

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH NEWS

Message from Philip:

Dear Friends,

We all apparently like a good 'natter'---even President Obama recognizes it! Whether it be discussing the weather (always have an opinion/feeling), a sporting event, the state of the economy, the world or Jordan's latest cosmetic surgery disaster. If you're like me you sometimes find yourself starting a conversation when you're driving along, rehearsing an argument for or against something, usually in preparation for a meeting.

So, even if we're physically silent, we might be 'talking' in our heads. Prayer is a form of talking, usually associated with being in Church, but in fact it can happen anywhere and also be vocalized or silent. A great deal of mystique has grown up around prayer which is a great pity because it's really very straightforward and indeed ordinary. As a priest I pray in various ways and situations: my own private 'office' early morning to set the tone for the day. Leading worship in Church---more formal kind of prayer usually---on behalf of the community and the world. But also in meetings with individuals or small groups: colleagues, those in distress or seeking guidance. All different but all are related because they are about communication. I've mentioned silence and it's important in our increasingly frenetic world. It gives us space and it gives space to God to talk to us. Some people find such concepts spooky or just nuts but millions derive great comfort and guidance from such 'activity'.

So, why not try a 'natter' with God, simply talking to Him about what matters to you. You might find you are pleasantly surprised or even challenged by the results, just as we can be by a chat with a friend or loved-one.

God Bless you, Philip.

SOULBURY BREAKFAST The recent breakfast served over 80 people and raised over £300 for Church funds. Many thanks to all those who attended. There will now be a break until the Autumn.

CHRISTENING We are looking forward to a double christening on Sunday 16th June (Fathers' Day) - it promises to be a well attended service as we welcome friends and visitors to our church.

SOULBURY FETE - SUNDAY 14TH JULY

If you have any donations of books, CDs or records - please leave them with David Kempster, 59 High Road.

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Bottle Donations to "The Boot", along with tins etc. for the tombola.

Raffle Tickets will be on sale - if you have any items suitable for raffle prizes please email us.

If you are able to help run a stall, First-Aid, or assist with setting up or tidying up, please contact the Soulbury News email address. Thank you to those who have already volunteered! soulburynews@btinternet.com

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council meeting took place in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 15th May, followed by the Annual Assembly of the Parish. At the meeting the chairman gave his report and thanked all the parish councillors for their hard work and efforts over the past year. Thank you to Alan Stevens for his work on the children's playground, which is continuing. Alan has also been at the centre of many successful and enjoyable entertainment evenings. Thank you also to June for continuing with Soulbury allotments.

Election of Officers for this year - Victor Wright was elected as Chairman of Soulbury Parish Council and Maurice Cross was elected as Vice Chairman of Soulbury Parish Council.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 17th June at 19:30, where all are welcome.

Soulbury Parish Allotments: There is still a half plot available. If you are interested, phone June on 01 525 270537 for details.

Dog Fouling: It continues to be a problem in the village and we have been advised by the police that if a member of the public witnesses dog fouling in a public area and can identify the owner of the dog, they are within their rights to inform the police and give the name of the owner, in order that the incident can be dealt with. If you are aware of such a situation, please contact your local police on 101.

Defibrillator meeting Tuesday 11th June at 7:30pm: Please come along to the Parish Hall to learn about the possible benefits of having a defibrillator in the village, together with a demonstration by a member of the NHS.

Litter Pick: Thank you to all those who turned up for the litter pick. It was a good job done and very much appreciated.

Football Goals : These have recently been damaged, and it is likely that the Parish Council will be looking at a repair bill if the goals are to remain available for children to use. Perhaps a timely reminder to all children (young and old) of the need to respect and look after the play equipment in the village would help? Thank you.

MRS PAT CROSS We send our condolences to Maurice, Paul, Rachel and family on the loss of Pat, who passed away on 13th May.

LBO - VILLAGE LINK David Kempster is now writing for the Leighton Buzzard Observer. If you have any items of interest please contact him on david.kempster@virgin.net

CRICKET CLUB FIXTURES

9th (2pm)	Stewkley (Home)
16th (2pm)	Chearsley (Home)
23rd (2pm)	Ebury Strollers (Away)
30th (2pm)	Eaten Bray (Home)

OVERSTONE SCHOOL

OPEN EVENING & COMMUNITY FAIR

Thursday 27th June 6-730pm.

As well as tours of the school, you can also find out what clubs, societies and services there are for you and your children in your local community. All welcome!

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MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

WORK PARTY: SATURDAY June 1st from 10.00 am till noon and again in the afternoon from 2.00pm till 4.00pm.

QUIZ NIGHT AND BUFFET: The Trust is holding another of its popular Quiz Nights with a lovely hot buffet included, on SATURDAY JUNE 8TH at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Tables of four people are required but if you are a twosome or a single, we will find you a place. The cost is £12.00 a ticket. Please phone Elizabeth on 270838 or Christine on 270377 for more information.

SCHOOLS' FESTIVAL: On Wednesday June 19th, the Trust is hosting the annual Schools' Festival on the stage on the Millennium Green at 1.00pm till 3.15pm. Several local schools will be participating, including Greenleas, Pulford, Heathwood and Macintyre from Wingrave. The children perform a short act which might be a few songs, dance, drama or gymnastics and generally enjoy themselves. Everyone is invited to come along and watch. If it's wet we hope to use the church as a venue.

SOCIAL GROUP: The next meetings are as follows in the Parish Hall at 2.30pm: Wednesday June 5th and Thursday June 20th. New members always welcome. Phone Christine on 270377 or Elizabeth on 270838 for more information.

FLOUR for SALE: Left over from the Bake Day we held in March, Liz Miller has some wholemeal flour for sale at £1.00 a kilo. If you are interested in buying any please phone Liz on 01525 376198. Thank you.

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W.I. NEWS

In the absence of our President, Gaye Henrick, the meeting this month was taken by Margaret Rowe. Our members were not deterred by the inclement weather and there was a good attendance for our meeting with the theme of "Here Comes the Summer" (no comment!)

After dealing with business matters the main topic of the evening was introduced. This was a discussion of the resolution to be debated at the NFWI annual meeting later this year. It concerned the apparent decline of town centres and what could be done to rectify the matter. Some town centres seem to be thriving whereas others are not quite so fortunate. We were encouraged to utilise our town centres as much as possible, although it is difficult to see a short term solution to the problem. Alternatives to town centres such as internet shopping and local co-operatives were mentioned and their affect on the situation. After a lively discussion a vote was taken and the resolution was carried with a substantial majority. We then enjoyed refreshments which included cream scones and smoked salmon sandwiches!

Our next meeting is an open meeting with a demonstration of a defibrillator to see if it would be viable to install one in the village.

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Sun. 2nd June - 11:30am	Morning Worship	Andrew & Leslie Berry	
Sun. 9th June - 11:30am	Holy Communion	Rev. Philip Derbyshire	
Sun. 16th June - 11:30am	Holy Communion	Rev. Derek Witchell	Includes Christening
Sun. 23rd June - 11:30am	Holy Communion	Rev. Robert Wright	
Sun. 30th June - 10:00am	Cluster Service		** STEWKLEY **

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Tuesdays	11th & 25th		Food Bin & General Waste (Green Lid)
Tuesdays	4th & 18th		Food Bin & Recycling (Blue Lid)
Mondays	10th & 24th		Garden Waste (Brown Bin)
Tuesday	11th	7:30pm	W.I. - Open Meeting - DeFib Demonstration
Monday	17th	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting (Parish hall)
Wednesday	5th & 30th (Thur)	2:30pm	Social Group



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CAN YOU HELP? Open Meeting on Tuesday 11th June @7:30pm in the Parish Hall

We are hoping to raise funds for a village defibrillator and setup a response team. Soulbury WI have offered to help with the initial meeting, so come along and see a demonstration by a member of the NHS Cardiac Team.

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