

This month there is to be a Flower Festival in the church and a Music Recital as part of a drive to raise the large sum of money which will be needed for church repairs. We thought that this month, therefore we would give a few points of interest about the church.

There is now nothing remaining of the building which must have been there in 1231 when the first rector of whom we know was appointed. The oldest extensive part of the present structure was built in the second quarter of the fourteenth century, at the beginning of the Hundred Years War; further additions were made later in that century and minor alterations were made in the fifteenth. There was major rebuilding in Tudor times when the aisles were extended and the tower added.

Some of the things to look for inside the church are the monument confidently ascribed to Grinling Gibbons, the doorway which used to give access to the rood loft, monuments to various members of the Lovett family who held the manor for over six hundred years, the padlocked chest and the little wooden angels appearing down the length of the Tudor roof. Two of the angels hold shields having the initials R H. These, almost certainly, are the initials of Robert Hobbes, Abbot of Woburn from 1529 to 1538 and therefore at that time ex-officio Vicar of Soulbury. Hobbes was one of the few who dared to oppose Henry the Eighth and suffered the usual fate of those who opposed the royal will. He was hanged on an oak tree at the gate of his own abbey which in the following year was confiscated and given to the Russell family. There is a board at the back of the church which gives the name of all the incumbents from that rector in 1231 to the present time.

In the course of the Festival a leaflet will be on sale which will give much more fascinating detail about the church.

Timetable of Events in connection with the Flower Festival.

The church will be open from 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, the 13th, 14th and 15th of May. On Saturday and Sunday refreshments will be served in the Clubroom from 3.30 - 5.00 p.m.

On Saturday there will be a recital in the church at 8.00 p.m. by a madrigal group and orchestra; Conductor, Charles Pope; Organist, Betty Pacey. Programmes for this will be on sale for 25p each. There will be refreshments in the Clubroom afterwards (cheese and wine, coffee, etc.)

CAR PARKING ON ALL DAYS WILL BE SIGNPOSTED.

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Bus Tokens. It is again time for these to be issued. Will anyone who wishes the tokens to be collected for them please contact Mrs. C. Fountain, 21 The Green.

Outing to Stapleford Park. There are still some seats available for the Social Circle outing to Stapleford Park near Melton Mowbray on Wednesday, May 31st. Tickets, £2 for adults, £1 for children include entry to the Park and House. The coach will leave at 10.00 a.m. and will return to Soulbury by about 5.30 p.m. Apply to Mrs. Jones, Tel: 349 or Mrs. Norman, Tel: 483.

Fete at Overstone School, Wing. There will be a Grand Fete on Saturday, May 20th at 2.30 p.m. Attractions include Stalls and Sideshows, Grand Draw (for a PORTABLE TELEVISION SET) Tug-of-War, Pram Race, Fancy Dress (3 classes, pre-school/Lower School/Middle school) Motor Cycle Display.

The Spring Sale realised £87 and the P.C.C. express their thanks to all those who helped in any way.

The House to House Collection for the National Children's Homes amounted to £33. Many thanks are offered to those who gave so generously.

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We extend a warm welcome to Susan and Stephen Hawkes who have just moved into The Mead, near Stephen's parents. Susan and Stephen were married quite recently and we wish them a long and happy married life.

We send our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mr. John Wright who is in hospital.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. West is now out of hospital and home again.

FOR SALE

Aladdin Greenhouse Heater, £5.
Wheelbarrow, £4.

Apply 25 The Green

Ransome AJAX 12" Hand Mower, very good condition, £4. Phone Soulbury 204.

Methodist Chapel

Minister: Rev. Norman Burrows,
The Manse, Stewkley. Tel: 251.

Sunday May 7th 2.30 p.m. Family Hour. Mr. Borkett
Sunday May 14th 10.30 a.m. Mrs. Green
Sunday May 21st 2.30 p.m. Dr. Owers } This is our Sunday School Anniversary and there
6.00 p.m. Mr. Venn } will be special singing and items by the children
Sunday May 28th 10.30 a.m. Rev. N. Burrows.

Sunday School on Sundays not included above, at 2.30 p.m.

Bible Study on Mondays at 2.30 p.m.

May 8th at 27 The Green

May 15th at 25 The Green

May 22nd at 11 The Green

All Saints Church

Vicar: Rev. Paul Drake,
The Vicarage, Stewkley. Tel: 287.

Thursday May 4th 8.00 a.m. Ascension Day Holy Eucharist
Friday May 5th 7.30 p.m. At St Michael's, Stewkley, Confirmation Service
Sunday May 7th 11.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist and Sermon
Saturday May 13th 10.00 a.m. Church Open
Sunday May 14th 10.00 a.m. Church Open
11.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist and Sermon
6.00 p.m. Evensong. Preacher, Rev. Norman Wadsworth,
Vicar of Wing } Flower Festival
Monday May 15th 10.00 a.m. Church Open.
Sunday May 21st 11.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist
Sunday May 28th 11.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Forthcoming Events.

Tuesday May 9th 8.00 p.m. W.I. Cheese and Wine supper, when Conference resolutions will be discussed. There will be a Knit-In for the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council. Please bring Double Knitting wool and size 9 needles Competition: stuffed toy or paper flower.
Wednesday May 10th 2.30 p.m. Social Circle
Wednesday May 17th 8.00 p.m. Womens Fellowship at the home of Mrs. P. Faulkner. Mr. Paul Buckley talking on puzzles. Please bring any puzzles with you. Cars leave the Stone at 7.40 p.m.
Thursday May 18th W.I. Birthday Dinner. Please contact Mrs. Rowe on 355 or Mrs. Hammond on 318.
Saturday May 20th 2.30 p.m. School Fete, Wing.
Wednesday May 31st 10.00 a.m. Social Circle Outing to Stapleford Park
NEWSPAPER COLLECTION: 13th and 27th May.

Advance Date.

June 17th - Garden Party for Methodist Building Fund at 'Little Oak' nr. Chelms.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

SOULBURY ENDOWED SCHOOL CHARITY - Grants for Education

Notice is hereby given that the Trustees of the above Charity will consider applications for grants to assist in education at the meeting to be held in May. Persons wishing to make an application must be resident within the Parish of Soulbury and must make an application in writing to the Clerk by 16th May 1978. Signed A. J. Pargeter,
Clerk to the Trustees, Bridge House, Bridge Street, Leighton Buzzard, Beds. LU7 7AH.

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