

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER



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Newsletter Team

We would like to wish our readers a very happy Christmas and a cheerful and healthy New Year. Thank you to all the people who are involved in the production and delivery of the Soulbury Newsletter. Our next Newsletter will be produced in January 2006.

Parish Council News

A very kind person has donated funds to erect a Christmas tree in the Trafalgar Beacon. If anyone would like to make a contribution towards some lights for the tree please contact the Chairman of the Council Mr Vic Wright 270537.

Millennium Green

The Millennium Green Trust wishes everyone in the Parish a Happy Christmas and thanks every one who has helped and supported us over the past year. The November Club winning No was 53. Please may I remind and encourage all of you who wish to join the 100 Club to get your application in before January 06. If you need forms then please ask or go to our website where you can print a form off www.soulburymg.org (there was an application form on the back of the quiz night poster in last months Newsletter). Cheques are to be made out to Soulbury Millennium Green Trust.

After much deliberation due to the Saturday night TV challenges the Quiz night has been rescheduled for Friday 3rd February 2006. Please pencil this date in your diary and try

and come, we have a lot of fun and there will be a hot supper and raffle, price is the same £8 pp.

On Saturday 10th December 10.am onwards we are joining the Church group who are having a coffee morning at the Church. Nan and Jane will have a stall with Toys, Jigsaws, a few pairs of toddlers shoes, cakes and some other things for sale.. Some very good news, the Trust now owns its own tractor mower for maintaining the Millennium Green, it has a few extras, like a grass collection box, brushes, and a PTO plus a tow bar which will assist and help make the heavy task a little easier and quicker to do. As Christine mentioned in the L.B.O the Trust has been actively looking for a machine within our budget for some time, finally it was Richard from RCG who found what we were looking for, and they were very helpful and gave us a generous deal.

The trustees will take care of the Millennium Green grass cutting now but we would like to thank the Parish for taking care of us over the past years, and a special thank you to John

Rowe who has spent many hours cutting the Millennium Green grass. The ash tree at the top of the green by the stage area has been heavily pruned and the fire wood has been distributed to some homes in the village.

If anyone is collecting Target Stamps from the L.B.O. the Trust would be pleased to receive them.

All Saints Church News

On Saturday December 10th there will be a lot happening at the church. The P.C.C. is having a coffee morning and a bring and buy stall and the Millennium Green Trust is having a stall selling cakes, toys and jigsaws from 10am till 12noon. Do please come along and support our local groups and chat to your friends and neighbours. If you could help by donating items for the stalls, it will be much appreciated. The Christingle Service will take place on Sunday December 18th at 4pm (NB: there is no normal service in the morning). We hope to have a full church with lots of families and children. Could parents please make sure their children bring a wrapped Christmas present for Children in Need, labeled with a note saying whether it is suitable for a boy or girl and of what age. If people forget to bring a present, there will be a few spare ones for children to take to the altar. Hope to see you there.

The Remembrance Day Service November 13th was very well attended with members of the Parish Council, the WI and many local

residents in attendance. We all congregated around the War Memorial at 11.50am; prayers were said and the famous poem by Lawrence Bunyan that starts "They shall grow not old" was read by Mr. Harry Ayris; poppy wreaths were laid on the steps and a 2minute silence was observed at 11am. This was followed by a short service inside the church where the names of all those from the parish of Soulbury who died in the two great world wars were read out.

The P.C.C. held a meeting in the church on November 14th at 7.30pm where our new Priest-in-charge the Rev. Michelle Morton took the chair for the first time. Mrs. Margaret Owen is now a member of the P.C.C, this having been proposed by Harry Ayris, seconded by Joyce Kellner and supported by the rest of the council members.

The heating system needs servicing so it was proposed that we set up a proper servicing contract with General Boiler Heating Service, a local firm used by Stewkley and recommended by Michelle.

A Christmas tree is to be installed on the Green in the new beacon rather than the church porch. The church will not be lit up this Christmas season because of new health and safety regulations but Mr. Chris Bryant hopes to be able to light up the clock in accordance with the new rules. Maybe in the future we shall be able to arrange a new electrical system for lighting up the whole church.

The Rev. Peter Lymbery christened little Oliver William Charles De Laroque on Saturday November 26th in the afternoon. Oliver is the first born son of Harriet and Ashley De Laroque who were married in All Saints church. Harriet used to live in Soulbury but now lives in London with her husband and son.



Rev Michelle Morton

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, peace on earth, goodwill to all.....

.....These greetings confront us as we go into the season of Goodwill.

But for some Christmas isn't merry, and a new year only holds the prospect of more pain and misery. Christmas isn't always an easy time, families, relationships and money cause stress. Samaritans have more calls at this time of year than any other.

And these things happen to Christians too...

Being a Christian doesn't stop awful things from happening, throughout the bible people's lives were messy and difficult, and they didn't always get it right. Christians aren't perfect they just keep trying, knowing that God is with them as they struggle. And they have peace, forgiveness and love that can only come from knowing God.

The same God that sent Jesus to be born as a human baby, he didn't send him to a wealthy, family, who had everything. No, God sent him to be born to an unmarried, young girl called Mary and he was not born in a nice warm house surrounded with midwives and family. No, he was born in a dirty, smelly, noisy stable far away from those Mary knew and loved, and not long after the birth, Mary, Joseph and Jesus run for their lives, as Herod decrees that all baby boys

should be killed. It's not exactly the cosy imagine that Christmas portrays. Yet into the mess God's Son was born, Jesus, the Messiah, Emmanuel, God with us always...

That didn't mean that the pain and suffering in the world disappeared over-night, and that the first Boxing Day was a time of peace and tranquility.

But that day was the beginning of something wonderfully extra, ordinary. God sent his only Son - Jesus to become a tiny vulnerable, human baby, to give us hope, that no matter how messy our lives might seem he can work through us to make difference to others. After all Jesus chose twelve ordinary, less than perfect disciples to work with him.

Jesus came to change the world, to bring a message of love and hope a message that is still relevant today over 2000 years later. But he didn't say it would be easy. This year look into the crib and see the hope that God's Son brings for you.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy, hopeful Christmas and a blessed New Year. From Rev Michelle Morton, and her family.

Churchyard tidy-up

The Friends of Soulbury Church are organising a tidy-up of the churchyard to take place on Saturday 10th December starting at 9 am and aiming to finish at 1pm or earlier if we get enough help! If you can lend a hand then please come along - even if it is only for an hour. Family teams are particularly welcome. Please bring your own shears or secateurs; other tools and refreshment will be provided. For more details telephone James Fairbairn on 270674

Womens Institute

Dec 6th Christmas Dinner at the Green Man Little Brickhill 7.30 for 8pm. Dec 13th 8pm social Evening

to exchange presents and collect gifts for underprivileged children. Mince pies and mulled wine.

W.I. News

The recent inaugural meeting of the Soulbury Pudding Club was a great success and attended by nearly 40 people, who tasted 13 different puddings. The proceeds from the evening raised £545 (including a generous donation from Tom Henrick) have been sent to Macmillan Cancer Relief. Many thanks to all who in any way supported this event in.

Thanks

Mr Ray Kirk and family would like to express their thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours who attended Jeans funeral. Also for all the cards and messages of condolence and donations to Kidney Research.

Carol Singing at the Boot for the family

Sunday 18th December 7pm until 9 pm. Then Karaoke 9pm until late. A fund raising event for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital Charity Charity No. 235825

Yoga Classes

Yoga Classes are now up and running in Soulbury on Wednesday evenings from 7pm-8pm and, there is a possibility of a later class from 8.20pm-9.20pm starting on Wednesday 11th January 2006. To book a place for 2006 – limited to 10 pupils per class the please contact Maureen Ward 01525 2422445 or 07851220355. Qualified experienced Teacher and holistic therapist counsellor. Therapies available from GAEA, 3 Kingsbury Sq; Aylesbury. Home visits by appointment only.

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Contact Alistair Brown 01525 270648

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Sunshine Nursery

Wing for children 2-5yrs with indoor play area and outdoor secure garden. Ofsted inspected nursery with friendly qualified staff. Spaces now available. Grants for children aged 3yrs and upwards. £6.50 per session under 3yrs old. No need for your child to be potty trained. For days and times please contact Sam Mock 07931 661739. Sessions held at the Scout Hut, The Lands, Wing.



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS & DIARY DATES. All in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated

Monday	December 12 th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday	December 6 th	7.30pm	W.I. Christmas Dinner
Wednesday	December 14 th	2.30pm	Social Circle
Wednesday	December 21 st	7.45pm	Women's Fellowship
Tuesday	December 13 th	8.00pm	W.I. Social Evening.
Thursday	December 8 th -22 nd		AVDC waste paper and recycling collection
Thursday	December 22 nd		AVDC Glass Collection
Friday	December 2 nd -16 th	1.00pm	Mobile Library- Stewkley Rd Bus Stop
Friday	Feb 3 rd	7.30pm	Millennium Green Quiz Evening
Saturday	January 7 th		AVDC waste paper and recycling collection
Friday	January 13 th		AVDC Glass Collection
Tuesday	January 10 th	7.30pm	W.I. Meeting Talk on Sulgrave Manor

ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES

Priest In Charge Michelle Morton The Vicarage Stewkley. Tel 240287

Curate: Rev. Peter Lymbery, 17 Hartwell Crescent, Leighton Buzzard. Tel 371235

Sunday	December 4 th	11.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	December 11 th	11.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	December 18 th	4.00pm	Christingle Service
Sunday	December 24 th	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
Saturday	December 25 th	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	January 1 st	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	January 8 th	11.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	January 15 th	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	January 22 nd	11.30am	Holy Communion

The Parish Council Sponsored This Month's Newsletter.

Many Thanks

If you would like to sponsor one month's Newsletter or submit items for the next issue by 16th January 2006, please contact:

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email articles for the newsletter to: jane.Phillpot@btinternet.com