

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH NEWS

Message from Philip:

Dear friends, I wonder how you spent the Summer- resting, travelling, planning, worrying? This past few weeks I've been privileged to conduct several weddings in various churches, baptised several small people and prepared some much bigger and older people for Confirmation as well as spending time alongside those who have lost a loved one.

These are called 'the occasional offices' of the Church which is odd really because they occur quite often really! I've been ordained over 31 years now and I have met thousands of individuals and families/groups of friends in these differing circumstances. Each time it's special and heart-warming to be allowed to enter into these times of joy, anguish, even humour. When cynics speak of there being no God or nothing 'out there' I often feel it is because they have not felt that privilege of being alongside someone in a moment of great vulnerability and cannot imagine anything beyond their immediate circumstances or experience.

When Moses encountered the divine in the burning bush he shook off his sandals because he was on 'holy ground' and I believe this is what we encounter when we enter into someone else's unique experience. What's more, this doesn't have to happen in a special religious building or using weird specialist words but in the everyday ordinary circumstances of life. As Autumn approaches why not find a place of quiet a place in nature or even on a busy street and try to sense the 'otherness' of life and not just the mundane and obvious. Happy hunting! God Bless ,Philip.

COTTESLOE TEAM TREASURE HUNT:

Over the weekend of Saturday September 7th and Sunday September 8th a Treasure Hunt has been organised for all 8 parishes in the Team i.e. Soulbury, Wing, Stewkley, Cublington, Aston Abbotts, Wingrave, Cheddington and Mentmore. Churches will be open all day so that participants can search for the answers to the questions, an example of which you will find below. At 4 o'clock on Sunday September 8th in Wingrave church, you are invited to tea and cakes (Wingrave is famous for its delicious teas); you will be able to hand in your answer sheet; it will be marked; the winner announced and prizes!! awarded. As for cost, it is suggested you give a donation to the church of your choice and, of course, a contribution towards the tea at Wingrave.

Question sheets will be available from the church here at Soulbury or from Jane Luxton on 270493 or Christine Sheppard on 270377.

A sample of questions:

Aston Abbotts:

1. If you explore the churchyard, you will find the tomb of someone famous here.
2. The churchyard's youngest resident? How old was little Annie?
3. What has three locks?

Now, off you go on your search and Good Luck!

CRICKET CLUB

Soulbury Village Cricket Club have been taking advantage of the good weather this summer, with only a couple of cancelled matches when one or other team has been unable to field a side. They have also been very fortunate in a social visit from England Captain, Alistair Cook when his brother-in-law was playing at Soulbury in an evening match. A number of Club members offered advice on how to win matches! Also Peter Baxter called in and left posters for his tour with Henry Blofeld "Memories of Test Match Special". For more information of dates and venues, please see the website memoriesoftestmatchspecial.com . Perhaps not so fortunate was a recent encounter at Drayton Parslow. Soulbury were heading for win when "ringer" Darren Gough was brought in very near to the end of the match to hit a few choice shots and win the match for Drayton! The planned Quiz has had to be put on hold due to a clash with other local events. Throughout September Soulbury will be playing at home every Sunday, weather permitting. The matches commence at 13:00 as it is beginning to get dark earlier. Refreshments available - all welcome. (see next page for fixtures)

SOCIAL GROUP

On Thursday September 12th we are having a little outing to Dobbie's Garden Centre. Meet at the Chapel Hill rock at 2.30pm for a lift.

GRINLING GIBBONS MONUMENT

In order to raise funds for All Saints Church, and in particular to help restore the Grinling Gibbons monument, there will be an event in London for which tickets are being sold. It will be held on Wednesday October 16th at 6.30 pm in the Church Hall of St Columba's Church in Pont Street, near Knightsbridge. The speaker is Robert Salisbury and he will tell us about Life at Hatfield. If anybody is interested please contact Nadine Bonsor for more details (nadinebonsor@waitrose.com). The tickets will be sold at half price for anybody from Soulbury as it is, after all, our Church.

SOULBURY BREAKFAST

It's back! The event that you have all been waiting for. The Soulbury Breakfast returns on Sunday 15th September - starting at 9:30am in the Parish Hall. Come along and join friends, old and new. If you have visitors for the weekend - bring them along too!

JOHN O'GROATS TO LANDS END

You will be happy to hear that Ele Parrott and Emma Beasley have completed their challenge of cycling from John O'Groats to Lands End. They battled good old British summer weather, challenging hills and many pot holes to finish in 10 days, and have raised in excess of £6000 in aid of Action This Day charity. The girls would like to thank all those who have sponsored them and sent encouraging wishes.

SOULBURY FETE If anyone has any comments or ideas about the fete, please send them to soulburynews@btinternet.com and we will pass them on. Thank you.

SOPHIE JAMES : WORLD CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Andrea Hamilton for winning the raffle, ticket No 142, for First class tickets with London Midland. Raffle was drawn at The Boot on Saturday 17th August by Stewart.

JUMBLE SALE - Soulbury Parish Hall. Saturday 28th September, 1pm-4:30pm. Refreshments will be served, Donations will be greatly appreciated. Happy to collect or drop off from Saturday 7th September please contact me via **07982 877763** or Sophiejames.thatsme@aol.com

PUDDING NIGHT - Treat yourself, catch-up with friends whilst indulging in scrummy homemade puddings. Saturday 26th October, 7:30pm-10:30pm. £6 a ticket- BYO drinks, Tea and coffee will be available, Go on- it's a great evening out for all!

Please help support me in raising the £3,750 needed for my World Challenge expedition-July 2014 - Thank you. Sophie James

(It's free to support me if you shop on line, think of me whilst ordering presents, your favourite book, CD, booking hotels, flight, even your grocery shop, all you have to do is register a few details at <http://www.easyfundraiser.org.uk/causes/sophiejames>)

A THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM BOB HAMILTON

I would like to thank everybody who supported my fund raising efforts for "Help The Hospices" I exceeded my target of raising £1000 and completed the 100 miles in more than an hour less the Boris!

CAROLYN WRIGHTON

(Nee Kimble) We are sorry to report the passing of Carolyn on 22nd August after a long illness. Our thoughts are with all the family.

CRICKET FIXTURES

1st Sept Ebury Strollers
8th Sept Bletchley Cavaliers
15th Sept Buckingham 2nd XI
22nd Sept Bletchley Printers
29th Sept James Bonsor

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

We have hay, logs and some of the fruit in the orchard is ready to pick. If you would like hay or logs, please phone Jon on 270377. Hay prices are negotiable and logs are 10 kilos for £1.00. Greengages and Victoria plums are just ready for picking. Help yourselves.

Work party takes place on Saturday September 7th from 10am 'til noon and from 2pm 'til 4pm. Please come along and help.



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Sun. 1st Sept. - 11:30am	Morning Worship	Andrew & Leslie Berry	Shoe Box Campaign
Sun. 8th Sept. - 11:30am	Parish Communion	Rev. Philip Derbyshire	
Sun. 15th Sept. - 11:30am	Parish Communion	Rev. Derek Witchell	
Sun. 22nd Sept. - 11:30am	Harvest Festival	Rev. Philip Derbyshire	
Sun. 29th Sept. - 10:00am	Service at Stewkley		No service at Soulbury

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Wednesdays	11th & 25th	11:15am- 11:35am	Mobile Library - Stewkley Road Bus Stop
Tuesdays	3rd & 17th		Food Bin & General Waste (Green Lid)
Tuesdays	10th & 24th		Food Bin & Recycling (Blue Lid)
Mondays	2nd & 16th		Garden Waste (Brown Bin)
Tuesday	10th		W.I. - Gill William, The Rocky Mountains
	12th & 25th	2:30pm	Social Group
Sunday	15th	9:30am	Soulbury Breakfast (Parish Hall)
Monday	23rd		Harvest Supper



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