

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH NEWS

Dear all, Trust you are well---here goes.

Hello from the Vicarage. I think Autumn is a lovely time---some people say the loveliest of all. Crisper mornings, misty days and that special unique quality of light. The leaves turning brown and falling might not be so great! September turning into October brings us the great Harvest celebrations which only took off in the way we know the festival in the 1820's in Morwenstow, Cornwall. As time has gone on we've added all sorts of extra 'bits' such as lunches, suppers, 'traffic light' soup, auctions of produce for Church funds or other charities or donating to food banks like our local one in Milton Keynes. There's also an increasing awareness of the global nature of the farming business. It's a great opportunity to give thanks to our farmers and fisherman, food processors, retailers and distributors. But also and above all to give thanks to God our Father-creator for the pattern of our birth, growth and evolutionary development.

Increasingly I see very little real fundamental conflict between science and faith in this area---they are just different languages for the same thing and indeed frequently complement one another.

We are still in the early stages of understanding the human mind and I suspect that the seat of all our drives and motivations will be found there rather than in our bowels, liver or heart as we have formerly believed. However things work out in this exciting area of research, we still give thanks to our creator-God for all He gives us through the wonderful world of nature.

Enjoy and God Bless to you all---Philip.

HARVEST FESTIVAL and HARVEST SUPPER: We had a good congregation at Harvest Festival on Sunday September 23rd. The church looked lovely, decorated with fruit, vegetables and flowers. Many, many thanks to all those who brought along their contributions of harvest produce to the service and thanks especially to the ladies who decorated the window ledges, pulpit and font with such colourful arrangements. In his sermon Philip remarked that in fact it has not been a very good harvest this year because of the rotten weather – rain and cold at the wrong time. So I suspect that a lot of the produce came, not from local gardens but from local supermarkets! But someone grew them somewhere, for which we are very grateful. Last year we had a glut of apples and plums, but this year there were very few, a pattern repeated throughout the country, so I understand.

The supper in the Parish Hall was attended by a full house of very friendly, jolly people who all seemed to have a good time. The food was excellent, delicious meat pie and veg. and such tempting puddings, roulades and gateau and very sticky toffee pudding **and all extremely bad for one's figure!!** Thank you very, very much to all those who did so much to make it the traditional success it was, especially to Margaret Rowe and her helpers.

The sum of £515 was made for the Church and the raffle made £130 which will be donated to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution which is a charity that helps farmers facing need, hardship or distress.

Our **PATRONAL SERVICE** falls on the nearest Sunday to All Saints Day, November 1st and this year the Rev. Derek Witchell, our team Vicar from Wing has very kindly offered to lead the Parish Communion Service on Sunday October 28th. It would be great if we had a good congregation to welcome Derek to his first Patronal Service here in Soulbury, so put the date in your diaries and please come along.

PARISH NEWS

SOCIAL GROUP : The next meeting is on Thursday October 11th in the Parish Hall at 2.30pm. Now the winter is coming, take this opportunity to get out and meet your neighbours, otherwise you might be indoors too much, going potty with boredom and loneliness. We are a very friendly lot and you will get a warm welcome. What do we do? Talk and eat cake and drink tea. The meeting after that, is on Wednesday October 24th, same time, same place. See you there.

BOOK CLUB : Will meet on Wednesday October 10th at 2.30pm at the home of Mrs Margaret Owen, The Old Vicarage, to talk about "Howard's End" by E.M. Forster and other things as well.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

QUIZ AND SUPPER EVENING: On Saturday October 13th we are holding another Quiz Evening with a delicious supper to sharpen the brain, in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Tables of up to four people but if you are an odd number, we can accommodate everyone somehow. It costs £10.00 a head (children free). Please bring your own drinks and glasses. If you would like to reserve a place or table, please phone Elizabeth on 270838 or Christine on 270377.

WORK PARTY: This will take place on Saturday October 6th from 10.00am till noon and again in the afternoon from 2pm till 4pm. What happens? Well, a group of people get together to clear overgrown areas of the Millennium Green, to prune, cut back trees, blackthorn and brambles and basically tidy up. We may have a bonfire, depending on the weather, and will position it as far from the houses that back on to the Green as is possible, so we don't cause a bother. Apologies to the resident who complained last month. We plan to have a work party on the first Saturday of every month in future.

It's been a poor harvest this year in the orchard – very few apples, no plums to speak of, a few pears but some good blackberries. I will never know whether it was my pruning of the fruit trees that ruined the crop but then the weather was cold and wet so I'm sticking to the story that it was the weather's fault!!

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The WI would like to thank all those who supported the recent coffee morning and sale. Together with donations and a contributions from Wing Surgery, a total of £290.30 was raised for this worthwhile charity.

SOULBURY ENDOWED SCHOOL TRUST

The trustees will meet in December to consider the applications for a grant and any child in Soulbury aged between 14 and 18 years on the 31st December can apply for a grant towards any items that will help their education. An application form can be found on www.soulbury.org and should be submitted before the end of November.

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Sunday	14th October	11:30am	Parish Communion - Rev. Philip Derbyshire
Sunday	21st October	11:30am	Parish Communion - Rev. Derek Witchell
Sunday	28th October	11:30am	Patronal Service - Rev. Derek Witchell
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Tuesdays	2nd, 16th, 30th		Food Bin & General Waste (Green Lid)
Tuesdays	9th & 23rd		Food Bin & Recycling (Blue Lid)
Tuesday	9th October	8pm	W.I.
Thursday	11th October	2:30pm	Social Club
Saturday	13th October	7:30pm	Millennium Green Quiz Night
Monday	15th October	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting (Parish hall)
Sunday	25th November	9:30am	Soulbury Breakfast (Parish Hall)



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