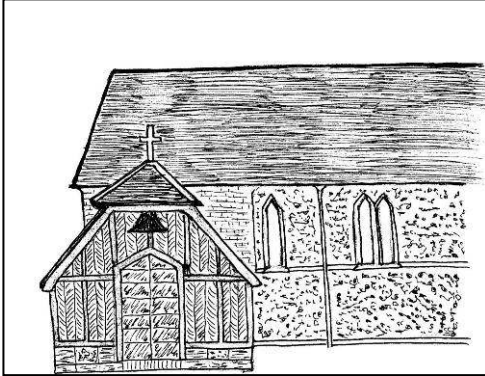


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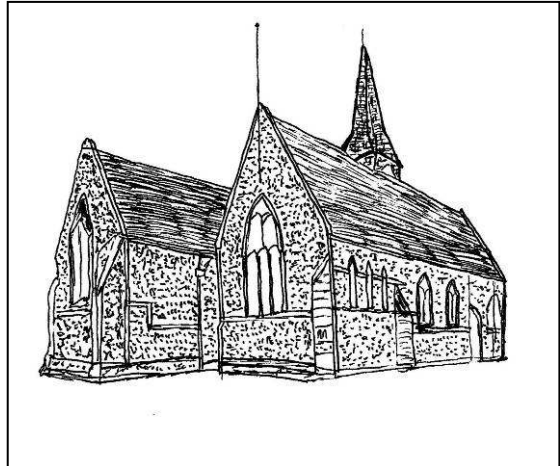


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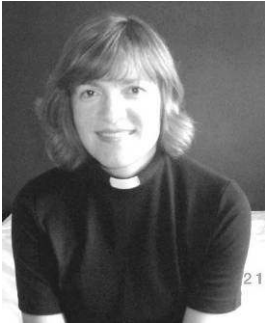
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Dear friends,

It was with great sadness and shock that we learnt of the death of the Revd. Dr. Peter Steddon in early January. Many people gathered at St John's Whitchurch Hill for his funeral on 19th January at which Bishop Colin gave the address. Peter's family spoke so movingly of his deep faith and love for the ministry and for God. It was a sombre reminder that worship is not always in the context of happiness and feeling upbeat; rather it is in times of extreme shock and loss that we can reach out to steady ourselves in the knowledge that 'underneath are the everlasting arms' and to take comfort from something greater than ourselves, and the from the centuries long tradition of Christian hope in the face of death.

In the church we are also missing Tony Voysey who has recently undergone major heart surgery and is recovering in the London Heart Hospital – a timely reminder that the church is kept going week on week by a wonderful army of faithful volunteers, and there are many jobs to be done to ensure its smooth running, so that public worship, weddings, baptisms and funerals can be offered in a warm, comfortable and well ordered, welcoming environment, and the wider mission of the church attended to.

We are reminded how valuable all these volunteers are and I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all such people – from those who arrange flowers, tend churchyards, write in the magazine, help take services at Eastfield House, cater for church events and funerals, to those who raise money, sit on the PCC, manage the budget, sing in the choir, ring bells, play the organ and clean and polish inside our churches – the list is pretty endless: thank you very much! We are always open to more help – contact Peter Ferguson the Church Warden if you think you'd like to be involved in church life in any small way.

Being in the Ministry professionally can sometimes feel like a real up and down experience; going from a funeral to a baptism visit in the same day shows the extremes of human life. And some days seem to be spent, literally, in front of the computer screen, catching up with inevitable paperwork, which is hardly often exciting!

Within a deep friendship with God through Jesus we can be contained when unforeseen events or losses threaten to overwhelm – there’s a beautiful Anglican prayer which sums this up:

O God, who brought us to birth,
And in whose arms we die,
In our grief and shock
Contain and comfort us;
Embrace us with your love,
Give us hope in our confusion
And grace to let go into new life;
Through Jesus Christ,
Amen.

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With love in Christ,
Claire

EDITORIAL

One of the strange things about editing this magazine is that it has to cover two months and this particular issue almost seems to want to cover three. Here we are at the end of January, and the snowdrops are just beginning to show their white bells as a promise of better things to come, and yet by the end of March when I have another to edit, it will be full spring, with birdsong and blossom. In between we have lots of new things starting in church—because of course Lent, the six weeks leading up to Easter, starts in March.

Traditionally people give up things in Lent—chocolate, wine, sugar in coffee... But we’d like you to take something up instead. We have Lent lunches, when we get together to eat soup and bread and give money for charities and church funds. We will be running a Lent Group Evening Course, when we will be thinking about ‘Jesus’ Legacy of Love’ using a booklet by Stephen Cottrell as a basis for our thinking and discussing. There is the possibility of joining the choir to sing ‘Olivet to Calvary’ at Easter. There will be a special service in St Mary’s for Mothering Sunday. And All Age Worship on Feb 13th is making the most of the fact that Valentine’s Day is the following day. So lots of things to dip into and enjoy as we wait for what seems a very long winter to end and the warm days of spring to arrive.

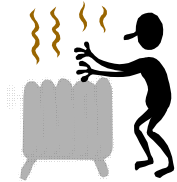
Geraldine



FINANCE APPEAL FOR THE NEW PEW HEATING SYSTEM AT T MARY'S

We are delighted to inform the village that the old redundant and inefficient tubular heating stem has been removed and new pew heaters installed in the main nave and chancel areas.

Whilst the ambient air will not be heated until solaire radiant heaters are installed in phase II when we have the allocated funds, at least the congregation, choir, priest and organist will be able to receive instantaneous warm air from under their seats and not shiver as before in cold winters.



Ace Electrical contractors who are specialists in church work, undertook the installation as completed phase 1 on 26th November.

Not only have we eliminated a potential fire hazard, we also hope that we will reduce our hefty electricity bill, by providing a more efficient system.

We obtained a faculty from the Oxford Diocese to undertake the installation of the proposed pew heaters and we are raising sums for phase 1 amounting to just over £7000.

We are most grateful to village residents who have already supported the new heating system installation. A big thank you!

However we want to continue the appeal for other good folk of the village who might feel happy to make a donation (no matter how small or large that is) towards the cost of the new pew heating system.

Donations are priced from as little as £5 and up to £150 as follows:

- £ 5 donation for one Metre of cable (6 circuits required)
- £ 80 donation for one energy saving light box (12 required)
- £150 for one pew heater (43 new pew heaters required)

Donations can be given to Peter Ferguson or Rob Plumb and will be gratefully received. Or you can transfer money direct to the church account. Details: 40.36.03. Acc: 40853704. If you wish to gift aid a donation please contact Rob on 9844838.





We want to let people in the villages know about the things we plan and discuss in our PCC (Parochial Church Council) meetings. They are where we plan the activities of the church. So from now on, the

Bulletin Board will be the place to look if you want to know what is going on in your local church.)

Meeting of the Whitchurch Parochial Church Council on Thursday January 27th 2011.

1. There was a report back on the Christmas services and it was noted that as usual Christingle was very well attended. But the Midnight Mass congregation was down. This could have been due to the severe weather.
2. We discussed special activities for Lent. Lent Lunches are to be arranged and venues and times will be on the Whitchurch Website. We are planning a series of Lent Groups using material in the York Course series. More information elsewhere in the magazine.
3. There are ongoing repairs to the organ in St Mary's.
4. The Service on Mothering Sunday (April 3) will be a joint service in St Mary's and people from the Eucharist and All Age Worship are all encouraged to attend.
5. We are holding 'feedback meetings on the Wednesdays after AAW services to which all members of the church are welcome.
6. We are still planning to complete the new heating in St Mary's and planning fundraising activities, of which the wine tasting is one, to enable this to go ahead.
7. We have produced a new 'Welcome Pack' and hope to give one to all newcomers to the village. If you are newly arrived and have not had one and would like one, contact a member of the church.
8. There was discussion—as usual—about the church finances. An old church building costs a great deal to maintain—and we have two!

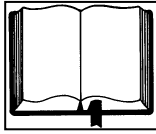


LENT GROUP

When? 8pm Wednesdays in Lent starting March 16th
Where? Shepherds Close, Hardwick Road
What? 'Rich Inheritance—Jesus' Legacy of Love' in the York Course Series, written by Stephen Cottrell
Why? Because it's good to study together and there will be coffee and biscuits as well as fellowship.

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If you know you will be attending it would be helpful to let Claire know as we want to have enough books for everyone! (not like the group in the picture!!)



Evening Service

This takes place at St, Mary's at 6 pm, on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. It is supported by a small and faithful congregation.

We use the Book of Common Prayer service and extend a warm welcome to everyone for a short and contemplative act of worship

Dalby Landen



All Age Worship

Second and fourth Sundays of each month. St John's Church, Whitchurch Hill. 11 am The services are informal, fun, inclusive and not too long. . We use puppets, powerpoints and have activities for children. There is coffee and cookies after the service. This term we are thinking about 'What Christians Believe..about Jesus'. If you want any further information please contact Paul or Geraldine Witcher on 0118 9844959 or Rev Claire on 07745879313



LENT LUNCHESES 2011

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 9th March and as usual we are hoping to arrange 5 or 6 Lent lunches. Dates and venues have yet to be confirmed but please check the What's On section of the village website, www.whitchurchonthames.com for details. The donations received are usually split between church funds and a charity of the host's choice.

We look forward to seeing some of you at one or more of these lunches. If you would like to host a lunch, please call Wendy Ferguson on 984 1262.





FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT – 28th February -13th
March 2011

SHOW OFF YOUR LABEL

This year the focus of Fairtrade Fortnight is Trade Justice for Cotton Farmers

For many poor people in West and Central Africa cotton is the only viable way to earn an income, so even a small price decline means that families struggle to meet basic needs like food, medicines, school books and tools.

Over the last 40 years the real price of cotton has fallen significantly. In part this is due to the large subsidies some governments give to their farmers. In the US producers currently receive about \$4.2bn in subsidies- equivalent to the total value of their crop.

Subsidies mean farmers developing countries- despite having lower production costs than their American counterparts – are not able to compete with the artificially lowered prices. Experts estimate that global cotton prices would be 15% higher if all subsidies were eliminated.

Moussa grows cotton in Mali. It's a hard crop to grow but because it is the only one that sells for a decent price the farmers keep investing in it. With farmers reporting lower rainfall each year they are seriously concerned for their livelihoods.

Six years ago Moussa started farming fair-trade cotton and has seen the positive changes over time. He is part of the Dougourakoroni village co-op and secretary of an umbrella co-operative for the 37 smaller village level co-ops. Moussa said it was difficult to get by before and he was only able to send three of his children to school. *“Today all my children can go to school because I can afford to pay the school fees; we eat every day, we are able to eat when we are hungry. I can also meet the cost of medicines should we need them.”*

As well as earning money to meet his basic needs through the Fairtrade minimum price, Moussa's co-operative receives a Fairtrade premium – extra money to invest in the business or community. Children used to have to walk 2.5 kilometres to get to school each day so part of the premium money has been used to build two classrooms and a staff room, which has benefitted 119 children so far. Moussa says *“Thanks to the profits from Fairtrade many parents are able to meet school fees and the number of children going to school has increased.”*

Help Moussa and others like him by buying Fairtrade cotton when you can. It is now available in many High Street stores – look out for the Fair trade logo.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT – 28th February -13th March 2011



As a church we believe in the power of prayer and the grace of God to act. If you would like us to pray for you, contact the church warden, or the team curate and we would be glad to pray for or with you.

This is a modern version of the Covenant Prayer used in many Methodist churches at the beginning of each year. It was read in the January service at Eastfield House.

All that I have is yours; totally and completely yours.
I follow your will not mine, anything for you.
You can put me anywhere in the world,
As long as I am with you I can endure anything.
If there is work for me, then may I do it with you?
If there is none, then may use my time for you.

When ever I feel lost or saddened my I remember your love.
And when I am at peace may I always remember to thank you.
May your will always be done in my life.
If ever I am valued may I give you the praise?
If ever I am disregarded may I still put my faith and trust in you.
Wherever I may find fulfilment may it be with you;
And if I am found lacking, may I look too you're fulfilling grace.

You give me all things in my life and you can take them all away,
By your hands my life may be governed.
I totally and completely offer everything to you.
All that I have in my life is yours, for you are the only one for me.
All that I am I give to service for you and your will.
For the only things I need I already have that is You!
I am yours to do with as you will, as you choose fit to use.

Almighty and wonderfully and blessed GOD, FATHER, SON
And HOLY SPIRIT, I give feely my life to you.
I will always follow you, always and for ever.
Let this be a covenant between you and me
My prayer is that it that will last to the end of time.
Let this covenant be made now between you and me
Here on earth and be fulfilled in heaven.

Amen.

Rector's Magazine Article for February 2011.

Bonus and Malus.

The new Government is anxious to have a debate about the kind of country we want to live in. One of the buzz words being bandied about at the moment is "fairness". The implication is that everyone should be treated, by the state and by one another, in a "fair" manner, equitably, with a measure of justice and rightness.

Difficulties arise when you try and put "fairness" into some sort of context. The financial sector thinks their tradition of bonus payments is perfectly "fair" when regarded from within the context of the money industry. The Premier League regards footballers salaries as perfectly "fair" within the context of a media driven demand for their services.

Its just that, from the context of the whole of our society, these remuneration packages, however they are constructed, seem hugely unfair.

If Wayne Rooney was paid, not by the day, but by the goal, would that be fair? (It would probably be cheaper...) And if a lawyer was paid not by the hour, but by the speed with which he concluded your business, would that be fair? It would certainly be astonishing. On the other hand, if a ward sister in the Royal Berkshire Hospital was paid, not by the hour, but by the lives saved on her ward, would that be fair?

The problem with fairness is that it all depends where you are sitting. The money industry in particular tends to attract people who like money, and over time it is likely that the temptations to individual greed become impossible to bear without sufficient structural framework (ie law and morality) to support (and reward) good behaviour. Serious re-engagement with corporate regulation is needed in our time, but it is sadly unlikely that a Parliament so recently caught with its own hands in the till will find the moral authority to challenge the scandal of remuneration in the executive classes.

An attitude of public service needs to be rediscovered by the highest paid, and doggedly celebrated by the media. The grim truth is that the world of corporate finance has a mountain to climb to recover the public's trust in what it is doing, and why. Once the differentials between the highest and lowest paid in a society become too large, the common bond of humanity begins to rupture. We forget that we need each other.

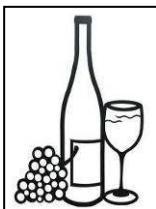
This is why there is such anger at the talk of bonus payments. People have not forgotten 2008, and do not understand why at that time there was not a "malus" imposed upon the employees of the insitutions responsible - that is a financial penalty proportionate to the losses incurred.

It seems criminally unjust therefore, ("unfair" is almost too tame) that everyone in the real world on a "normal" income is suffering the fiscal consequences (in higher prices, lower benefits and increased taxation) for the wrongdoings of these corporations. For the fortunate few, sheltering behind the public subsidy propping up their recklessness, a few years downwind of the Lehman tsunami the multi-million pound self serving bonus culture seems to have survived unscathed.

However what the public thinks about this is not the whole picture. For every pound we each receive will in the end have to be accounted for to the Judge of all the earth. Then our true worth will be revealed.

“God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ “This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich towards God.”
(Luke 12:20-21)

WINE TASTING by Richard Nurick
organised by Whitchurch PCC in aid of church heating funds



Saturday, 12th February 2011
7.30pm in Goring Heath Parish Hall

Come and taste wines from France, Chile, Australia and New Zealand
and enjoy a Bread and Cheese Supper, followed by home-made puddings.

Quiz and Raffle

Tickets, at £10 each, available from PCC members or from
Wendy Ferguson (984 1262)

In the All Age Worship services we are thinking about who Jesus is and what he did. Very clever people think that when God spoke in the beginning that was Jesus speaking. So we did the story of how God made the world and that's the story I've written for you here. I hope you enjoy it. In church we had fun making a collage of all the things in the story. If you go into St John's you might see it!

God makes a world

In the beginning there was no world: no plants, no animals, no people - nothing.

There was only God. God looked at the darkness. Then he spoke: "Let there be light!"

And at once light began to grow, first only a little, but then taking away more and more of the darkness.

"That's good!" said God. "Now let there be sky!" and there was the wide blue sky with little clouds floating in it.



Next he said, "Land and sea!" There they were!

Hills and valleys, earth and rocks, rivers and streams. And, by the seaside, sandy beaches with little waves rippling on to them.



things." At once and little bushes bright new grass flowers sprang up - red, yellow, blue and white.



"That's good!" said God. "But now let there be green, growing tall trees, waving in the wind, appeared. Underneath them covered the earth, and pretty



"Sun, moon and stars!" said God, and that night, for the first time ever, the moon and stars shone above the earth.



Then God really started having fun. He made fish and birds and then all the animals.

He made them different sizes and shapes.

Some of them had thick fur, some of them had scaly skin. Some birds had brightly coloured feathers, and the fish had beautiful shiny scales. He made enormous



creatures, like elephants and whales;

tiny ones, like spiders
birds; funny ones, like
monkeys; and cuddly



and humming-

seahorses and

ones, like cats and

rabbits. He even made the animals that we don't have any more - like dinosaurs and mammoths.



"This world I've made is good," said God. But there was still something missing.

God said, "I'm going to make people. They will be like me. They will be able to speak and to make things. They will be able to love each other. They will look after this world I've made. And they will be my friends."



Reverend Doctor Peter Steddon.

Peter graduated from Oxford in medieval and modern languages, and later earned a PhD in behavioural science. He had a 30-year career in business before training for the priesthood. Peter came to Whitchurch in April 2003 as parish priest to the congregations at St Mary's, Whitchurch-on-Thames and St John's Whitchurch Hill. He spent seven years here, living first in Rectory Cottage, where he was joined by Christine after their marriage in June 2006. When St Mary's House was finally built, they were able to move in and enjoy the additional space; the parish benefited from this too as Peter and Christine hosted Parochial Church Council and other meetings there and offered their garden for church get-togethers.

Alongside his part-time parish work in Whitchurch, Peter was Chaplain to Sue Ryder Care Nettlebed Hospice for several years, and had been involved for many years in the church's ministry of healing. Early in 2006 Peter was appointed Director of the Oxford Industrial Chaplaincy, where his work included retail chaplaincy, police chaplaincy with Thames Valley Police, and acting as company chaplain for Stagecoach in Oxfordshire, and Brigade Chaplain for Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service. When the funding for this ministry was not renewed in 2010 and his licence to officiate here ended in April 2010, he and Christine moved to a rented cottage in Nether Worton near Chipping Norton where they started up a new ministry. However he became ill with an incurable and rare brain disease in the autumn, spent considerable time in hospital and died shortly after moving to the hospice.



Come and Sing Olivet to Calvary.

Derek Benbow will conduct singers from Whitchurch and Upper Basildon in the well known cantata by Maunder on

Good Friday at 2pm. in St Stephens and at 7pm in St Mary's

The music is easy, tuneful and devotional with interaction with the congregation. Music provided. There will be a preliminary get together/ rehearsal on Friday 4th February at 7.30pm at St Mary's.

If you cannot come that day please let Derek 01491 872536 or Tanya Hawley 0118 984 3069 know of your interest and we will keep you posted.



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
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Sun helps Lions Run

The 26th Annual 10k Charity Road Run organised by Goring, Woodcote & District Lions Club

was officially started in Woodcote by Sir John Robert Madejski OBE DL and successfully completed in brilliant sunshine on Sunday morning 9th January 2011. Although the Lions had been out early to spread salt and grit on many parts of the route which were shaded, the overnight frost had still left some icy patches. Despite there being no wind the course was slow and so the record finish time of 30:31 still stands.

First over the finish line was Chris Green from Reading, timed at 35:13.61 followed by Charlie Pearson from London, who was second over the line and timed at 35:26.86. The first female was 9th over the line, Samantha Amend from Marlow, timed at 38:36.48. When Samantha won the 2009 Ladies Trophy in this run she was 18th over the line with a finish time of 41:06.83

The UK Athletic Association provided a team of referees who helped assure the Lions of their continued good organisation, preparation and administration of this annual event.

All finishers received a medal. The winners Cups and Trophies were presented by Sir John Madejski as shown in the attached table of results and photographs.

Volunteers from a number of several other local clubs and organisations helped the Lions maintain the enjoyment, safety and efficacy of this annual event. They include Scouts & Guides, Rotary and 41 Clubs, and all are much appreciated. A team from St John Ambulance provided first aid cover, but thankfully no injuries were reported.

Ten local businesses made generous contributions. Warmingham – Estate Agents were the major sponsor, others include The Henley Standard, Halarose Ltd – Woodcote,

JRS Services – Woodcote, Woodborough House Dental Practice – Pangbourne,

Caversham Heath Golf Club, Bouchier Fencing Co - Woodcote, Sol-Tec Ltd – Reading, Johnson Matthey - Sonning Common and the Boathouse Dental Surgery – Goring.

The proceeds and sponsorship monies from this event are still being received, but are estimated to exceed £3,000 and will be split between the local area Macmillan Cancer Support and the Air Ambulance (Berks/Oxon/Bucks).

To Make you Laugh...

Painting the Church

There was a Scottish painter named Smokey Macgregor who was very interested in making a penny where he could, so he often thinned down his paint to make it go a wee bit further.

As it happened, he got away with this for some time, but eventually the Baptist Church decided to do a big restoration job on the outside of one of their biggest buildings..

Smokey put in a bid, and, because his price was so low, he got the job.

So he set about erecting the scaffolding and setting up the planks, and buying the paint and, yes, I am sorry to say, thinning it down with turpentine..

Well, Smokey was up on the scaffolding, painting away, the job nearly completed, when suddenly there was a horrendous clap of thunder, the sky opened, and the rain poured down washing the thinned paint from all over the church and knocking Smokey clear off the scaffold to land on the lawn among the gravestones, surrounded by telltale puddles of the thinned and useless paint.

Smokey was no fool. He knew this was a judgment from the Almighty, so he got down on his knees and cried:

"Oh, God, Oh God, forgive me; what should I do?"

And from the thunder, a mighty voice spoke..

"Repaint! Repaint!

And thin no more!"

And to make you think.....

'The ordinary and the miraculous are on a single continuum'
Eugene Peterson

'God is not an object of knowledge as much as he is a cause of wonder'
Mark Batterson

'Reality happens in daily doses' *Julia Cameron*

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Friday 25th February 10.30am to 11.30am

Friday 25th March 10.30am to 11.30am



Eastfield House

Eastfield Lane

Whitchurch on Thames

0118 9842586

Everyone is Welcome

What, exactly, are the chances of raising £9000 by running 10K?



Fairly low I expect, but, as they say, if you aim at nothing you're sure to hit it...

I expect those of you who attended the Christingle or Midnight services at St Mary's on Christmas Eve, wondered why the church was so cold, apart from the under pew heaters which at least managed to prevent the valiant, frozen congregation from getting frostbite in their feet.

Of course the answer is that the heating is being replaced, but the second phase cannot start yet because we are still raising funds. To that end I have decided to run the **Goring 10k race on Sunday 6th March at 11am** (yes, I will do anything to avoid going to a freezing church on a Sunday) to raise some more money, so that we don't have to turn the service in to an aerobics class just to keep the circulation going.

Your sponsorship or donation will be much appreciated (not least by my wife, who is the curate!). I am hoping to beat the light footed, speedy curate from Goring too. Please do give generously to this worthy cause, and if you want some entertainment then do come along to watch this extraordinary race.

I will be waving sponsorship forms at you in church services in the coming weeks. If you want to give but are not a churchgoer please do contact me on calcock@shiplake.org.uk, and then we can work out a way of collecting your donation. It will be a good way of getting to meet some more of the wonderful Whitchurch folk too.

I may not raise £9000, but in the dulcet tones of George Michael -
'You gotta have Faith!'

Chris Alcock



PURLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The A.G.M. Of the Society will take place on Wednesday, 16th February, 2011 commencing at 7.45pm. After the official business has been completed, there will be a "Bring & Share Buffet". We would be grateful if everyone attending could bring a plate of finger food. The Society will provide wine and fruit juice. Any nomination for election as an officer or Committee Member must be made in writing to the Secretary, 55 St. Mary's Avenue, Purley-on-Thames, RG8 8BJ by Wednesday, 8 February, 2011. One Committee member will not be seeking re-election.

Trading

The Store in the Memorial Hall car park will re-open on Saturday, 5 February at 10am and thereafter every Saturday and Sunday until the end of October. Membership subscriptions for 2011 are now due and at £2 is tremendous value. Seed potato order forms and catalogues for Sutton's Seeds will be available at the Store.

Talks

On Wednesday, 16 March David Taylor will give a talk on Pelargoniums and Geraniums in Purley Memorial Hall commencing at 8pm.

Spring Show

This will take place on Saturday, 9 April in Purley Memorial Hall.

For more details regarding the Society please look on the Purley-on-Thames web site – www.purleyonthames.net and the on-line notice board or Purley Groups.

We would like to keep all our members who have e-mail addresses informed of the Society's activities and would be grateful if you could let Ian Burn know – ian.burn3@ntlworld.com if you have one.

Happy gardening in 2011.

Marion Dabbs
9422349

Women's World Day of Prayer

This year's service is to be at 2 pm on Friday 4 March at the R C Church of Christ the King, in Woodcote. The speaker is the Revd Claire Alcock. All are welcome - men, women and children. There are refreshments afterwards. The service has been prepared by the Christian women of Chile, and the theme is "How many loaves have you?" Please join us for what is always a joyful occasion, and is the only local service in the year when all Christian denominations meet together.

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11 am All Age Worship at St Johns
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Third Sunday of the month:

9.30am Sung Eucharist at St Mary's

Fourth Sunday of the month:

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6pm Evening Prayer at St Mary's

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