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**November 2006**  
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**CONTRIBUTIONS**

Please let me have contributions  
for the December newsletter  
by Friday 10th November  
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**LADIES NIGHT**

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

Or just come for a chat

The next meeting will be on

Wed. 8th Nov at 7:30 pm

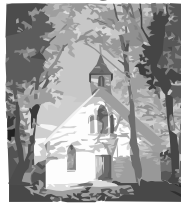
Newcomers welcome.

Call Val on 640296 for info

**Sunday School - November**

**Sunday School will be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> November at the  
Parish Church between 11.00 and 12.00.**

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



**If you would like more information then please contact  
Jeremy Shields on 641020.**

**All Saints Church Harvest Supper**

**A Very Big Thank You**

To all the ladies who very kindly cooked and donated the delicious hot food we enjoyed at the Harvest Supper, the evening was a great success as a result.

Huge thanks also to Jeremy, Nicole, Robin and Adam for organising and delivering quite a challenging quiz. It perked everyone up and got rid of that contented I've just eaten feeling.

And not forgetting Stevie B for keeping our glasses topped up.

Thanks and kind regards

Tessa Baker

A big thank you also to Philip and Eryl Corbett for their kind donation to the Newsletter funds in celebration of their Golden wedding anniversary earlier this year. Congratulations to them both..

## CHURCH NEWS

29 <sup>th</sup> October	There will be a special choral evensong led by Andy Bell
5 <sup>th</sup> November	'All Saints Anniversary' a celebration of our 'Church Birthday' will be combined with the Gifts for operation Christmas Child Service.
12 <sup>th</sup> November - 10:45am - 6:00pm	Schorne Team Remembrance Service at Hardwick Evening Communion at All Saints Oving
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Oving Advent Service at Whitchurch A service of special celebration for the beginning of Christmas
There will also be a list available in church on 5 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> November for anyone who would like to participate in this years travelling crib. The list needs to be filled before Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup> so do ask if you can't find it. Many thanks everyone for your continued support.	

ROTAS					
	05-Nov	12-Nov	19-Nov	26-Nov	03-Dec
11.00 am	Gifts Family Service		Family Communion		Family Service
Sidesmen	C.Jenner S.Larman	D.Midwinter J.Brunswick	R.Firth N.Shields	H.Bowen S.Hodges	K.Ryell J.Goss
Readers at 6.00pm		T.Cleaver Hebrews 10, v11-25		Advent Service at Whitchurch	
Chancel	K.Couper	K.Couper	C.Roberts	C.Roberts	J.Brunswick
Nave	S.Berriman	D.Hilton-Jones	C.Jenner	J.Smith	L.Watson
Path and Bins	D.Goss	P.Berriman	D.Smith	A.McGinn	J.Peeters

Two items to bring to your attention this month, one is that The Black Boy now has 4 recycling bins, one for newspapers and one each for green, brown and white glass. Also you may like to know that the George and Dragon in Quainton now has Post Office facilities on Mon, Wed and Sats from 9:30 to 11:30am

### **Food for Thought**

Don't ya just love Harvest Festival? All the little children marching up to the altar with the lands' fresh yeild (and some not so fresh) to the tune of '*We Plough the Fields and Scatter*'. Nature seems so wonderfully kind and tame.

But wait a minute? A few weeks ago Mother Nature was going to rise vengfully in the form of an infected parrot and sythe us down in our thousands with Bird Flue. And I remember you all eyeing up my very own dear flock of chickens like they were feathered horse-foul of the apocalypse! And the year before that all English beef was poison and the year before that all mutton would make you sterile. And the year before that GM crops would cause us to mutate and grow a third nipple and cheap beefburgers turn our brains to sponges. Aren't our livestock antibiotic junkies who have the temerity to reduce our resistance to super-bugs if we have the nerve to eat them? Global warming is going to cause our roses to turn to cacti and the polar icecaps are going to drown us.

One minute we are cosyng up to our food so our muffin-tops spill over our hipster jeans, and the next minute we are hiding from our food in mortal fear of it? What is going on?

But then haven't we been frightend of the earth ever since we sacrificed our children to it to try to appease it? Haven't we always been worried Mother Nature would starve us or drown us or bury us under volcanic lava? And doesn't that fear still exist in our primeval brains to the point that film makers can drag us to our seat edge with *The Birds*, or *Jurassic Park* or *Day of the Triffids*?

And they can do this because we know our imagined control of nature is an illusion. We know that our insatiable demand for larger quantities of cheaper food will come back and haunt us. And periodically we need the mad and stupid media, to run about like Henny Penny to tell us the sky has fallen in so that we can penitentially avoid acorns or whatever foodstuff they've got it in for this month.

Harvest must be a time when we reverence nature. Because it is amazing that so many are fed and fed so well. We must all fall prostrate and acknowledge that underpinning the frippery of our lives is the Titan that is water, stock and seed and pray that we may grow and harvest and eat more kindly if it is not to slip its leash and strike us down.

Perhaps we should bring back the saying of 'Grace' – a humble nod to God for the miracle which is food. Or if you are an atheist – then a nod to Mrs Tessa Cohen and say 'every little helps Amen'.

We do ponder far too little on that which we depend for our very existence?

**Harvest Blessings Revd Andy Bell.**

### **Bible study**

There will be a series of Bible Studies led by Revd. Andy Bell beginning Monday 6th November at 7:45 for 8:00pm at the home of Heather and Paul Bowen, 10 The Pightle, Oving.

All are welcome.

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### What not to Wear

The Rt Hon Jake Hay, MP for Buckingham South, has got himself in trouble with a major world religion again. He has asked Christians visiting his 'Surgery' to have a makeover by Trinny and Suzanna before coming to see him. Mr Hay believes good dress sense helps better communication. He can't concentrate on their faces if they are wearing garish clothes.

Praise be, I can write this satire with without the Archbishop foaming at the mouth or some humourless bod from the Ministry of Political Correctness telling me that it is offensive to Christians who have every right to wear grey flared Daks, sandals and a loud polyester tie. You can understand this satire because the media have long portrayed us as having no dress sense. And I can write this satire because western democracies have to allow all their institutions to be purged of humbug through intellectual debate and also through humour. Inappropriate humour can cause offence but, equally, appropriate humour can help to break down barriers and expose pomposity and incompetence and prejudice. I think that a new post-war characteristic of Britishness is the ability to laugh at ourselves and to be self effacing. We use humour to test others to see if they are genuine and we tend to shun the company of those who are easily offended because we don't want to have to constantly guard our tongues.

I fear in this new age of political correctness that eventually people will loose their goodwill to their neighbour and will say nothing to them for fear of saying the wrong thing. They will shut their doors and seethe that some groups in society are afforded special protection and that they get their way without their characters or motives being examined in the usual way. Jesus told the shocking story of the Good Samaritan (the Samaritans were believed to be unpleasant and hostile) who stopped to help an injured Jew when his fellow Jews callously passed him by. He made the point that there are people of goodwill of every creed and culture. But we shall never discover who they are if we are constantly afraid of 'giving offence'.

Long may we as The Western Christian Church be able to laugh at ourselves and God forbid that laws should be passed that stop this or we shall once again be run by those who are unaccountable for their words and actions. And all those in polyester ties or Dog Collars will be feared and shunned.

**Wintertide blessings Revd Andy Bell.**

## KIT's TRAVELS (continued)

## Day seventeen

Had a lie in until 8.00am after a good nights sleep. My room is facing a courtyard on the first floor and very quiet. Collected my laundry \$3, you are charged by weight. Wandered around the Tattoo gear shop. Went for a walk around Quito and the centre, the books say it is not very safe, lots of pickpockets, but I have felt perfectly safe, perhaps it's the age thing. Stocked up on goodies for the trip. Weather sunny 22°C and then big black clouds rolled in off the mountains. Headed back to the hotel, just in time, torrential rain. Quito is huge and set in a valley in the high Andes, surrounded by mountains. People very diverse, lots of typical Ecuadorians, with long black plaits and women with babies in shawls on their backs. Quite a few street children begging, but not oppressive or threatening. As the capital of Ecuador, lots of office blocks, all the amenities you need, telephone cabins, internet shops, camera shops etc. Got 2 cd's burnt from my camera to clear the memory. There was a sponsored bike ride today and the central streets were all cordoned off. Beverley has arrived at the hotel but we have not met up yet.

## Day eighteen

Had breakfast with Bev and went shopping, caught bus and was very squashed. Bought sleeping bag, got money from ATS. Met up with Kim and Geraldine, we all had dinner with a Swiss couple we met on the boat in the Galapagos. Everybody is friendly.

## Day nineteen

Went to museum to see Inca relics and golden masks etc. A.M. went round old Quito. 6:0pm. pre-departure meeting, met others going on the trip. There are 25 on the truck. We are a pretty diverse group, and I am not the oldest. Beverley, mid 60's, Vera and Malcolm a couple probably my age.

## Day twenty

Set off at 10.30am drove for about 6hrs and arrived at Banos, a camping site, set in beautiful surroundings. We pitched the tents and had a barbecue, I saw that they had lovely rooms to rent for \$9 wc and hot shower, and so I opted out and had a good nights sleep whilst the rest were out there in the torrential rain. They probably think I am a wimp but there were several jealous people at breakfast.

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Day twenty one

Caught a bus into Banos, just wandered around, it is a lovely town and it might be the last chance to e-mail before Christmas. We will be in Punta Sal for Christmas on the beach. On 27th Dec due to go to the Chan Chan ruins, on the 28th, due in at Lima. 30th Lima to Paracas 31st Paracas to Nasca Lines. Well folks time for me to head back to campsite on the bus, this is going to be fun trying to remember where to get off. Happy Christmas to everyone I'll be thinking of you. love Kit.

## **Don't cry because it's over Smile because it happened**

### **Garden Farm: Autumn**

On the first of October I went for a walk on the field boundaries to forage. I knew it was too late for Blackberries; birds had eaten all the Elderberries, yet still the hedgerow was full of produce. I foraged Sloes for Sloe Vodka and Sloe Gin and a great many damsons. This has been a super year for the plum family – Plums, Damsons, Green Gages, Sloes & Bulace. We really did not need any more jams and jellies – we are still living off the bumper crop from two years ago!

So this year I have made wine – my first attempts for many years. The success of the cider, which has fermented and cleared and is now stored in the cool, was the spur. Cider needs to go through a winter to be drinkable – a secondary fermentation takes place in March when the temperature goes above 15 C (called malo-lactic fermentation and originally thought to be linked to the new blossom).

So I started with Damson wine, which is one of the harder ones to get right because the wine takes at least a year to “balance” due to the tannin in the fruit. The recipe was straightforward and modern yeast at the right temperature (thank you Aga) ensured a good initial fermentation. I now have 2 gallons of Damson wine maturing and will only have to wait another 50 weeks!

I also made fig wine which I am told is really good and a lot quicker – only 4-6 months! My basic plan is to try a new wine every month according to season, aided by a loaned book called Winemaking Month by Month.

The bees have started to get ready for winter. With no honey to collect because the hives were establishing themselves, getting them prepared for the colder months was fairly straightforward. I had to check for disease and treat the hives for the deadly Varroa by hanging impregnated strips in the hives, and block the entrances so that only bees can get in and not mice, and that was pretty much it. I do hope they make it through the winter (both colonies are pretty big) and that next year I have a good crop of honey. We shall see!

All the potatoes are up. In the end we completely filled 4 sacks – at nearly a 1cwt per sack! Add in the new potatoes and the ones we lifted early and that is a lot of potatoes. Of all the varieties we planted the “Tesco reds” which I believe were Desiree performed the best. We had the most tremendous haul with the biggest potato weighing in at 2lb 6.75oz or basically just over a kilo. Overall we had a great many large potatoes which have been healthy and tasty, and we even had a perfect heart shaped one!

Potatoes also have a good effect on the ground and as the soil was loose to start with I can actually look forward to digging over the bed in the winter. The runner beans have also performed exceptionally well – we’ve eaten loads and given away just as many. The ones left on the “vines” will hopefully provide us with “seed” for next year. I have to say they have been prolific and tasty.

The leeks turned out (as expected) to be planted out too late – we have a bed with a dozen or so very small leeks and the chickens have been let loose on the bed they are in. Next year I plant earlier!

Now my attention will turn to maintenance, soil improvement and planning next year’s planting. I hope to get the polytunnel installed this winter and some additional fencing. The chickens have enjoyed their new expanded run, and now my thoughts have turned to hatching some eggs and breeding my own chickens for next year – there always work to be done!

**A.P.R.E.**  
**October 2006**  
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#### OVING BOOK CLUB

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Venue Host</b>
Nov 9	State of the Union	Douglas Kennedy	Rada 641191

**Green Scene – Updated list on kerbside recycling in Aylesbury Vale**

One of the most frequent questions I get asked is ‘What can I put in my recycling baskets?’ AVDC has recently extended the range of materials they will collect from your kerbside for recycling. Here is the updated list.

**Basket 1**

**Plastics:** ALL types of food packaging plastic and plastic containers products. This includes yoghurt pots, food trays, margarine tubs and punnets, plastic egg boxes and bottle tops. The plastics that can’t be included are cling film, plastic bags and expanded polystyrene.

**Tins/cans:** This same basket also takes aluminium cans and steel tins, jar lids and even empty aluminium aerosols.

**Basket 2 Paper:** white paper including newspapers, magazines, white envelopes and white paper directories. If you are unsure if paper is white, rip a bit and see if the fibres are white. Yellow pages and gift wrap cannot be put in. Do not put brown envelopes in this basket and rip out plastic windows on white envelopes. Brown envelopes are good to put on your compost heap along with brown card ripped up.

**Lidded box Glass:** ALL types and colours of glass bottles and jars. Please do not include pyrex, drinks glasses, window glass, milk bottles, light bulbs, china.

**Brown bin:** parts of Buckingham and Winslow only. This takes coloured paper (e.g. Yellow Pages), cardboard (including cereal packets, egg boxes and the insides of kitchen rolls) and organic garden waste (e.g. grass, hedge trimmings, dead flowers).

The Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) in Aylesbury and Buckingham and recycling banks in various car parks and supermarkets collect a range of other materials. Look at [www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk](http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk) to find out more information of locations.

Other collected materials include:

Books	Hardcore
Cardboard	Scrap metal
Car and domestic batteries	Shoes
Engine filters and waste engine oil	Soil
Fluorescent tubes	Textiles
Garden waste	Tyres (small charge of £2.50 per tyre)
Gas bottles	Wood

Rachel Gershon – Aylesbury Vale FOE Tel: 01296 640967  
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### ***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*

*The next walk will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov*

*If you're interested phone Jack or Mary on 641738 or email [j.peeters@btinternet.com](mailto:j.peeters@btinternet.com)*

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Whitchurch and Oving Parents and Toddlers (Babies Welcome Too) Every Wednesday British Legion Hall 10am - 12pm, Oving Road, Whitchurch £2.00 Tel. Jenny on 641513 or Zantie on 640427
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### **Artist**

Judith Ingram, S.E.A.

### **COFFEE MORNING**

There is to be an informal coffee morning on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Phoenix cards will be on sale ready for Christmas  
In aid of The Association for Young People with ME (AYME)  
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**SCHORNE TEAM OF CHURCHES**

**SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2006**

	Granboro'	N Marston	Oving	Dunton	Hoggeston	Hardwick	Whitchurch	Quainton	Waddesdon	Westcott	Winchendon
5 Nov	8.00 HC/PB AB										
4 before Advent		10.00 FS DH	11.00 FS AB		9.30 HC/PB SD	9.30 HC/PB DM	11.00 HC DM		11.00 HC LW	9.30 HC/PB LW	
Red	6.00 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday							6.30 HC PM			
12 Nov									8.00 HC/PB LW		
3 before Advent	11.00 HC AB	9.30 HC AB				10.45 DM Remembrance	11.00 FC PM	9.30 FS PM	11.00 LW Remembrance		
Red			6.00 HC AB					Remembrance 3.00 PM			
19 Nov								8.00 HC/PB PM			
3 before advent		9.30 FS JB	11.00 FC SD		11.00 MS AB	9.30 HC DM	11.00 HC DM		11.00 FS LW	9.30 FC LW	
Red	6.00 ES AB										
26 Nov							8.00 DM HC/PB				
Christ the King	11.00 FS AB	9.30 HC AV				9.30 FS JB At Weedon	11.00 MS DM	9.30 FC PM	11.00 UM LW		9.30 MS LW
Red			6.00 ES AB					6.30 ES PM			
3 Dec	8.00 HC/PB AB	9.30 HC AB	11.00 FS JB			9.30 HC/PB DM	11.00 HC DM		11.00 UM	9.30 LW HC/PB	
Advent Sunday											
Purple											

**ADVENT CAROL SERVICE  
AT WHITCHURCH 6.00pm**

<p>Holy Communion at Weedon Schoolroom Thursdays at 10.00am</p> <p>2 Nov PM 9 Nov AB 16 Nov LW 23 Nov DM 30 Nov DM</p>	<p>Rev David Mackin 641606 Rev Andy Bell 670298 Rev Liz Welters 655069 Rev Philip Mears 655237 Rev Simon Dickinson 658038 Janet Bayly 670245 Rev Ann Varke 423363 David Heffer 670273</p>	<p>HC Holy Communion PB Prayer Book FC Family Communion MS Matins FS Family Service ES Evensong UA United Service at Parish Church UM United Service at Methodist Church +B With Baptism</p>
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