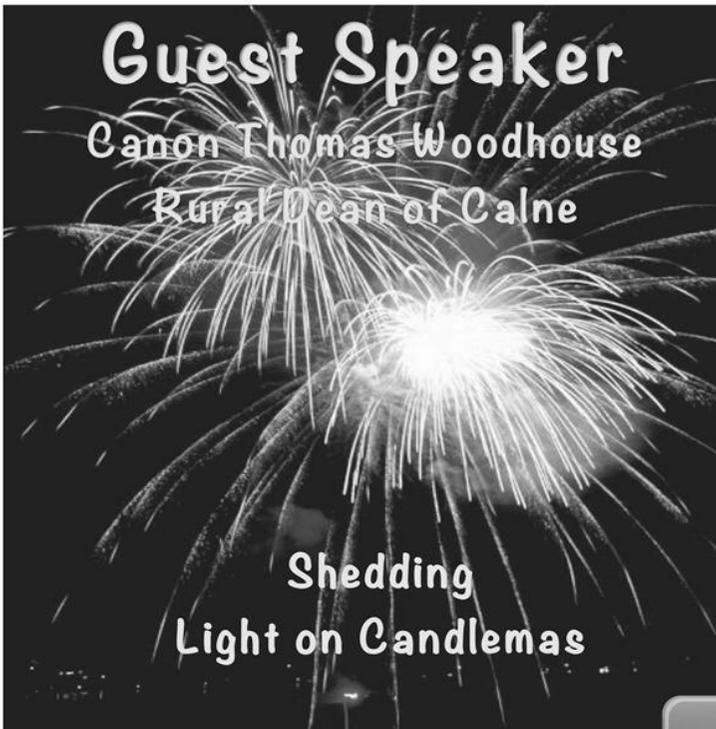
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18. Truly 19. Cleric 20. Hazor 21. Cloister  
22. Cross

**Down** 2. Praise Be 3. Spahi 4. Vault  
5. Lydia 7. Passiontide 9. Mantra  
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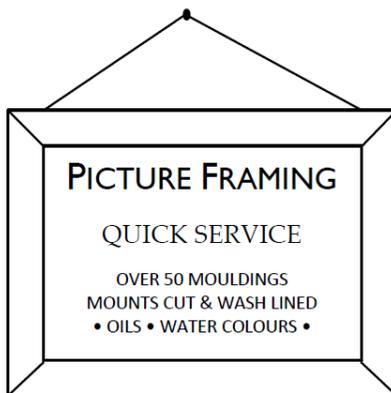
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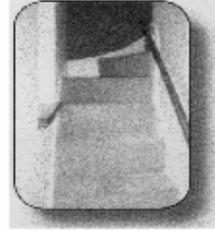
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9.30am	Foxham	Holy Communion (CW <sup>2</sup> )
11.00am	Derry Hill	Mattins
4.00pm	Bremhill	Evensong
4.00pm	Derry Hill	Praise Service

### 10th February – 1st Sunday before Lent

9.30am	Foxham	Family Service
11.00am	Bremhill	Holy Communion (CW)
11.00am	Derry Hill	Celebration of Love (It is Marriage Week)

### 13th February – Ash Wednesday

9.30am	Derry Hill	School Service
7.30pm	Derry Hill	United Benefice Service with Imposition of Ashes

### 17th February – 1st Sunday of Lent

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

### 24th February – 2nd Sunday of Lent

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6.00pm	Foxham	Evensong

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