

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH NEWS

Message from Philip:

Dear all,

It is a year since the Cottesloe Benefice Team came into being, on 1st. March 2012. It was a pretty trauma-free birth with only the usual falterings one would expect.

In such circumstances: 'mother and baby are doing well' ('mother' being God and the baby Cottesloe Benefice Team). The main object of the Team is not a bureaucratic one but to witness to the loving purposes of God in Jesus Christ although structure is needed to make it work.

As well as this change we've witnessed huge international change over the past twelve months. The Arab Spring, the continuing (now triple dip - sounds chocolaty) recession and the appointment of a new Archbishop of Canterbury and the shock resignation of Pope Benedict XVI.

The all- pervasive media and social networking sites make us aware instantly of so much - our prayer lives could get completely clogged if we're not careful.

I don't remember which politician it was who said, "Keep it simple stupid" but he was undoubtedly right. We do often confuse situations through unnecessary detail and as a result don't always hear what is being said to us. Whilst proclaiming what we believe, we also need to really listen to those of other positions so that we can come to an informed outcome. So I pray you have a fruitful Lent and a joyful Easter. God Bless, Philip.

FETE NEWS (14TH JULY) There will be a plant stall at the Fete on 14th July. We will need lots of plants to sell, so if you could split some of your favourite plants this Spring I would be very grateful. It might be a little late for bedding plants but chillies and aubergines would be fine. Anything else you can think of would be most welcome. Please ring Jane Luxton on 270493 if you can help.

MRS NORMA QUANTRILL We are very sorry to hear that Norma had passed away recently. She will be mostly remembered for walking her little Jack Russell (Judy) around the village. She had lived in the village for many years. We send our sincere condolences to Barbara, Charlie, James & families.

MEMORIAL WALK There will be a walk in memory of Dave Hammond on April 7th. The walk will be from Hanslope to The Galleon Pub near Wolverton for lunch & drinks. The walk will be approx. 5 miles but for those less able or willing, a walk along the canal and back in time for lunch at The Galleon at about 12:30.

PARISH NEWS

We have been approached by the Cardiac team of the NHS with the possibility of Soulbury purchasing its own Automated External Defibrillator. To pursue this, we require a team of volunteers to help on a first response basis.

To help with the presentation of this equipment, the WI have offered to hold an open meeting on Tuesday 11th June at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall.

If this proposal is accepted, we will need to raise sufficient funds for this. All donations would be gratefully received.

Next meeting : Monday 18th March at 7:30pm. All welcome.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS :

WORK PARTY: Saturday 2nd March 10am 'til noon and 2pm 'til 4pm.

BAKE DAY: Saturday 23rd March in the Parish Hall from 9am till 12.30pm. Make your own bread. Ingredients provided. Granary, white or wholemeal flour. Come and have fun. Loaves cost £2.50. Cakes are also on sale but please pre-order them by phoning Liz on 01525 376198 or Elizabeth on 270838 or Christine on 270377. Victoria, coffee, lemon sponges costs £4.00. Chocolate sponges cost £4.50.

EASTER EGG HUNT on the Millennium Green on Saturday 30th March at 2pm. Hunt for toddlers and another for older children and maybe an Easter Egg prize!! Come along and have fun.

CRICKET CLUB NEWS

The Cricket Club will be holding a fund raising Race Night on Friday 15th March in the Parish Hall, 1st race at 7:30pm. Entrance £10, including hot supper. For details contact Chris Bryant, 01525 270607 email mrschris@soulbury.org. Please support the only sporting facility in the village. New players and/or social members always welcome when the season starts in the summer.

SAFARI SUPPER Our first dedicated "Save the Angel" event (see page 2) is the Safari Supper on Saturday 6th April at 7.30 pm (celebrate the start of the new tax year in style). We have the first course at one house, move on to the main course at another house and meet at the Parish Hall for puddings and coffee. To book tickets £12 per head please call Sheila Morgan (270175) or Jane Luxton (270493). If you can help by hosting a starter or main course or by cooking a desert then likewise please 'phone Sheila or Jane.



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W.I. NEWS : After completion of the business this month Gaye Henrick our President introduced the speaker the Guru Kaur . Her talk was entitled "Be the woman you were born to be" We were encouraged to look at our lives and she suggested perhaps with a few changes in diet and outlook we could improve our quality of life. We should decide what we wanted from life and do our best to achieve our goals.

As well as giving us life changing advice, she also gave us a demonstration of how relatively simple it is to make our own cheese! It was a most informative and enlightening evening and gave us all food for thought.

The speaker next month is Dru Ellis with a talk devoted to "Fabric, Fashion and Furniture thru' the ages", Tuesday 12th March.

Save the Angel : Have you visited the Church and wandered into the chancel? You may have seen the impressive Lovett family monument on the left side. If you stand there today you will see that where once there were two exquisitely beautiful angels, the one from the left side of the monument has gone. In 1701 if you wanted to show the world that your family had arrived, what better way than a magnificent tomb for the family departed, commissioning the very best craftsmen of the time. Who better than the man who worked regularly with Sir Christopher Wren, who also worked on St Pauls Cathedral, Hampton Court Palace, Windsor Castle, Chatsworth, Blenheim Palace and the finest houses and churches in England. You went to the Dutch born sculptor, Grinling Gibbons. Yes, Soulbury's modest church contains a work of art of such quality that you would normally find its like in cathedrals. Should you wish to see a similar monument by Gibbons there is one such in Westminster Abbey. So where is the missing treasured angel? After 300 or more years the iron fitting that held him in place failed. He was lifted him down for his own safety – and for the welfare of the passing visitor because were he to fall he would cause serious damage. Carved of solid marble he is surprisingly heavy. He is safely under lock and key enjoying perhaps his first holiday – ever. Until that is, we find the money to put him back with his twin to resume his sad, patient watch. If we had £40,000 to spare we could restore and clean the monument itself, which it probably what it deserves. But we don't have the money and if we did there are more pressing repairs needed. However for a more modest £1,000 or so he can be professionally restored to his proper place to resume his eternal vigil. Even £1,000 seems a lot but we have a responsibility to treat this special work with the upmost care. So we are launching a special "Save the Angel" fund. There will be opportunities to support this project in our forthcoming fund raising events. Or you can send a special Angel donation to FOSC care of James Fairbairn, CharityFarm, Soulbury. (Thank you to Richard Onslow for our Angel's portrait)



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Sun. 3rd Mar. - 11:30am	Morning Worship	Fri. 29th Mar. - 2pm	Good Friday Meditation
Sun. 10th Mar. - 11:30am	MOTHERING SUNDAY	Sat. 30th Mar. - 10pm	Easter Eve - WING
Sun. 17th Mar. - 11:30am	Parish Communion	Sun. 31st Mar. - 11:30am	EASTER SUNDAY
Sun. 24th Mar. - 11:30am	PALM SUNDAY		
Thurs. 28th Mar - 7:30pm	Maundy Thursday - STEWKLEY	Sunday 14th July	Village Fete

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Mondays	4th & 18th		Garden Waste (Brown Bin)
Tuesday	12th March	7:30pm	W.I. - Fabric, Fashion & Furniture Thru' the Ages
Friday	15th March		RACE NIGHT
Sunday	17th March	9:30am	Soulbury Breakfast
Monday	18th March	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting (Parish hall)
Saturday	23rd March		BAKING DAY
Wednesday	27th March	2:30pm	Social Group



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