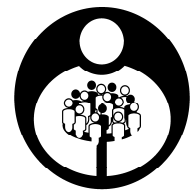


Update



The Parish of Cogges

St. Mary's Church Cogges

making Christ known by word and deed...

Week beginning Sunday 15th November 2009
(2nd Sunday before Advent)



Welcome
To Everyone Worshipping
With Us Today!

If you are new to the church we'd like to get to know you and help you to find out more about us. **If you would like to find out Who's Who in the Church look in the Green book on the Shelf by the door.** Please fill in a welcome card from the shelf by the main church door and hand it to one of the clergy. Please also sign the visitor's book on the table at the door.

If you would like to Gift Aid your giving today, there are envelopes available on the shelf by the church door or from Jen Osman t. 704577.

Today

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9.30am Church Breakfast, St James
- 11.00 am Family Baptism, St Mary's
- 4.00 pm Jigsaw

There will be no Deeper service tonight.



Reading Today

1 Corinthians 12 : 12 -23

In the week ahead :



Monday

7.00pm Alpha in church

Tuesday

- 10.30am Admin Meeting, The House
- 1.30pm Toddler Group, St Mary's

Wednesday

9-9.45am Blake Assembly

Thursday

10.00 am Prayer meeting, The Office



Next Week

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9.30am Service of the Word, St James
- 11.00 am Morning Service, St Mary's
- 4.00 pm Jigsaw
- 7.30pm Healing Service



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Nov 22nd 3.30 pm Lower Windrush Choral Society
- Nov 29th 6.30 pm Music and Readings for Advent by Candlelight
- Dec 4th Create for Christmas
- Dec 5th Create for Kids
- Dec 13th 4pm Christingle Service
- Dec 15th Mini Messiah, 1.30 pm at St Mary's. Admission free.
- Dec 19th 7 pm Carol Service, St Mary's
- Dec 20th Nativity Tableau during morning Service, St Mary's
- Dec 24th 4pm Crib Service
- Jan 22nd - 24th Teaching Weekend with Rev John Soper

Songs of Praise

The showing of Songs of Praise filmed at High Street Methodist Church is on TV tonight.

PRAYER FOCUS FOR NOVEMBER
Remembering Past and Present



Praying Parents Dates at 9.15am in The Priory

23rd November
7th December

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OUR MINISTERS

Andrew Sweeney and
Andrew Pritchard have
their day off on Friday



In order to protect
Miri's off duty days
please be aware that her
working days are as
follows:

Sunday and
Tuesday to Thursday





Christian Aid catalogues for alternative gifts are available today.

Wanted -

Minstrels for carols at Jigsaw Christingle

Sunday 6th December 4.00 p.m.

If you have an instrument - come and play

If you have a voice - come and sing.

Please contact Cyril Tennant 778977

Healing Service: 'Finding Peace in the Storm'

Sunday 22nd November, 7.30pm

A gentle, reflective service

with traditional and more modern hymns and music.

Plus bible readings, comment, testimony and prayer for

healing of body, mind and spirit.

Invitations available by the church door.

Sunday 22nd November

Lower Windrush Choral Society present a

A Teatime Concert for St. Cecilia's Day

3:30pm in St Mary's Church, Cogges.

For tickets in advance £6, or on the door £8,

see Ken Smith or Richard Osman



Just a note to say...

That I have just returned from my travels with lots of stories to tell, experiences to share and many, many photos!! You can still read the journal that I wrote on www.visitmytraveljournal.com name Penny Joyce and code number 2120190356 I am based in Dorset for the foreseeable future and enjoying re-visiting places that I haven't been to since childhood. I have a new email address and although pennysprogress@googlemail.com does still work, I will be using

pennyre.joyce@btinternet.com mainly. Discovery Days

and Virginnet are no more!! So you can find me at....

'Peacemere', Wavering Lane West

Gillingham, Dorset, SP8 4NR

Tel 01747 822454

Come and visit soon...there are great views over the fields and the house lives up to its name. *Love Penny.*

Please pray for Martin Thomas as he leads a church group with World Vision to Ethiopia. Martin left on Wednesday and will be away for ten days. The group will be based in Addis Ababa and will be visiting projects run by World Vision Ethiopia, including their work with children, HIV and AIDS projects as well as spending time with local church leaders. If anyone wants to follow me for ten days in Addis then they might like to look at the Vision Trips blog which we will be starting from Thursday this week. Here's the link: www.worldvision.typepad.co.uk/visiontrips

Thank you for all your kindnesses, prayers, cards and words of encouragement. I hope to make progress from now on. God Bless you. *David Ralling*

Witney Inter-Church Singers are performing Remembering Christmas, comprising The Inn Crowd by Roger Jones and a variety of Seasonal Music. On December 12th at 7.30pm, and 13th at 6.30pm at the Congregational Church, Witney. Tickets available at St Andrew's Bookshop or from Choir members. £5 each or £3 concessions.

"Create 4 Kids"

A really special morning for any children in school years 3 -7 who want to have a go at making something for Christmas. There will be lots of activities to choose from including making table decorations, felt decorations, sweets or decorating a candle. Sat 5th Dec, 10am-12 noon in St Mary's Church, Cogges. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets, £2 per child from Judith (779021) or Lynn (779060) (no charge for accompanying adults). Payment will be required for materials used ranging from 30p to £3.

Create for Christmas

A very popular evening for women to make something Christmassy and enjoy some mulled wine or warm fruit punch! Please invite your friends and neighbours to join us. Everything is supplied for you to come and make a wreath, decorate a candle, make sweets or various beautiful decorations. Fri 4th Dec 7.30-10pm in the Church. Tickets £2.50 from Judith (779021) or Lynn (779060). Please pay for materials used on the night.

Project Trust

Table top sale and craft stalls on 22nd November 11am - 3pm at Blake School. We are raising money for our gap year when we will be teaching in a third world country. Thank you for your support. Andy Laithwaite & Rory Hill.

The Gathering

As mentioned in last week's update, "a picture was shared of a dam with a large crack appearing in the middle of the reinforced concrete. The water was starting to escape and find its way into the valley." It has been suggested that another equally valid interpretation of this might be that we in St Mary's have been greatly blessed, and it is now a special time for us to let the blessing given to us go out into the community around us.

With this and last weeks thoughts in mind, it has been decided that the theme for the January Gathering will be "Our Community." We will meet together and pray blessings on the community of Cogges. At Christmas and Epiphany we remember that Jesus came in human form to a local community. So it is very fitting that our next Gathering is on Epiphany - Wednesday 6th January. Andrew Pritchard

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Monthly Prayer breakfasts at High St. Methodist 8-9.30am on 28th November and 19th December 2009

Prayer opportunity

Members of the Prayer Ministry Team are always available to pray with you after the 11am services. Some members of the team (in pairs) can also offer a longer prayer appointment at a time to suit, normally for those who have been a member of the church for 6 months or more. If you are seeking God for guidance, would value prayer for a particular issue or situation, or simply want to move forward in your Christian life, you may find this helpful. To find out more or to ask for an appointment please speak to Hilary Warner (771809).