

Oving with
Pitchcott
Newsletter



March 2005

APRIL 2005 CONTRIBUTIONS

Please let me have contributions for the April Newsletter
by Friday 11th March

Many thanks, Valerie Adams, 12 The Pightle, Oving 640296
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Methodist Services	
06-Mar	Rev'd. D. Jenkins
13-Mar	At Parish Church
20-Mar	Rev'd. A. Varker
27-Mar	Rev'd. F. Ireland



Bible Study
The last Bible Study will be
held on 7th March
7:45 for 8:00pm
at Paul and Heather's
10 The Pightle

FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

Are there any keen flower arrangers willing to help on
Saturday 5th March 10:00am for Mothers Day
also

Saturday 26th March for Easter Day

Flower donations would be very welcome please

Also, if you have any nice vases you no longer use the Church could
do with some more. Any donations please to Caroline Jenner 641995

Many thanks

Stars In Your Eyes

There will be a "Stars in Your Eyes" competition held in Aylesbury on
Friday 5th March 2005. This event will be held at Aylesbury United
Football Club. It is in aid of Aylesbury Vale Rape Crisis. If you are
interested in taking part please phone 01296 392468 for further details.

WHITCHURCH GARDENS OPEN DAYS

Open days will be

Sunday 13th March from 2:00pm to 5:00pm

And

Sunday 10th April from 2:00pm to 6:00pm

Proceeds from the gate money will go to charity under the name of
The National Garden Scheme

Afternoon teas will be served on both occasions

Concert

Germain's Male Voice Choir
Conducted by Janet Bayly

At St Mary's Church, North Marston on

Saturday 23rd April 2005 at 7.30 pm

Tickets £10 to include a glass of wine

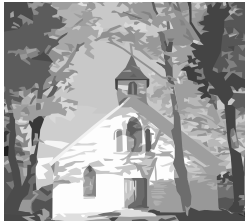
Raffle tickets available from: Gill 670376,
Elizabeth 670573
Penny 670328

All proceeds for the Church Tower Fund

Sunday School - March

Due to Easter Sunday School will be held on just the 13th March at the
Parish Church between 11.00 and 12.00.

All children between the ages of 5 – 11 are welcome.



There will be a service in Church on Good Friday at 3.00pm and during
this service we will make an Easter Garden and play some games. After
the service there will be refreshments and we will finish off with an Easter
Egg hunt! If you would like more information then please contact
Jeremy Shields on 641020.

Lead us not into temptation....

Well... no actually do – no one likes to be led into a bit of temptation like I do. In fact I don't have to be led – I can find my own way there quite nicely – Its' about 8 miles down the A41 and its called Bicester Village - and there I can be tempted to indulge in all sorts of unnecessary expenditure on items of clothing that I don't really need. Life in the late 20th and early 21st century is characterised by an endless series of choices – some trivial, some important.

The discipline of Lent is based on Jesus' premature retirement from the carpentry business where he takes 40 days in the desert to prepare for his new line of work. Here he faces certain choices– the first couple of which look pretty trivial. Will he feed himself by turning stones into bread? I would if I was him! This is a personal choice – its not going to affect anyone else. But small selfish choices always lead to large selfish choices which can only lead towards self indulgence and away from God.

Lots of our little choices are about showing off. There's much more cache in an M&S carrier than there is in a Tesco one. There's much more street cred in a pair of Nike trainers than in a pair of M&S trainers. A BMW is far sexier than a Skoda. We try to make choices that are aggrandising and raise our status within our chosen pier group.

And so Jesus' next temptation is seemingly very harmless.

Just show off – jump off the top the church using angels as spiritual bungees – and hey – instant popularity with the right people – you don't have to hang out with a bunch of smelly fishermen – instant access to all the best people. But then it depends of your point of view as to who the best people are and whether life is more than just about popularity. Integrity and popularity are not good bed fellows.

Now for Jesus' last choice. A pretension to world domination; - now that is a serious choice. It's a choice that's wonderfully explored in the Lord of the Rings trilogy. Many good people seek to posses the ring of power because they believe that they could use it and bring about a just world order – failing to realise that they would ultimately become tyrants in the process. Like Frodo, Jesus rejects power because it can only corrupt.

But then perhaps most of us don't want dominion over the world – but we do want it over our bit of it – if only to make sure that others don't get dominion over us. Now if I indulge in a merchandising opportunity proffered by a purveyor of fine shoes this probably doesn't matter much. But there are other choices we make that do matter. And if we are in influential positions in the world of commerce or research or medicine, then our choices can have vast consequences.

Lent is a time when we are challenged think carefully about our choices – whether they are small selfish ones or choices about actions which deeply affect the lives of others. So never mind giving up chocolate – use lent as a time to reflect on your choices and how you could make life better for others by making better choices.

Lentern Blessings - Revd. Andy Bell

Green Scene – The heat is on

At long last climate change really has become a political football, but politicians are tending to keep the ball in the middle of the pitch rather than score any goals. Many politicians now acknowledge it to be the biggest threat to mankind. The Kyoto Climate Treaty is the first international sign of hope, placing the responsibility for action with the rich developed nations like the UK. Unfortunately the USA hasn't yet signed it. There is a fear that reducing greenhouse gases will curb economic growth, but this need not be the case (and one must also question whether economic growth to be such a good thing). Greener and cleaner technologies and lifestyles may actually bring more jobs, less pollution and a better quality of life. More importantly, drastic measures are needed to save the catastrophic effects of climate change and enable the earth's species (that includes us) to survive.

Carbon dioxide (CO²) is one of several greenhouse gases. It is released when we burn fossil fuels (oil, coal, natural gas, petrol and diesel) for energy. CO² traps the sun's heat in the atmosphere. To counteract this growth in CO² emissions, we need to see a massive expansion in renewable technologies, greater energy efficiency and cuts in our energy demand.

CO² emissions come from the following sources:

- 26.5% from transport
- 27% from domestic energy
- 46.5% from industrial energy

So here are some ideas to cut your own CO² production:

- **Switch to a green energy provider.** Three such companies are Ecotricity Tel: 08000 326 100 (I use this one), Good Energy Ltd 0845 456 1640, Green Energy UK 01920 486156. You can find them all on the web.
- **Insulate your home.** Start with doors and window seals and then take a look at the possibility of improving roof and cavity wall insulation.
- **Choose well-made white goods.** White goods often have energy-efficient stickers showing which are the most energy efficient (A is best). See www.est.co.uk (Energy Saving Trust) for more information.
- **Use low-energy light bulbs.** These are pretty cheap now especially when bought in bulk and don't leave machines on stand-by.
- **Generate your own power.** You can install solar-powered garden lighting, solar water heaters and solar PV panels. I have just had solar panels fitted on my roof. Micro wind turbines are available, some as small as a satellite dish can be fitted on your roof. Ground source heat pumps are very effective. Grants towards installations are available from Clear Skies.
- **Use your car less and when you replace it go for a more fuel-efficient model.** Did you know that 7 out of 8 4x4s never get driven off road. The best thing about 4x4s is their ability to consume excessive amounts of gas! They spew out 47% more air pollution than an average car and cost a lot more to run.

For more information contact the National Energy Foundation in Milton Keynes www.natenergy.org.uk Tel: 01908 665555 or Friends of the Earth, Freephone 0808 8001111 www.foe.co.uk or Ricky Gershon, co-ordinator of Aylesbury Vale FOE Tel: 640967 Email: info@avfoe.org.uk

A good walk in the Country



If you fancy fresh air and healthy exercise every now and then why not join us on the first Friday of each month for a good walk and a pub lunch.

We'll pick a different walk of around 6 miles each month, ending at a pub, but suggestions would always be welcome

If you're interested phone Jack or Mary on 641738 or email j.peeters@btinternet.com

LADIES NIGHT

(Quilting, stitching, knitting or whatever takes your fancy)

The next meeting will be on
Wednesday 9th March at 7:30 pm

Newcomers welcome.

Call Val on 640296 for info

Do you need a Babysitter?
Call:

Rachel Williams	641159
Hayley Parrott	641472
Rachael Watson	641796
John Watson	641796
Julia Laidlaw	641651
Christopher Roberts	640511
Claire Campbell	640049

OVING BOOK CLUB

DATE

BOOK OF THE MONTH

VENUE

17th Mar

Daisy Miller

To be arranged

Henry James

7th April

The Secret History

Contact Jo Scott - The Mulberry Flat, Church Lane, Oving – Tel:
641644

REFUSE COLLECTION

Those of us who live in the village are well informed about revised days for collection of refuse at holiday times. However there are some who do not seem to be as well informed as the rest of us and it seems that they still leave their rubbish out on the normal collection day on the island at the end of Bowling Alley.

This attracts animals and vermin and is a health hazard not to mention an eyesore to the people who live in the vicinity.

Revised collection dates were not available at the time of preparing the newsletter but please be aware that collection of rubbish will not be on the normal day following the Easter Holiday and rubbish should not be put out too early.

Glass collection day for March is Wed 9th

Quainton Memorial Hall Fundraisers

‘Guess the Object’

A quiz with a difference!

Saturday 5th March at 7.30pm in Quainton School

If you missed this event last time, do join us for an entertaining evening provided by Paul Lipson, from ‘Antiques on High’, Oxford, on the theme of mysterious antiques and household curiosities.

Tickets: £8 (includes a hot supper) available from
Sue – 655250, Venetia – 655758 or Quainton Stores.

Whitchurch School Council

The Whitchurch School Council has decided to support the Blue Peter appeal. The Blue Peter appeal has been set up to help people in Angola who have lost relatives. We would be very grateful if you could bring into school any good quality clothes (not shoes); these clothes will be sent to the Red Cross and then sold. All proceeds will go to support the appeal. Thank you for your anticipated co-operation in this venture.

OVING PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Since last year we have had a relatively quieter time on the Parish Council with less vandalism and repairs to deal with and fewer District and County issues also. However we have had to prepare for the Freedom of Information Act and various other Government initiatives which now weigh heavily on Parish Council duties.

SPEED LIMITS

The proposed reduction in speed limits around the village is still in consultation with Bucks County Council and we are hopeful of an implementation this year! The Parish Council is also looking at other ways to reduce speed such as one vehicle width sections as outside the British Legion hall in Whitchurch. More news to come on these initiatives.

IMPROVING FACILITIES ON THE REC

We have now formally secured funds from a village development which will pay amenity funding to the Parish Council rather than provide public ground on the development. We intend to spend this on the Rec. ground pavilion and are currently considering the best way to improve this facility. Any ideas would be gratefully received.

CLERK

Stuart Hillston who has been clerk for a couple of years now has had to step down due to work commitments , but I would like to formally thank Stuart for all he has achieved in this time. Stuart has been a great asset and we will miss his skills and sense of humour. I am delighted to announce that Glyn Thomas will be taking over as clerk with immediate effect. Glyn, who lives in Weedon, is the clerk for a number of local parishes and is a real professional with a thorough working knowledge of all the issue we have to deal with and great contacts with all the organisations we communicate with too. Welcome to Glyn and I am sure all in the village will help and assist in any way they can to make his role effective.

WELCOME BACK

To Stuart Nicholls, who rejoins the Parish Council after a break leading the Rotary Club in Aylesbury. Stuart is a familiar face to many in Oving and I welcome his experience and guidance on the council.

We have updated the role, responsibilities and contacts guide for the Parish Council which is inserted into the parish magazine this month...I hope you find it a useful reference point.

Should you have any issues to raise then please feel free to call or email any of the councillors.

Best wishes

Ambrose McGinn Chairman 641026 Ambrose_mcginn@oving.org

SCHORNE TEAM CHURCHES

	Granboro'	N.Marston	Oving	Dunton	Hoggeston
06-Mar	8:00 HC/PB				
Mothering Sunday (Lent 4)	11:00 FS Mothering	10:00 FS	11:00 FS Mothering		9:30 HC/PB
Purple	6:00 First Sunday		6:00 UM	5:30 FS Mothering	
13-Mar					
Lent 5	11.00 FC	9:30 HC			
Purple			6:00 HC		
20-Mar					
Palm Sunday		9.30 FS	11:00FC		11:00 MS
Red	6:00 ES		6:00 UM		
27-Mar					
Easter Day	11:00 HC	9:30 HC	11:00 HC	9:30 HC	
White/Gold					
03-Apr	8:00 HC/PB				
Easter 2		10:00 FS	11:00 FS		9:30 HC/PB
White	6:00 First Sunday		6:00 UM		

Notes: HC = Holy Communion /PB = Prayer Book 1662
 FC = Family Communion MS = Matins
 ES = Evensong FS = Family Service
 UA = United Service at the Parish Church
 UM = United Service at the Methodist Church
 +B = With Baptism
 Other services according to Common Worship

Clergy:

Rev. Andy Bell	670298	Rev. David Meakin	641606
Rev. Martin Partridge	655237	Rev. Liz Welters	655069
Janet Bayly	670245		

Holy Communion is celebrated each Thursday at Weeden Schoolroom at 10.00am.

Services for March

Hardwick	Whitchurch	Quainton	Waddesdon	Westcott	Winchendon
9:30 HC/PB	11:00 FC	9:30 FS Mothering	11:00 FS Mothering	9:30 FS Mothering	
		6:30 HC			3:00 FS Mothering
			8:00 HC/PB		
11:00 MS	11:00 FS				9:30 FS
		6:30 ES			
		8:00 HC/PB			
9:30 FS At Weedon	11:00 FC		11:00 FS	9:30 FC	
		6:30 ES			
	8:00 HC/PB				
9:30 HC	11:00 HC	9:30 FC	11:00 FC	9:30 FC	9:30 HC
		6:30 ES			
9:30 HC/PB	11:00 FC		11:00 FC	9:30 HC/PB	
		6:30 HC			

ROTAS						
	06-Mar	13-Mar	20-Mar	25-Mar	27-Mar	03-Apr
11.00 am	Mothering Sunday Family Service	Sunday School	Family Communion	Good Friday 3:00pm	Easter Day Family Communion	Family Service
Sidesmen	T.Baker D.Fagg	D.Midwinter S.Hodges	S.Berriman R.Goss	J.Shields N.Shields	C.Jenner H.Bowen	C.Roberts J.Goss
Readers at 6.00pm	United at Chapel D.Midwinter	R.Parrott Exekiel 37, V1-14	United at Chapel H.Bowen		United at Chapel E.Corbett	United at Chapel M.Ponsford
Chancel	K.Couper	J.Brunswick	J.Brunswick		M.Hodges	M.Hodges
Nave	↓	↓	Rachael Watson	↓	↑	J.Smith
Path and Bins	D.Smith	D.Goss	A.McGrinn		P.Goss	R.Smith