

# Neighbourhood

## News

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### **“In the beginning was the WORD”**

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2012 the congregation of St Laurence Church welcomed the Bishop of Sherbourne Dr. Graham Kings at a Bible Celebration and Blessing of a new, Bible Lectern.

The beautiful, contemporary designed lectern made from glass and English Oak by master designer and woodworker Alan Tilbury who lives within the Parish and whose work may also be seen in Lambeth Palace now stands in the Lady Chapel underneath the window dedicated to the Rev'd Francis Fisher who first 'found' the Bible in 1858 and who carved the oak binding.

During the singing of the Processional hymn, 'Thou, whose almighty word' the King James Bible was brought into the church as part of the procession and placed in the new, Bible Lectern a fitting modern resting place in this its 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.

During the service which included a hymn with words written especially for the service by George May, an arrangement of Psalm 121 and an Anthem sung by a combined choir from across the deanery conducted by Haydn Williams the Bishop blessed the new lectern with the words, “In the Faith of Christ and for the benefit of this holy Church, we dedicate this Bible lectern to the Glory of God”

In his sermon the Bishop reminded us of the hardship, persecution and even the death of those who had strived to bring the words of the Scriptures to the 'ordinary' person in their own language.

Our Rector Rev'd Alison Way thanked the Bishop, the congregation and all those who had helped to bring this day to fruition.

The service was followed by tea and delicious cakes in the Church Hall.

Sections from the service were broadcast on BBC Wiltshire Radio on Sunday morning the

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2012.



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## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2012

*All are welcome at the Annual Parish Meeting*, and you will be eligible to vote for Churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council if your name appears on the 2012 *Church Electoral Roll*.

**The Annual Parish Meeting this year is on Sunday 11th March, starting at 12 noon, after the 11am Family Service (as well as refreshments!)**

If your name is on the 2011 roll (to be seen on church noticeboards) and you wish it to remain, you need do nothing.

If you would like to put your name on the roll for 2012, if you live in Hilmarton parish and/or attend the church and you are aged 16\* or over, please use a form to enrol.

You will find a form in this newsletter, or forms are available in church or obtained from the PCC Electoral Roll Officer, Sally Fox: 01249 891442, or [sally\\_fox@btinternet.com](mailto:sally_fox@btinternet.com)

\*If you have your sixteenth birthday during the next 12 months, you may complete the form and will then be entered on the form on your 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Please return all completed forms **by Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2012** to Church, by e-mail, or to Sally Fox, Thickthorn House, 44 Preston, Chippenham, Wilts, SN15 4DY Thank you

## **CORRECTION - The BIG Benefice Barn Dance is on Saturday 7th July**

### **THANKYOU!**

I would like to thank all members of the local community who responded to my article in the December Parish newsletter. I have received many donations of curtains and warm clothing. These have gone to help members of the Parish and surrounding area who are in need. All donations have been very gratefully accepted.

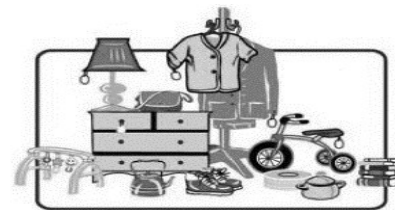
### **THE YEAR AHEAD!**

Do contact me for any information or to be put in touch with service providers. I can provide information on a variety of topics, including (but not limited to):

Transport for shopping/health visits  
Where to get Financial advice about benefits

Local social clubs and meetings  
Home security & Safety No  
query too small!

Emma Dowie Good Neighbour Co-Ordinator for Hilmarton, Compton Bassett & Bremhill Tel: 07557 922029



## **INDOOR TABLE TOP SALE**

An H.S.A event with proceeds going to Hilmarton School

**SUNDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2012**

10:00am to 12:00pm Hilmarton School Hall

**\*\*\* Admission 50p - Children Free\*\*\***

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Bacon Butties, Tea & Coffee available

Sellers: £5 per table - Set up from 9:00am

To Book a Table contact Stacey Fielding

07967270948 or email [philding@orange.net](mailto:philding@orange.net)

If you don't want to take a table but want to have a clear-out then you can donate items to the H.S.A. to sell, all profits go to the School. Please contact Stacey Fielding

Through 2012 the printed copies of Neighbourhood News are kindly produced by Wilkins Builders Ltd. Tel:822433

The Library Bus will be at the School Hall Car Park on between 1.30 and 1.50pm on 6th & 20th February

### THE CHAPEL ACTIVITIES IN FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	8th./15th./22nd./29th.	6:00pm	Worship	CONTACT
TUESDAY	STARTS AGAIN IN	FEBRUARY	Knitti Natters	Joan Sparrow
WEDNESDAY	11th. & 25th.	2:00pm	Ladies Meeting	760227
WEDNESDAY	4th.	10:00 - 11:30am	Coffee Morning	
THURSDAY	STARTS AGAIN IN	FEBRUARY	Smile Group	
FRIDAYS	6th./13th./20th./29th.	2:30pm	at Audrey Pegler's	Dauntsey

### Phoenix Group

Would you like to meet more people in the village, hear interesting talks (many of local interest or by local speakers) or try something new? Have you considered joining the Phoenix Group? We are a friendly group of ladies who meet on the second Tuesday of every month (except August) in the Hilmarton Community Room. Meetings begin at 7:30pm usually with a talk or demonstration and this is followed by light refreshments. Membership costs £15 for the year and subscriptions are due now. All meetings are also open to non-members (including men!) for a fee of £2 and everyone contributes £1 towards refreshments and a raffle ticket.

The next meeting is on February 14<sup>th</sup> when Clive Alabaster will talk about wood turning and carving. Clive lives in Hilmarton village and many of you will have seen his work, including the splendid candlestick in St Laurence's Church. This meeting is your chance to hear from Clive about how he makes some of his pieces and to ask him about the aspects of wood working that have been puzzling you. Everyone is welcome. More details from Ruth Allen (01249 760205) or Tina Walker (01249 822531)

### WILTSHIRE MOVIOLA

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In the bleak days of the Cold War, espionage veteran George Smiley (Gary Oldman) is forced from semi-retirement to uncover a Soviet agent within MI6's impenetrable echelons.

In Hilmarton Parish Church Hall

**Saturday 25 February**

**at 7.30pm**

*Doors open 7.00 pm*

**Tickets: £5.00**

From:

- the Post Office, Poynder Place, Hilmarton
- The Calne Visitor Centre, Bank House, The Strand, Calne
- Breda Cottage, Church Rd, Hilmarton

For more info call Geoff Procter on: 01249 760312

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### Hilmarton Gardening Club

As I write this in January I am reminded of Alan Christopher telling us that in February we should be getting our dahlias started for this summer. That's all very well, but I haven't purchased this year's dahlias yet!!! And I'm almost certain that last year's will not have survived the winter. Also, now is a good time to get peppers and aubergines going – if you have enough heat and light for them.

Our February meeting is all about Owls – Mike Gates from the Owl Society will give a talk on owl conservation and bring some of his feathered friends with him. The meeting starts at 7.30pm – doors open 7pm. Membership of £5 is due and the entry cost is £2 for members and £3 for guests. Refreshments will be served and there will be a raffle. Everyone is welcome – we're a very friendly club!

It is also the evening of our AGM and we will be electing a new committee, our Constitution allows us 7 members on the committee, Joanne Brett, Sue Cowell, Lesley Hudson, Joanne Pointer and Geoff Procter will be standing for re-election. If you would like to put your name forward please contact Sue Cowell (Secretary) by letter (to Glebe House, Hilmarton) or e-mail ([r.w.cowell@btinternet.com](mailto:r.w.cowell@btinternet.com)) by 14 February. If you would like to put another person's name forward please ensure you have their permission. If more than 7 people are nominated we will hold an election.

The year's programme is on both notice boards, and as soon as the new committee is elected individual programme cards will be produced and distributed. A trip to Mottisfont Abbey and the Hillier Gardens is being arranged for 16 June 2012. The coach fare is £15 pp approx and entrance to Mottisfont and the Hillier Gardens will be payable separately. Mottisfont costs £8.50 (free to National Trust members) and the Hillier Gardens costs £8.50 – costs will be less depending on how many people wish to attend. A board to sign showing interest will be available at this month's meeting.

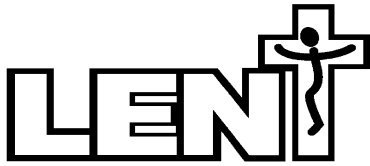
A visit to Hidcote and Snowhill is being arranged for September and if there is enough interest we can visit Wisley in early September to see their flower show (free entry as we are Associate Members.)

Dave Kee, who kindly looks after our seed order has agreed to place another order for plants, sundries and seeds with Dobies – this will attract a 15% discount for plants and sundries and a 10% discount for seeds. Orders MUST be with Sue Cowell by the meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> March, extra order forms available from Sue and at the meeting.

That's all for this month – happy gardening!!

**If you would like a personal message or advert included in the Neighbourhood News (space permitting), we ask you to please make a donation to one of the Parish Groups named on the front page. Please submit your request to the editors together with your donation, stating the group you support. For more information contact the editing team as below**

**NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS-EDITING TEAM NOTES - ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE MARCH EDITION BY 20th FEBRUARY PLEASE TO : Mel Wilkins 760572 [melwilkins@live.com](mailto:melwilkins@live.com) - Jacquie Henly, Jays Cottage, Compton Road, Hilmarton 760401 [jacquie88@btinternet.com](mailto:jacquie88@btinternet.com) - Geoff Procter, Breda Cottage, Church Road, Hilmarton 760312 [valandgeoff@talktalk.net](mailto:valandgeoff@talktalk.net). FOR MORE NEWS & INFORMATION VISIT THE HILMARTON PARISH WEBSITE [www.hilmarton.org](http://www.hilmarton.org)**



It is gratifying to see the hours of daylight gently increasing, particularly at the end of the day and by the end of this month I am looking forward to it being light until at least 6pm. The increasing moments of daylight each day visibly reminds us that time is always moving on. As we travel onwards this month – we reach the church’s annual time of preparation for Easter, which begins on Ash Wednesday on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Do come to our special benefice communion at St Peter’s Clyffe Pypard at 7:30pm that day, as this is a great way to get started with Lent and to be reassured of God’s amazing forgiveness.

In our services in Lent we will be thinking about the key themes of proclaiming the gospel, worship, service, solidarity and confidence, all of which should be visible in our hearts and our lives as Christians. As a part of Lent discipline this year, each of the churches will be having a communion service using the Book of Common prayer, so do watch out for that. The first one is on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 9:15am in St Lawrence’s Hilmarton – with the ones in other three churches of the benefice following along in March. Also in March we are hoping to have Lent groups meeting weekly across the benefice looking at our key themes and using the Old Testament story of the Israelites in their wilderness and desert times, after they had escaped from Egypt and before they reached the promised land. We will be using a Bible Reading Fellowship Lent book entitled – *The Way of the Desert* by Bishop Andrew Watson to help us with this (ISBN 978 1 84101 798 3), but you do not have to read the book to participate in a group. Details of the groups will be in the churches by mid-February and in the March village newsletters.

With love in Christ, Alison Way

Rector, Benefice of Woodhill, The Rectory, Wood Street, Clyffe Pypard, Wilts, SN4 7PY

Date	HILMARTON	Date	Other Benefice Churches
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>	<b>2pm Worship in the Week (at 48 Poynder Place) Communion followed by tea &amp; coffee</b>	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8:00 Communion, Clyffe Pypard 9:15am Family Communion, Tockenham 11:00am Sung Communion, Broad Town
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>11:00am Family Service</b>	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9:15am Family Communion, Clyffe Pypard 5:00pm Evensong, Tockenham,
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>5:00pm Evensong</b>	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9:15am Family Communion, Broad Town 11:00am Communion, Tockenham
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>		Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	7:30pm Benefice Communion for Ash Wednesday, Clyffe Pypard
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>9:15am Communion from the Book of Common Prayer</b>	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11:00am Family Communion, Clyffe Pypard 5:00pm Evensong, Broad Town

**CHURCH CLEANERS FOR FEBRUARY - 6th February Cynthia Fry & Sally Fox - 13th. & 20th. Jackie Gillam & Cilla Moxey - 27th. Elaine Leighton & Rosemary Wiltshire.**

Thank you to all on the flower rota. If anyone is interested in joining the Church flower team on a regular basis or just occasionally please contact Jasmine McFadzean on 760611.

Enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals or other special services to Rev'd Way, Lay Pastoral Assistant, Val Procter 760312 or Church Warden John Henly 760401

## **Community Corner with Tea Cupboard and WC – St Laurence Church**

So why is there a thermometer outside the Church?

Contrary to popular belief, the thermometer located just outside the Church porch is not displaying the outside temperature or even speculating what the inside temperature might be! Thankfully the weather this winter has so far been quite mild and when cold snaps have coincided with Church Services and other events then we have been doing our best to raise the inside temperature appropriately. The thermometer is showing how well the funds and grants raised and received to date are doing for the Community Corner with Tea Cupboard and WC facilities project.

So much time and effort has gone into the Community Corner Project that I thought it would be good to share with all its supporters where we are and to also share in the tremendous news of a significant boost to the project finances.

The proposal to develop the west end corner of the North Aisle of our Church for this project was agreed by the Parochial Church Council back in September 2006. The original idea to provide facilities, especially a WC, probably goes back many years before this. In November 2007 the Diocesan Advisory Committee, (DAC) gave informal advice and agreed that the scheme is fine in principle and that we should proceed with a formal application. Over the past four years we have consulted with our Architect, the DAC, the National Churches Trust, English Heritage, the Victorian Society and Wiltshire Council as well as preparing detailed drawings and specifications to enable a tendering process to take place to establish a total project cost. None of this could have happened without the generous contributions and fund raising events that have taken place over this time. To coin a popular phrase, "every little helps" and today we find ourselves with a total fund of £22,094.94. This includes a £10,000.00 grant awarded to us on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2011 by the National Churches Trust. Our original target total being £50,000.00

So what is happening next? There was a meeting held in the Church on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2011 to provide an opportunity for informal and general discussion about the plans. The 12<sup>th</sup> Century Church of St Laurence is a Grade 1 listed building and as such, however good and needy a plan/project might be, there are stringent guidelines and processes to follow, especially around consultation. This meeting was arranged by the Diocesan Advisory Committee and was attended by DAC members, including the Archdeacon and the DAC Architect. Other attendees were PCC Members, our appointed Architect, representatives from English Heritage and Wiltshire Council. The final outcome from this meeting resulted in the DAC putting forward an alternative design suggestion where the lavatory and lobby enclosure will be kept behind the existing curtain line in the west end corner of the North Aisle.

To coin another popular phrase, "back to the drawing board" became a reality, although the simplified solution should not impact significantly on the overall cost of the project. New drawings and specifications are currently being prepared and a tender process will have to start again. As soon as I have a total cost I will produce another update but this time hopefully just to keep focused on where we are going and not on all the hoops and hurdles that we have had to negotiate so far. It might be possible to phase the work once the Faculty, (Church of England's mechanism for regulating changes to its Church buildings, their contents and churchyards) has been granted. We are looking into this so we could see phase one; groundwork, (trenching/drainage) etc. starting later this year. This will be a massive step forward and takes us well on the way to realising this project to fruition. In the meantime, if you have any ideas or maybe you are looking for a worthy project to support, then any donations however large or small are still much needed and will be greatly appreciated.

Update to Community Corner with Tea Cupboard and WC, provided by: John Henly – PCC Member and Churchwarden.

# APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL OF THE PARISH OF .....



Full name .....

Full Address .....

..... Postcode .....

I declare that

1. I am baptized and am aged 16 or over, (or, become 16\* on .....

2. \*\*\*

**A** I am a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) and am resident in the parish.

OR

**B** I am a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) and, not being resident in the parish, I have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

OR

**C** I am a member in good standing of a Church (not in communion with the Church of England) which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and also declare myself to be a member of the Church of England and I have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

I declare that the above answers are true and I apply for inclusion on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish.

Signed ..... Date .....

\* Those who become 16 during the next 12 months may complete the form, and become eligible to be entered on the Roll on their sixteenth birthday.

\*\*\* Tick one only of boxes 2A, B or C.

## Notes

1. The only Churches at present in communion with the Church of England are other Anglican Churches and certain foreign Churches.
2. Membership of the electoral roll is also open to members in good standing of a Church not in communion with the Church of England which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity where those members are also prepared to declare themselves to be members of the Church of England.
3. Every six years a new roll is prepared and those on the previous roll are informed so that they can re-apply. If you are not resident in the parish but were on the roll as an habitual worshipper and have been prevented by sickness or absence or other essential reason from worshipping for the past six months, you may write "would" before "have habitually attended" on the form and add "but was prevented from doing so because ....." and then state the reason.
4. If you have any problems over this form, please approach the clergy or lay people responsible for the parish, who will be pleased to help you.
5. In this form "parish" means ecclesiastical parish.