

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH NEWS

On the first Sunday of every month we shall have a lay led service called Morning Worship. As time goes on, it is hoped that the Family Service will be re-introduced, but recently we have had no children at the Family Services, so that service has been changed to a Morning Worship with no communion.

On the third Sunday of every month, we welcome the Rev Derek Witchell from Wing to our church. As most people will know, Soulbury is now one of the 8 parishes in the Cottesloe Team Ministry and as such will have much more contact with the other parishes in the team, which includes Wing, Cheddington, Mentmore, Wingrave, Aston Abbots, Cublington and, of course, Stewkley.

A MESSAGE FROM THE REVEREND PHILIP DERBYSHIRE:

Dear friends,

This is not quite the article I was writing originally...it was much more feisty and grumpy and therefore probably not a great idea! Really it was my reaction to what I see as a continuing erosion of the position of faith standards in our society (which there is) and a fairly feeble response by so many in authority (which there is). However, some of what we witness is probably just inevitable: change and development and those are not bad things in themselves. In fact change is the normal situation not rigidity: what doesn't change or grow eventually snaps under the pressure and becomes unusable.

The skill we have to learn in the Church is how to respond to the age we live in without being completely sucked into its whims and foibles and then become even more irrelevant as society moves on yet again! Ideas, like fashion, come round fairly regularly: whoever thought we'd see mini-skirts, loon pants and platform heels again? (Personally I'd rather forget---they weren't great the first time round).

Still some things are eternal, whatever the fashionistas say, and one of those is the great festival of Easter we've just celebrated, with its hope of new life and the feast of the Ascension(17th May) when we celebrate Christ's return to His heavenly Father and our own symbolic rising above the limitations of our earthbound humanity.

Enjoy the rest of Spring and God Bless, Philip.

CRICKET CLUB NEWS

The Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper was a very enjoyable evening, raising a useful £160 for the Club. Many thanks to Martin French for organising. The new kitchen is now fully installed so we look forward to enjoying refreshments after matches. All welcome.

Matches during May - weather permitting!

Sun 6th May Away v Ebury Strollers

Sun 13th May Home v Mursley

Sun 20th May Away v Great Brickhill

Sun 27th May Home v Whitchurch

All matches commence at 2:00 pm

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council meeting took place in the Parish Hall on Monday 23 April. The Parish Council welcomed three members of the public. The next meeting is Monday 21 May - 7:00pm Parish Council meeting, followed by Annual Assembly meeting at 7:30pm. All are welcome.

Jubilee Beacon: We have been informed by R.A.B.I. where the Soulbury beacon is officially registered for the occasion of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, that the lighting time has now been agreed as 10:01pm. The sequence is:

10:00pm The traditional 'anchor chain' is lit

Countdown (or up) sixty seconds and...

10:01pm All R.A.B.I. registered beacons are lit

Thereafter, beacons around the UK will be lit at intervals.

10:30pm The Queen lights the national beacon in London

All are welcome at this occasion.

Jubilee Gift: The Parish Council have decided on giving commemorative mugs to the children who have been registered for a Jubilee gift, as many other mementos may not last. We believe we have sourced a good quality and decorative product and will endeavour to deliver these towards the end of May, before the Jubilee weekend.

We do have a small surplus of mugs due to a minimum order quantity being more than requirements, so if anyone would like to purchase one, please email to jubilee.gift@btinternet.com with your name, address and telephone number. Alternatively, phone 01525 270537. Although we have not had a sample, the mugs appear to be very pleasing bearing the official Jubilee emblem, of neat size and bone china. The cost is £5.50 per mug and offered on a first come basis.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS - JUBILEE PICNIC

The Millennium Green Trustees' joint committee meeting on 11th April was only attended by one other person - many thanks to Michele Nicholas for taking an interest! It is confirmed that the Trustees will be providing a barbecue on the day in addition to villagers bringing their picnics, and it was decided that the simplest and least wasteful way of dealing with this was for people to bring their own meat with them which will then be barbecued for them. That way the problem of keeping supplies chilled and of being left with unused food is avoided. Does anybody have a barbecue they could lend for the day to supplement the ones we have? There will be no charge for the barbecue but donations will be gratefully accepted.

We have received an offer from Grebe Cochrane of some bunting and Michele Nicholas is sourcing flags for the children. We will be purchasing some outdoor games for children to play and the Parish Council have kindly offered £25 towards the cost. There will need to be a rota of people willing to run the games and another rota for operating the barbecue - VOLUNTEERS WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED!! Please contact Christine Sheppard on 270377 or Elizabeth Caplan on 270838 to join the rotas or provide barbecues. Thank you.

SOULBURY OPEN GARDENS

Nine Soulbury gardens will be open from 2pm to 5pm on Saturday May 26th and May 27th. Parking will be available and teas will be at the Old Vicarage. The charge will be £4 and children under 18 will be free. The proceeds will go to the Friends of Soulbury Church for repairs to the church fabric.

We would like to sell plants. If any one has any plants to sell, could they please take them to 41 High Road (Mayfield) the week before or ring Jane Luxton on 270493 or Lynne Gudgeon on 270507.

SOCIAL GROUP

The next dates for the Social Group are :

Thursday 10th May

Wednesday 23rd May

both in the Parish Hall at 2:30pm, all welcome.

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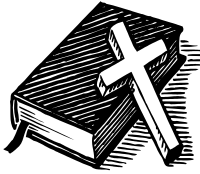
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Sunday	13th May	11:30am	Parish Communion - Rev Philip Derbyshire
Sunday	20th May	11:30am	Parish Communion - Rev Philip Derbyshire
Sunday	27th May	10:00am	Team Ministry Service - Rev Derek Witchell (Wingrave Church)
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Thursday	17th		AVDC Refuse & Recycling Collection
Friday 11th	& Thursday 24th		AVDC Refuse Collection
Tuesdays	Every Week	10-11:30	Baby & Toddler Group
Tuesday	8th	8pm	W.I. - Resolutions Meeting (Olympic Theme)
Sunday	13th	9:30am	Soulbury Breakfast
Monday	21st	7pm	Parish Council Meeting (Parish Hall)
Sat & Sun	26th & 27th		Open Gardens Weekend



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