

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH NEWS

Message from Philip:

Dear friends, Harvest - what an amazing time of the year. Hard work for farmers and all those connected with the land and a great time of celebration for those of us who see God as the originator of the 'idea' of the rhythm of nature. I've personally never understood the simply rationalist view that it just kind of happens for no rhyme or reason. For me design indicates a designer: we accept that a BMW is designed, doesn't just happen, so why not the natural world. And yes, things do go wrong in nature - so they do with your car, central heating, fridge etc.....

There have been many attempts to explain away God or belief in the divine and none which actually hold water intellectually: witness the floundering attempts by Richard Dawkins to trash religion rather than trying to enter into a dialogue with those of a different position. When we take a merely rationalist view of life, see awe and wonder drop out of the picture: look at the ludicrous attempts after the French and Russian revolutions to create cults of pure reason, merely aping the more silly aspects of religious practice.

The Psalmist spoke of the wonder of looking into the sky and giving thanks to God and acknowledging our smallness in the great scheme of things and God responding by coming to us in His Son Jesus Christ to share a message of hope for those who had nothing. Enjoy Autumn as we prepare for moving into the season for warm coats, hats and gloves whilst pondering the great rhythm of life we are a part of. Every Blessing, Philip.

The **harvest supper** raised over £400 for Church funds. The raffle for RABI made over £100. Many thanks to all those who helped.

The **Christmas sing-a-long** is to be held on Saturday 7th December - details to follow next month.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council meeting took place in the Parish Hall on Monday 16th September. The next meeting will take place on Monday 21st October 2013 at 19:30. All are welcome.

Parish Councillor Vacancy: A vacancy has arisen on the Parish Council. Does this interest you? To find out more, please contact Cllr Vic Wright on 01525 270537 for an informal chat in the first instance.

Cllr Neil Blake (District Councillor): We would like to congratulate Neil on being elected as Leader of Aylesbury Vale District Council.

Christmas Tree: We are looking to buy a similar size tree to that of last year and expect tree and delivery to cost approximately £80. Again, we feel this amount is too much to expect from one sponsor, so we are respectfully asking for several contributions. If you feel that you can help out with a donation towards this year's tree, please contact Cllr Vic Wright on 01525 270537.

Please see flyer for this month's extra news!

CRICKET CLUB

With the 2013 season coming to a close, advance notice is given of the forthcoming Annual Buffet Dinner and Presentation Night which will take place on Saturday 23rd November at Aylesbury Vale Golf Club. To book your place or for further information please contact Martin French on 01525 240771. We wish Kate Mead a speedy recovery after her recent eye operation.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

Do come along for lots of fun on SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2ND to a bonfire party on the green at 6pm. Make a guy competition for children and adults bring your carved pumpkins along to be judged. Games for children.

BBQ – burgers and sausages, bring your own drink.

Free entry but donations towards the upkeep of the Green will be gratefully received.

We have LOGS FOR SALE AT £1.00 for 10KGS, HAY as well and there are still some plums, apples and pears (not quite ripe) to pick. Greengages and Victoria plums have all gone.

SOULBURY FETE NEWS

The total amount raised by the fete and raffle was **£2,816.93**

This is a magnificent sum, which will be used towards the day-to-day running expenses of All Saints' Church, Soulbury which costs about £1,000 a month.

The Parochial Church Council would like to express their very grateful thanks to all those who contributed in any way:

The Committee

Those who donated raffle prizes

All those who ran stalls on the day

Those who donated goods/prizes for the stalls

Those who helped with set up before the event, and especially those who cleared up

The Commercial Stalls

Bunty & John and Ian & Heather for their co-operation and support

And anyone else I have forgotten!

Mrs Chris Bryant, Treasurer, All Saints' Soulbury PCC.

The **SOULBURY BREAKFAST** made £308. Thank you to all who came and enjoyed a freshly cooked breakfast, The next Breakfast is on November 17th so please put the date in your diary.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING There will be a coffee morning for the above on Friday 25th October from 10am until midday in the Parish Hall. Bring and buy, books and cakes will be welcome but all items not sold to be collected on the day. This event is being organised by Soulbury W.I.

W.I. NEWS After a break in August it was back to business for our members this month. Gay Henrick our president welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed and matters arising were discussed. It was agreed that our trip to Burghley House had been a most enjoyable day. The venue for our Christmas meal was announced along with an indication of the cost. Once the business was completed we then welcomed our speaker, Gill Williams, who is a very active member of the WI having served for several years on the committee of the Bucks. Federation of Women's Institutes. Her talk was entitled "Holiday of a Lifetime". It was 1999 and it was suggested to Gill that she accompany her husband on a visit to Canada. After deciding that the WI could manage without her for a few weeks, plans were put in place for the trip. We then accompanied Gill and her husband on a photographic journey through Canada. After flying out of England the first port of call was Toronto where Gil and her husband spent a few days at a ski lodge. They then travelled on to Niagara and visited the magnificent falls. Next they moved on to Stony Creek, the location of the origin of the WI Movement. After flying to Calgary they then travelled on to Banff. Lastly a train ride to Vancouver brought the Holiday of a Lifetime to an end, a holiday we felt privileged to share. After a vote of thanks proposed by Jean Housley we all partook of the delicious refreshments. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday October 8th, the speaker will be Martin Townsey, head gardener at Woburn.



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Sun. 6th Oct. - 11:30am	Morning Worship	Andrew & Leslie Berry	
Sun. 13th Oct. - 11:30am	Parish Communion	Rev. Philip Derbyshire	
Sun. 20th Oct. - 11:30am	Parish Communion	Rev. Ian Ogilvie	
Sun. 27th Oct. - 11:30am	Parish Communion	Rev. Ian Ogilvie	
Sun. 3rd Nov. - 11:00am	Team Eucharist WING	Rev. Philip Derbyshire	No service in Soulbury

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Tuesdays	8th & 22nd		Food Bin & Recycling (Blue Lid)
Mondays	14th & 28th		Garden Waste (Brown Bin)
Tuesday	8th		W.I. - Martin Townsey (Head Gardener, Woburn)
	10th & 23rd	2:30pm	Social Group
Monday	21st	7:30pm	Parish Open Meeting (Parish Hall)
Friday	25th	10:00am	MacMillan Coffee Morning
Saturday	26th	7:30pm	Pudding Night



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