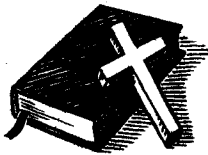


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Curate : Rev. Peter Lymbery : 17 Hartwell Crescent, Leighton Buzzard. Tel. 371235



Sunday	7th December	✓ 11:30am	FAMILY SERVICE - Christmas Tree Festival
Sunday	14th December	✓ 11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	21st December	4:30pm ✓	Christingle Service (no morning service)
Wednesday	24th December	10:00pm ✓	Midnight Mass (note time)
Thursday	25th December	11:30am	CHRISTMAS DAY Holy Communion
Sunday	28th December	✓	No service at All Saint's - 10am Benefice Service at Cublington
Sunday	4th January	✓ 11:30am	FAMILY SERVICE - Epiphany Three Wise Men
Sunday	11th January	✓ 11:30am	Holy Communion (Andrew Berry Preaching)
Sunday	18th January	✓ 11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	25th January	✓ 11:30am	Holy Communion

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesdays	✓		Lollipops Toddler Group	Clubroom
Wednesdays	10th & 24th	✓ 11:15am-11:35am	Mobile Library - Stewkley Road Bus Stop	
Thursday	4th December	✓	AVDC Collection for Recycling	
Tuesday	9th December	✓ 8:00pm	WI - Exchange Presents for Children's Home	Clubroom
Monday	15th December	✓ 7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Clubroom
Thursday	18th December	✓	AVDC Collection for Recycling & Glass	
Thursday	18th December	✓	Youth Club	Clubroom
Sunday	21st December	6:00pm ✓	Carols & Karaoke in The Boot	
** Monday **	29th December	✓	AVDC Refuse Collection	
** Monday **	5th January	✓	AVDC Collection for Recycling	
** Saturday **	10th January	✓	AVDC Refuse Collection	
** Friday **	16th January	✓	AVDC Collection for Recycling & Glass	

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# SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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 \* We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year \*  
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## PARISH NEWS

**Proposed Development :** The Parish Council are aware of the concern in the village at the prospect of development of land adjacent to Derwent Road, Linslade. The council have discussed the matter at recent meetings but have nothing specific to consider other than the publicity leaflet put out by the public relations firm on behalf of the potential developers. The Council are against the development of the land in principle. If and when all applications to develop all or part of the land are made, the Parish Council will have full access to all the documents and plans and will make a considered and detailed response to the planning authorities. This exercise will involve a public meeting in the village so that villagers can see the plan and documents and give their views. In the meantime the Council will report further as necessary through the newsletter.

**Clubroom Improvement :** As from 1st January 2009, everyone using the Clubroom will be asked for a contribution towards the running costs.

**Parking :** We have had reports of cars parking on the pathway between the Chapel Hill Stone and the phone box. Pedestrians have difficulty walking on this area, and people with pushchairs are faced with walking on this dangerous section of road.

## BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Book Club will take place on Monday December 15th at 2.30pm at the home of Rita Marks. We shall be talking about "Saturday", the novel by contemporary author Ian McEwan. This group has been running now for three years and is a greatly enjoyable way to spend an afternoon once a month. If anyone is interested in joining the group, please phone Rita on 270687

## CHURCH NEWS

**Christmas Tree Festival :** On Saturday December 6th, the church will be open from 10am till 12 noon for people to come in and set up and decorate their Christmas trees. In the afternoon people are invited to come and look at the trees and judge which one should win a prize as the best decorated tree. Refreshments and teas will be served, mince-pies and cakes!! Do come along for an enjoyable afternoon of Christmas cheer. ( If anyone, individual or group, finds that the time for putting up their tree is inconvenient, please phone Christine Sheppard on 270377 and the church can be opened at a different time.)

**Midnight Mass :** Please note the time of this service. It's 10.00pm. Michelle has other Midnight Masses to fit in in her busy schedule!!

**Benefice Service :** If anyone would like a lift to St Nicholas' Church at Cublington on Sunday December 28th for the Benefice Service, please phone 270377 for a lift.

**Elsbeth Sutton :** On Tuesday November 11th in the morning there was a Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Elspeth Sutton, conducted by the Rev. Michelle Morton. Mrs Sutton had lived in Soulbury for many years with her husband Dr. Sutton who had his practice at Wing. She was the first President of the W.I. here and a familiar figure at village events. About 50 people attended the service which was followed by refreshments in the Club Room, organised by members of the W.I. who had known her well. Condolences are offered to all members of her family.

**Baptisms :** On Sunday November 23rd we had 3 adult baptisms during the normal Holy Communion Service. It was a bitterly cold day with a very small congregation, but the family members of Anika and Chloe Heath and Ryan Prater from Hollingdon Grange swelled the numbers to a respectable total. It was a friendly, relaxed atmosphere that Michelle created to welcome the three candidates into the church family and they didn't seem to mind what, I suspect, was rather cold water being poured over their heads! Michelle gave a thoughtful sermon on the need for all people of all faiths to practise compassion and kindness with spiritual awareness.

Happy Christmas, everyone. Hope to see you at church over the festive season.

**THE BOOT** - Now under new family ownership (welcome back to the village!) is open lunchtimes on both Christmas & Boxing Day so why not pop in for a drink or something to eat (pre-booking required for Christmas Day food). Disco and Buffet on New Year's Eve (tickets required), and last but not least Carols & Karaoke on Sunday 21st December starting at 6pm. Drop in or call for details on 01525 270433.

## MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

The Trust had an excellent Big Bake Day and Coffee Morning on Saturday November 22nd. The Club Room was warm and smelt deliciously of baking bread. Lots of people came along to either collect ordered cakes and loaves, sit and have a chat or actually learn how to make bread. Particular thanks to Liz Miller who worked her socks off and had made all the cakes. I don't know how she does it. Thanks to everyone who came, to Margaret Owen, Jacqui Butler, Sue Jones, Pat Catchlove and Pat Jones for opening their houses and lending their ovens, or for doing the refreshments or for teaching others how to knead dough properly! Thanks also to Kate Miller and Giovanni for being very helpful general dog-bodies. Over £100 was raised for both charities, the Millennium Green and the NSPCC. Liz Miller has plenty of flour left over from the Big Bake Day. (The flour was donated, by the way by Heygates). There is white, wholemeal and granary flour available selling for 30p a pound. Please contact Liz on 376198 or Christine on 270377 if you would like some.

**100 CLUB FOR 2009** : Please contact the Secretary, Elizabeth Caplan, on 270838 if you would like to join the Club and have the chance to win a tidy sum in the monthly draw. It is not too late to join!

### The Friends of St. Michael's School

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Children's activities



## YOUTH CLUB

A reminder to all members that we are not meeting on the 4th December due to the Midnite Ice Skating being held on Friday 5th instead. We all worked very hard on our Christmas Tree which is decorated with recycled materials and looks beautiful. Very fitting considering the current issues affecting us all. You can view our Tree at the Christmas Tree Festival in the Church on the 6th December. Our last session this term is the 18th December with a 'Sleep Over' theme (normal times), so don't forget your sleeping bag and/or pillow. Our first meeting of the New Year will be the 8th January, but in the meantime I'd like to wish all our members, helpers and volunteers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## STEVE TIMMINS

It is with regret that we learn of the death of Mr Steve Timmins. Steve and Eva came to live in Soulbury in the 1960's in Dean Farm Lane. Together with his partners Roy Kempster and Brian Kirk they developed the houses in Dean Farm Lane. Steve was a very accomplished carpenter and many of us have benefitted from his work over the years. Steve and Eva moved to Wing about seven years ago. We send our condolences to all the family.

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