

## Be Yourself

Be yourself!

Don't allow other people to run you.

I will guide you, if you let Me.

Be aware of My presence in everything.

I give you patience, love, joy, peace and life.

Look to Me for your answers.

I am your shepherd and will lead you.

Follow me only! Do not ever forget this.

Listen to Me and I will tell you My will.

Let My love flow from you and spill over to all you touch.

Do not be concerned with yourself.

You are My responsibility.

I will change you, and you will hardly know it is happening.

You are to love yourself and love others simply because I love you.

Take your eyes off yourself! Look only at Me!

I change...I create..., but not when you are trying.

I won't fight your efforts.

You are Mine.

Let Me give you joy, peace, and kindness.

No one else can!

*by Valeri Bedwell*

## Notes from the Picarage

The last few months have been a struggle for many with our seasonal, but relatively extreme weather conditions.

Despite the snow and ice in the week before Christmas we still had a full church for the Carol and Crib services, and, although the weather meant that numbers were slightly down at most services, many people still joined us for worship. Thank you to all the people who helped to make our Christmas services so successful; from the Advent labyrinth to the Midnight Communion.

It has felt like a slow return to normality after Christmas, with the snow and ice continuing to affect so many activities. The housebound Communion service was postponed until 7th February as a result of the weather, and the Mothers Union Christmas/New Year social event also had to be rescheduled, but has now happened, and, from what I hear, a number of members have now got quite handy with some bells.

Fortunately the snow had gone by the day of the New Year lunch and in the end the church rooms were full for an enjoyable social event, after a

bumper 9.30 service.

Some very good news for us in 2010 is that, following his retirement from Woodford and the Addingtons, Canon Peter Gompertz's will be joining us (and Morey!) at St Andrew's as a member of the ministry team and congregation. We look forward to welcoming him here soon, and pray that Morey and Peter's move a bit nearer to Kettering goes well.

Peter has very kindly agreed to lead our Lent Course for this year which he has named Operation Exodus, studies of key passages from the Book of Exodus which then lead into a special Passover meal on Maundy Thursday (1st April). The six sessions are: An Unwilling Agent (24th February), Mission Impossible (3rd March), The Great Escape (10th March), Living in the Drop Zone (17th March), No-one's Indispensable (24th March) and Mission Accomplished (1st April).

Our Lent Appeal will also begin shortly and the PCC wishes us to continue to support projects in the Diocese of Bungoma. Last years appeal was wholeheartedly supported by members of all our congregations, and raised

funds for the SCHAA Sugar Belt Project working with those affected by HIV/AIDS, and for ministerial theological education. Bishop George has asked that these funds be used to provide bursaries for ordination candidates training. We have asked Bishop George to provide us with his nominations for up to four projects to receive funding from our Lent Appeal this year, and will let you know full details in due course.

As many of you will be aware I will be on sabbatical in a few weeks time, and as a result of this we have moved the Annual Parochial Church Meeting forward to 27th February. Thank you to Kath and Rosemary in particular for their flexibility and willingness to take on the extra work as PCC secretary and treasurer respectively. Thank you also to all the members of the Ministry Team who will collectively take on more to enable me to take this time away from St Andrew's. One of the major ways I will use this time is by visiting Churches that operate as Arts Centres or Venues. It is my hope that we will be able to develop St Andrew's as a venue for the town, so I hope to learn from others brainwaves and mistakes!

I have had some very exciting news about a possible event to be held in St Andrew's at the beginning of March. I can't give details yet as it isn't quite finalised, but suffice to say we may be hosting a very high profile personality in their field of expertise... More details next month I hope! It will be fantastic to have such a fantastic event just before I head off on my sabbatical, and will give real momentum to this new project.

And finally, the family of Solomon York, members of our Tiny Tots and 9.30 congregations, would like me to raise awareness of a sponsored walk that Solomon's dad Tim is doing in February. Tim will be walking the length of Hadrian's Wall to raise funds for Little Hearts Matter, which supports children like Solomon with Tricuspid Atresia, (half a working heart). If you would like more information or to pledge money please go to [www.justgiving.com/hadrianswall2010](http://www.justgiving.com/hadrianswall2010)

your Priest-in-Charge,

*Nick*

PS. Am I the only one who thinks Peter has hidden a couple of messages about my sabbatical in those Lent Course Session titles (10th and 24th March)?

## Services for February 2010

|                        |         |                     |
|------------------------|---------|---------------------|
| Monday 1st February    | 10.00am | A Time to Pray      |
| Wednesday 3rd February | 10.00am | Holy Communion      |
| Thursday 4th February  | 10.30am | Tiny Tots in Church |
| Saturday 6th February  | 6.00pm  | Saint and Drew      |

### **Sunday 7th February - 2nd Sunday before Lent**

***\*Jesus - why did he die on the cross?***

|                      |        |                      |
|----------------------|--------|----------------------|
| <i>Romans 5:6-11</i> | 8.00am | Holy Communion       |
| <i>Mark 15:21-32</i> | 9.30am | Sung Communion       |
|                      | 3.00pm | Housebound Communion |
|                      | 6.00pm | Evensong             |

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|-------------------------|---------|---------------------|
| Monday 8th February     | 10.00am | A Time to Pray      |
| Wednesday 10th February | 10.00am | Holy Communion      |
| Thursday 11h February   | 10.30am | Tiny Tots in Church |
| Saturday 13 February    |         | No Saint and Drew   |

### **Sunday 14th February - Sunday next before Lent**

***\*Christian - how do I become one?***

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|----------------------|---------|----------------|
| <i>1 John 4:7-12</i> | 8.00am  | Holy Communion |
| <i>Luke 9:1-10</i>   | 9.30am  | Parade Service |
|                      | 11.15am | Holy Communion |
|                      | 6.00pm  | Evensong       |

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|---|---------|--|
| Monday 15th February                                | 10.00am | A Time to Pray                             |
| Wednesday 17th February<br>( <b>Ash Wednesday</b> ) | 10.00am | Holy Communion<br>(MU Corporate Communion) |
|   | 7.30pm  | Holy Communion                             |
| Thursday 18th February                              | 10.30am | Tiny Tots in Church                        |
| Saturday 20th February                              |         | No Saint and Drew                          |

## **Sunday 21st February - 1st Sunday of Lent**

### ***\*Christian - How do I become one?***

|                       |        |                    |
|-----------------------|--------|--------------------|
| <i>Romans 10:8-15</i> | 8.00am | Holy Communion     |
| <i>John 3:1-21</i>    | 9.30am | Sung Communion     |
|                       | 6.00pm | Together in Praise |

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|-------------------------|---------|---------------------|
| Monday 22nd February    | 10.00am | A Time to Pray      |
| Wednesday 24th February | 10.00am | Holy Communion      |
| Thursday 25th February  | 10.30am | Tiny Tots in Church |
| Saturday 27th February  | 6.00pm  | Saint and Drew      |

## **Sunday 28th February - 2nd Sunday of Lent**

### ***\*Reading and applying the Bible***

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|-----------------------|--------|----------------|
| <i>Acts 8:26-40</i>   | 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| <i>Matthew 4:1-11</i> | 9.30am | Sung Communion |
|                       | 6.00pm | Evensong       |

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|---------------------|---------|---------------------|
| Monday 1st March    | 10.00am | A Time to Pray      |
| Wednesday 3rd March | 10.00am | Holy Communion      |
| Thursday 4th March  | 10.30am | Tiny Tots in Church |
| Saturday 6th March  | 6.00pm  | Saint and Drew      |

## **Sunday 7th March- 3rd Sunday of Lent**

### ***\*Prayer***

|                   |        |                |
|-------------------|--------|----------------|
| Philippians 4:4-9 | 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| Matthew 6:5-15    | 9.30am | Sung Communion |
|                   | 6.00pm | Evensong       |

***\* Themes for preaching at the 9.30 am service***

## Bible Diets

In the new year diets are in fashion and the bible offers some advice and pointers on how to proceed!

- ◆ Be not anxious for what you shall eat.. (Luke 12:22).
- ◆ For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty.. (Proverbs 23:21).
- ◆ The Kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.. (Romans 14:17).
- ◆ Man does not live by bread alone.. (Matthew 4:4).
- ◆ And his food was locusts and wild honey (Matthew 3:4)
- ◆ Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles. (Genesis 25:34) (in exchange for which Esau gave his brother his birthright).
- ◆ All we have here are five loaves and two fish. (Matthew 14:17).

### And some diets to avoid ...

The dodgy apple diet - look what happened to Adam and Eve!

And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning and bread and flesh in the evening. (1 Kings 17:6).



## Christmas Sudoku Answers (from December Issue)

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## Ride and Stride

*The annual sponsored Ride and Stride to raise funds for county Historic Churches Trusts had a good year in 2009. In Northamptonshire sponsorship increased considerably to £30,000, and in Rutland they raised almost 50p per head of population (nearly £18,500 in 2009).*

It is nearly 30 years since this national event started running, organised by volunteers from each county's Historic Churches Trust. Participants, on bikes, on foot or even on horseback, choose their own route, visiting as many churches as they can on the second Saturday in September. Fifty per cent of the sponsorship they raise goes to the church or chapel of their choice and the remainder goes into a fund held by the county Trust.

Churches and chapels can apply to their local Trust for help with the costs of essential repairs. Last year the Northampton-shire Historic Churches Trust gave away £22,250 in grants, including £2,000 to help tackle wet rot at St Mary's, Geddington, and £2,500 to replace a timber floor at St Andrew's, Wold.

"The Ride and Stride is an excellent day out for those who take part," says John White, Chairman of NHCT. "People can not only enjoy a cycle ride or a walk with family and friends, but also visit churches that are often locked, and raise funds to help preserve our heritage."

"This year there were two cyclists who visited 60 of the 65 churches that were open - a round trip of over 100 miles! The Ketton Krankers won the team prize and 74 year old John Williams won the walkers' prize for his marathon 20 mile hike, through which he raised £400." If you would like to take part in this September's Ride and Stride you can find your local contact via the national Ride and Stride website, **[www.rideandstrideuk.org](http://www.rideandstrideuk.org)**

## For your diaries ... part one

St. Andrew's Ladies Group will be holding a Coffee Morning in the Church Rooms on Saturday 6th March 2010 from 10 am to 12 noon. Refreshments, Cake Stall, Raffle, etc. Come along and join us.

There will be a coffee morning on Wednesday February 10th from 10.30 at 8, Headlands, the home of Trevor and Margaret Hopkins. And it is *not being done as a fund raiser!*



It is meant just as a time to come with or without friends, chat and watch a very short video about Mothers' Union work. And if you are unable to come on the Wednesday, do not despair.

There will be a similar one on Saturday February 13th, again from 10.30. And you don't have to be a member, in fact you don't even have to be a woman to be welcome!

The Social Committee will be organising lunches in the Church Rooms during Lent from 12 noon to 2 pm. The aim is to raise money for the Lent Appeal, Bungoma. The first one will take place on Friday 19th February and run until Good Friday when we will be having our usual Hunger Lunch.

Please support us.

## St Andrew's Ladies

For our November meeting we went to Jeyes in Earls Barton. It started as a pharmacy and has now expanded to a gift shop, Dolly Lodge, Children's store, fun of the fair model exhibition, and Earls Barton Museum of village life.

We started with a look around then had supper, really delicious and reasonably priced, followed by another look around, many of us buying some very different Christmas gifts.

In December we sold presents and jam jars with gifts in for 50p and also guess the doll's birthday at the community fair. We made £142, up on last year, and sold out of the children's gifts.

Also in December we delivered gifts and cards made by the art group for the over 80s of the congregation, which we rounded off with our usual fish and chips in the church rooms.

Our cake stall after church on Sunday 6th December made £29 for our charity fund. Thanks to everyone who made cakes for it.

We are having a **Coffee Morning** on **Saturday March 6th** 10-12 noon, selling cakes and holding a raffle to raise funds for the flower festival. It will be held in the church rooms.

On Thursday 18th February Nigel Stoke will be giving a talk about Victorian bottles. Coffee : Veronica and Margaret."

*Doreen Hancock.*

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*Mothers' Union is a Christian mission organisation working through grassroots membership to support families and communities around the world*

## **2010**

Our New Year party was postponed for one week because of heavy snow and slippery ice. The weather failed to dampen the spirits of almost thirty of our members, plus guests, who



literally rang in the New Year at our MU party on Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. We invited Julie Woolley, from Guilsborough, to bring a set of twelve beautifully chiming handbells with her. Members needed little encouragement to join in making music, including Westminster chimes and well known carols. This was followed by a bell ringing and a 'Where in the world?' picture quiz. A delicious afternoon buffet tea was prepared by committee members. Each branch member brought a gift for the tombola and was able to select a gift to take home.

We were delighted to welcome Judy Mitchell into branch membership as she was enrolled by Rev Audrey Clarke. We also congratulated Audrey on her appointment as Vice chairman of Peterborough Diocese MU.

## **AGM**

Our next meeting will be our AGM which will be held on February 4<sup>th</sup> in the Jacques room, starting at 2pm. All members are invited to attend this important meeting. The business side is usually conducted very swiftly and will be followed by an interesting way of 'getting to know' our new committee.

## **Coffee morning**

Margaret and Trevor Hopkins have kindly invited us to their home, at 8 Headlands, for a coffee morning at 10:30am on Wed, 10<sup>th</sup> Feb, and Sat, 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. Please come and invite your friends. No



need to be a MU member to be able to come along and enjoy some coffee, cake and chat. There will be an opportunity to see a short video to learn more about the worldwide work of the MU.

### **Beetle Drive - Fun! Fun! Fun!**

We kick-start our fund raising events this year with a Beetle Drive in the church hall on Saturday, 20th February, starting at 7pm. Please invite all your family and friends to come along for an evening of fun.



Tickets cost £2 for adults and £1 for children and will include

light refreshments during the interval. Ask Margaret Hopkins or any MU member for tickets, or buy them at the door. Raffle and prizes.

Proceeds will be donated to the worldwide work of the MU.

### **Corporate Communion**

This will be held on Ash Wednesday, 17th February at 10am. Visitors are more than welcome to join us and stay and have refreshments with us afterwards in the Jacques room.

### **Food, glorious food!**

Keep your eyes open for our food quiz, which will be launched imminently . . . . .

*Jean Wilson*

## **In memory of Sister Bernadette**

Sister Bernadette was a member of the Convent of Our Lady. Some of you will remember her teaching your children. She was also a member of the St Andrew's Church Wednesday evening home group, along with Sister Liz.

She had a wonderful sense of humour and a deep faith. Her contributions to the discussions were always thoughtful and thought provoking and that faith shone through. One comment in particular was very memorable. She said "I don't think we stop and "wonder" enough at God's creation - we are too much in a rush, too busy".

We thank God for her life and all that she did.

## The Gardeners Hymn

The first day of Spring is next month and in the hope of a good season for gardening we offer the following -

All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small  
All things wise and wonderful  
The Lord God made them all.

But what they never mention  
Though gardeners know it's true  
Is when he made the goodies  
He made the baddies too

All things spray and swatable  
Disasters great and small  
All things paraquatable  
The Lord God made them all.

The greenfly on the roses  
The clubroot on the greens  
The slugs that eat the lettuce  
And chew the aubergines.

The drought that kills your fuchsias  
The frost that nips the buds  
The rain that drowns the seedlings  
The blight that gets the spuds

The midges and mosquitoes  
The nettles and the weeds  
The pigeons in the green stuff  
The sparrows on the seeds

The fly that gets the carrots  
The wasp that eat the plums  
How black the gardeners outlook  
Though green maybe their thumbs

But still we gardeners labour  
Midst vegetables and flowers  
And pray what hits our neighbours  
May somehow miss out ours!

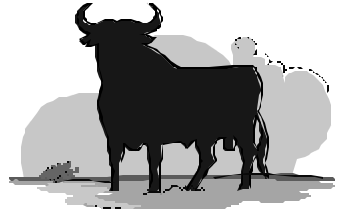
All things bright and beautiful ...

## And a couple of jokes (Bishop David Pyches)

### *Free access*

The following notice was nailed to the gate of a farmer's field:

The farmer who owns this field allows ramblers to cross it for free, but the bull charges!



### *Keeping fit*

Bert was determined to keep fit in his old age, and when he turned 60 he decided to walk 5 miles every day. He has just reached Adelaide!



## Beetle Drive



Saturday February 20  
*Dice roll at 7. o'clock*

St Andrew's Church Rooms, Crown St

Adults £2, Children £1

Includes refreshments

In aid of Mothers' Union work worldwide  
Tickets from MU members, or phone 503308

*Never heard of a Beetle drive?*

*Come and find out*

It's nothing to do with Volkswagens

It's safe, simple, very competitive

And, above all -

**It's Fun for all the family**

## 17th Kettering Scout Group



A new year and Scouting has got off to a flying start, leaders spent part of their Christmas holidays planning programmes and camps for 2010.

But let us tell you about our December activities, below are the section reports but I want to tell you about our Annual Christmas Carol Concert when we invite elderly members of our congregation for our taste of Christmas. The numbers now dictate that we hold the concert in church, our evening began with carols plus songs and sketches from Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and concluding with what is by now a tradition, our leaders pantomime. This year we performed Aladdin, as always we have a problem with finding time to rehearse, but everyone remembered their lines and the songs, it was, I am told, very entertaining!!

### Beavers

Beavers are proving very popular and numbers will be increased from 21 to 24 after half term. Activities in December included: making balloon cars and racing them ; decorating candles for Christmas and performing at the Christmas Carol Concert the last meeting of 2009 was a joint party with the cubs, the theme was pirates.

2010 started with cooking when Beavers made snowball crispy cakes : and they visited the Newlands Centre to see how town security is managed. 13 Beavers also went on a District event to Kid's Play.

### Cubs

We currently have 28 Cubs which is a bit of a challenge when they move from the hall to Jacques room to make way for Scouts. Cubs made snowstorms in December and performed at the carol concert, they then concluded the year by joining with Beavers for a joint Pirate party where they played games and did some dancing.

2010 started with Cubs completing their Road Safety Badge and playing games. A Chinese evening was held when cubs made Chinese dragons and raced them, there were some very creative designs.

### **Scouts.**

Scouts spent a couple of weeks making home made sweets and candles for sale at the Church Community Fair. For their last meeting of the year Scouts went bowling where they also had a meal. For the first two weeks of January they have been back to basics in readiness for a Scout "Leader Trophy" competition in February, leaders manned bases where scouts did knotting, learnt about hypothermia, Flags and Highway Code. Scouts will be going to McQueen House in Twywell for Winter Camp at the end of January, they will be spending their days at Hills and Dales Country Park.

*Christine Smith Group Scout Leader*

## **Would you like a Mosquito Net for Mothering Sunday?**

*Or a goat for a widow in Africa caring for her grandchildren? Or a week's supply of fuel for the truck of a community worker in Burma? Or to know there was a parenting course set up in an English inner city?*

There are many such Virtual gifts on offer from the Mothers' Union. All you have to do is to persuade your offspring that you would honestly prefer that to an expensive bouquet, give them one of our "Make a Mothers' Day" catalogues, and sit back and wait for the gift card to arrive which would tell you more about the gift they have chosen. Meanwhile there is somebody else in the world whose life will be changed because you didn't have that bouquet.

Ask Margaret Hopkins or any of the Mothers' Union members if you are interested in having a catalogue. We have even sent a donation in memory of our mothers, and received special cards acknowledging this.

## **St Andrew's Men's Society**

Very best wishes to all our members, wives and friends at the start of a new decade. We hope that it will be full of success and happiness for you. Looking back to the 2009 Christmas Fair. Our efforts in producing a Grand Christmas Quiz proved to be a success, with over 100 copies being sold. The decision to undertake this project seems to have been fully justified. Congratulations to the prize winners. £85 was raised towards the donations to be allocated to the selected charities our group will be supporting when this is discussed at our AGM in February.

Like so many of the social events organised for December, the weather played an important role in the cancellation of most of these. One of those to suffer was our 9 lessons and Carol Service due to take place at Thorpe Malsor church on Monday evening 21<sup>st</sup>. It is hoped to re-schedule this event in December 2010 at the same venue.

At our first meeting of the New Year, Robin Cullup was our speaker. He gave us a very interesting insight of the long lost railway in Leicestershire. With the aid of photographs and maps he was able to take us from Market Harborough to Nottingham travelling the line through the small stations that were such an important part of the history of the 'steam era'. Many thanks to Robin for his expertise on our behalf. Jeff Pell and yours truly led our members in intercessions and bible readings and Brian Reid played the organ for the hymn singing at the short service held prior to our main meeting.

No mention has been made in this column previously regarding one of our dear colleagues and friend, Dennis Powell, who sadly died in October last year. A lasting memory of him comes to mind at the 2007 & 2008 Christmas Fairs. Dennis organised a small stall in the name of the group, to sell his model ships, aeroplanes and other memorabilia which were obviously his pride and joy, with the proceeds of the sale going to the W & N Air Ambulance. He stood at the back of the stall with a broad grin on his face, and upon asking how he was he responded 'I'm alright, it's all those others'. He is sadly missed by all our members. It was also with great sadness that we learned of Mary Marriott's departing at the age of 99 years. Mary was the wife of the late Reg Marriott (patron of the old C.E.M.S.) and General Secretary of the national organisation.

Mary was a staunch supporter of our group over the years always attending our social events in her younger years. She is remembered with much affection.

Peter Ison.

## **AGM – Monday 8 February 2010 -**

There will be a short communion service in church prior to our meeting at 7.30pm. We request our members to attend this meeting as a matter of urgency as it is crucial that the future strategy of our group is fully discussed by as full a membership as possible.

## **Grand Christmas Quiz - Answers**

1. Unto Us A Child Is Born
  2. Angels From The Realms Of Glory.....
  3. Little Donkey, Little Donkey On A Dusty Road
  4. See Amid The Winter Snow.....
  5. O Holy Night The Stars Are Brightly Shining.....
  6. I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In.....
  7. Do You Hear What I Hear?.....
  8. Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire.....
  9. Have Yourself A Very Merry Christmas.....
  10. Long Time Ago In Bethlehem (Mary's Boy Child).....
  11. We Wish You A Merry Christmas.....
  12. Dashing Through The Snow In a One Horse Open Sleigh
  13. Away In A Manger
  14. As With Gladness Men Of Old.....
  15. A Ray Of Hope Flickers In the Sky (When A Child Is Born...)
  16. It Came Upon The Midnight Clear.....
  17. Christmas Is Coming The Goose Is Getting Fat.....
  18. Brightest And Best Of the Sons Of The Morning.....
  19. Hark The Herald Angels Sing.....
  20. Come And Join The Celebration.....
  21. Little Jesus Sweetly Sleep Do Not Stir.....
  22. The First Noel The Angels Did Say.
  23. Ding Dong Merrily On High
  24. Joy To The World.....
  25. Silent Night, Holy Night
  26. Humphrey Bogart.
  27. White.
  28. William the Conqueror.
  29. Good King Wenceslas.
  30. Queen's Christmas Speech.
  31. Charlie Chaplin
  32. Holiday Inn
  33. Rocking around it.
  34. 1952.
  35. Max.
  36. His two front teeth.
  37. Sir Isaac Newton.
  38. Jacob Marley.
  39. Clarence Obody.
  40. Robert Burns.
  41. Six
  42. Christmas Cracker
  43. Slade.
  44. Stone of Scone
  45. St. Nicholas.
  46. Oliver Cromwell.
  47. Captain James Cook.
  48. Wood Flute-(Hagrid)
  49. 34<sup>th</sup> Street.
  50. Whitney Houston – (10 Weeks)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize (50 points) Graham Dickenson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (49 points) Teri Wright

## Girl Guiding Award

I had a lovely surprise in August last year. I received a letter to inform me that I had been nominated for a Girl Guiding award. Awards are agreed by the County Awards Committee having to be recommended for an award by another Guider. I had been selected to receive Midland Region Chief Commissioner's Award for Outstanding Service to Local Guiding. This award is the highest award that can be given by the Midlands region - a very prestigious award to receive as there only 8 given out in Northamptonshire each year.

Currently there are only 31 wearers in Northamptonshire of this very special award myself and Hilary Whitwell included. Hilary received her award in 2008. I attended a presentation day on Sunday 22

November with my husband at Middleton Hall in Staffordshire, a beautiful building

that dates from 1300's set in a lovely location. The house has links to Elizabeth 1, Lady Jane Grey and Jane Austen to name a few. I received my certificate and badge from Lesley Knighton who is the Chief Commissioner for the Midlands in charge of 11 counties.

The commissioner for Northamptonshire Tricia Neal gave a speech about each lady that received this award giving a view of the commitments and achievements each lady has made. I feel extremely touched that I was nominated and very proud of what I have done for 20th St Andrew's Wednesday Brownies.

*Wendy Loake*  
Tawny Owl  
20th St Andrew's  
Wednesday Brownies



Photograph is of the eight ladies from Northamptonshire

## Women's World Day of Prayer

This will take place on Friday March 5th. This year's Service is prepared by the Women of Cameroon. The morning service will be held at St Andrew's Church at 10.30am. Margaret Hopkins will be the leader and Dr Paul Wharin who has spent a lot of time working in Cameroon will be the preacher.

All are welcome at this Service. So ladies come along and bring your husbands with you to share in the worship and the fellowship after the Service over a cup of tea/coffee.



The evening Service at 7.30pm will be at Fuller Baptist Church rooms, led by Davina Drage. There will not be a preacher but slides of Cameroon will be shown.

**Audrey Clarke**

## A prayer for Haiti

O God, our refuge and strength,  
we hold before you the nation and people of Haiti,  
and pray for healing in the midst of tragedy and devastation.  
Give comfort to the homeless, the bereaved and the suffering,  
courage to survivors, wisdom to those who seek to help,  
and light to all who live in the shadow of death.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ,  
our rock and our salvation.

Amen.

## Christmas Quiz Answers (from the December Issue)

1 Silent Night, 2 Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer, 3 The Twelve Days of Christmas, 4 While Shepherds Watch, 5 Away in a Manger, 6 Jingle Bells, 7 Mary Had a Baby, 8 Angels From the Realms of Glory, 9 God Rest You Merry Gentlemen, 10 Winter Wonderland, 11 Frosty the Snowman, 12 I Saw Mummy Kissing Santa Claus, 13 The Holly And the Ivy, 14 The First Nowell, 15 Walking in the Air, 16 Ding Dong Merrily on High, 17 Do They Know its Christmas Time Again, 18 Mistletoe and Wine, 19 Good King Wenceslas, 20 Hark the Herald Angels Sing

## Choir Notes

Congratulations are due to five of our choristers – Violet Bedwell-Clayton, Benjamin & Daniel Crawshaw, and Rosemary & Emily Harradine – who were all successful in passing their Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) Dean's (= 'Bronze') Award examinations in January. Their ribbons and badges are due to be presented to them in church during February, and they will probably receive their certificates at the annual Diocesan Choral Festival in October at Peterborough Cathedral.

As usual, December in 2009 was a very busy month for the choir. Alongside the normal practices and Sunday services, our choristers participated in carol-singing at a fund-raising event in Woodford Vicarage and also to the residents of Country View Nursing Home near Warkton, as well as joining with Cransley Church choir at their annual 'Service of Nine Lessons and Carols' on Christmas Eve.

The new season of 'RSCM Voices' events has now begun. The first one being an Advent Carol Service in Rothwell Parish Church on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November at which Bethany Reid sang with this choir for the first time. Sandra and myself also participated. At that service, the music used included the carols "Advent Matin Responsory" by Palestrina, and "The Angel Gabriel" in the David Willcocks arrangement.

It is anticipated that some of our choristers will be singing with this choir on the following dates over the next couple of months :-

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Choral Evensong in Norwich Cathedral @ 3.30pm

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Mass in Westminster R.C. Cathedral (*time t.b.a.*)

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Choral Evensong in St. Paul's Cathedral @ 5pm

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Choral Evensong in Coventry Cathedral @ 4pm

The support of members of our congregation is always welcome at the 'RSCM Voices' services.

On a cold and snowy Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 5 of our choristers (Brian, Sandra, Rachel and Bethany Reid, plus Helen Stone) joined with others from around the Diocese in singing Choral Evensong in Peterborough Cathedral. The choir was formed of RSCM Award-winners – i.e. those who have been previously successful in their Adult, Dean's (Bronze), Bishop's (Silver), or St. Cecilia (Gold) examinations. The music there included the Introit "From the rising of the sun" by Ouseley, Responses by Ayleward, Evening Canticles by Aston (in F major), and the Anthem "There shall a Star come out of Jacob" by Mendelssohn. It is hoped that 2 this will now become an annual event.

Finally, we would welcome any new potential choristers, particularly boy trebles, girl sopranos, or altos. For any people who enjoy singing and would like to join the choir, please do not hesitate to come and have an informal chat with me after a service so that I can give you details of the commitment involved.

*Brian Reid*

## Lent Snippets ...

**Shrove Tuesday** is the day before Lent starts: the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. It's a day of penitence, to clean the soul, and a day of celebration as the last chance to feast before Lent begins.

Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the ritual of shricing that Christians used to undergo in the past. In shricing, a person confesses their sins and receives absolution for them.

Lent is a time of abstinence, of giving things up. So Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge yourself, and to use up the foods that aren't allowed in Lent. Giving up foods: but not wasting them

During Lent there are many foods that some Christians - historically and today - would not eat: foods such as meat and fish, fats, eggs, and milky foods.

So that no food was wasted, families would have a feast on the shricing Tuesday, and eat up all the foods that wouldn't last the forty days of Lent without

going off!

The need to eat up the fats gave rise to the French name *Mardi Gras* ('fat Tuesday').

**Ash Wednesday** is the beginning of Lent for Western Christian churches. It's a day of penitence to clean the soul before the Lent fast.

Roman Catholic, Anglican, and some other churches hold special services at which worshippers are marked with ashes as a symbol of death and sorrow for sin.

The Ash Wednesday service draws on the ancient Biblical traditions of covering one's head with ashes, wearing sackcloth, and fasting.

**The mark of ashes** - in Ash Wednesday services churchgoers are marked on the forehead with a cross of ashes as a sign of penitence and mortality. The use of ashes, made by burning palm crosses from the previous Palm Sunday, is very symbolic.

## For your diaries ... part two

We hope to see more senior friends at our afternoon service of Holy Communion at 3pm on Sunday February 7th "weather permitting".

If you need a lift or can offer one please contact Judy on 01536 521578.

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** has been moved forward to 27th February. *Look out for further information in the notices!*

### **Lent Course - Operation Exodus**

*(studies of key passages from the Book of Exodus)*

- 24th February - An Unwilling Agent
- 3rd March - Mission Impossible
- 10th March - The Great Escape
- 17th March - Living in the Drop Zone
- 24th March - No-one's Indispensable
- 1st April - Mission Accomplished - special Passover meal on Maundy Thursday

***Watch out for further information.***



## **St Andrew's Church Flower, Music & Arts Festival**

Progress and Update Meeting  
Thursday 25th March at 7:30pm

Meet in the Church  
*Please make sure your group is  
represented (only 3 months to go!!)*

## Rotas - February 2010



### Silver Cleaning

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|-------------|------------------------------------|
| 11 February | Heather Coleman                    |
| 4 March     | Doreen Hancock & Cynthia Gunthorpe |

### Church Cleaning

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|-------------|---|
| 7 February  | Shirley Westley, Ida Adams,<br>Margaret Blackwell |
| 14 February | Ros Goodfellow, Jane Lawrence,<br>Christine Smith |
| 21 February | Penny Payne, Ann Stockham, Janet Tyres            |
| 28 February | Rosalind Robinson, Marian Quinney                 |
| 7 March     | Brenda and John Weaver                            |

### Coffee Rota

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| 7 February  | St Andrews Ladies  |
| 14 February | Sharon Hicks, Carolyn & Philip Robinson                            |
| 21 February | Rosalyn Goodfellow, Christine Smith,<br>Denise McNally, Pat Carter |
| 28 February | Maggie Jones, Janis Bell,<br>Fiona and Paul Sweeney                |
| 7 March     | Ann Stockham, Roger & Penny Payne,<br>Angela Curchin               |

**Altar Linen**

**February** Pauline Lyles  
**March** Christine Bannister

**Baby Crèche**

14 February Christine Smith, Jane Lawrence,  
Linda Wyldes, Pat Elmore  
14 March Ann Stockham, Penny Payne, Angela Curchin

**Flowers**

|             | <b><u>Main Altar</u></b> | <b><u>Side Altar</u></b> |
|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 7 February  | Jane Burwell             | Ros Goodfellow           |
| 14 February | Pat Sturgess             |                          |

*No flowers in Lent*