

# NEWSLETTER

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**THE PURPOSE OF OUR CHURCHES IS TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS AND TO INCREASE THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY THROUGH OUR PRAYERS, OUR WORSHIP AND OUR GOD CENTRED LIVES**

## MINISTRY TEAM

**VICAR:** Fr Simon Douglas Lane    **CURATE:** The Rev'd Andrew Parry  
**PARISH READER:** Beryl Walters    **PARISH EVANGELIST:** Mike Miller

Dear Friends,

Inconvenient as it was for many, the silent skies for 5 days were wonderful, and a churchyard service could be held without shouting and waiting for a noise break: it was alarming how dependant we have become on such an environmentally unfriendly mode of transport, but of course many livelihoods depend on the aviation industry, and the outcome of the 3<sup>rd</sup> runway depends too on matters political upon which Vicars are not supposed to stray! It has been an interesting campaign not least with the televised debates and how much notice the politicians take of the faith communities in the UK. Which brings me onto our funding problems: the difficulties with the Youth Project are well known and action will have to wait for 7<sup>th</sup> May: the Safe as Houses scheme which invited elderly citizens (not at their cost) to apply for locks and security lighting through the Police has gone deadly quiet: I sent the forms into Thames Valley police but now discover that the funding has run out: additional funds are coming through I gather. Then we come to the Early Years National Funding Initiative for pre school playgroups: the scheme was extended to the end of June 2010, and when the St Andrew's group together with the PCC applied for funding to be in tune with OFSTED requirements we were told the money had run out: Surrey was OK so why not Berkshire? Another task for 7<sup>th</sup> May! This corner of the county does seem to have problems: perhaps we don't push the right buttons but that's no reason for our toddlers and teenagers to suffer: I will let you know how I get on! The recent weather has been excellent(after the ghastly winter) so let's hope we have the summer this year we were promised last year. I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and were not caught up in the mayhem caused by volcanic ash! The two parish churches have almost had their fabric problems put right, and the pastoral services are busy, and just as I celebrated 5 years here on 24<sup>th</sup> April so we look forward to Andrew's priesting at St Mary's Slough on 27<sup>th</sup> June and we will therefore have two parishes with two priests for the first time in years: all kinds of opportunities offer themselves: exciting times indeed and we shall need them in the grim economic years ahead. As they say, we are all in this together! The need is for communities to work together across all activities for the good of all and one thing I have noticed since coming here as Vicar is the extensive and excellent networks that exist: wonderful!

## PARISH WEBSITES

Andrew Parry is the editor for the parish websites and so if there is any information you need, visit it (as given at the top of the newsletter) and anything you'd like put onto it please contact Andrew via the website.

## CONCLUSION

Make sure we all vote on 6<sup>th</sup> May, because if we don't we have less cause for complaint at the result!! There is much to put right over a whole range of social and ethical issues, and whoever gets in on 6<sup>th</sup> May are going to have their work cut out as the global economy gets back on its feet. It will be painful and let us hope we have at last learnt a bitter lesson: the material needs to be much more in balance with the spiritual and that's where we come in!

***With every blessing and good wishes and an enjoyable summer for us all,  
Fr Simon***

## PARISH REGISTERS:

Funeral Service: Jean Beckett: St Michael's: 12<sup>th</sup> April 2.00pm followed by burial in the Churchyard.  
Memorial Service: Dorothea and Eric Rayner: 17<sup>th</sup> April: 3.00pm St Michael's and afterwards in the Churchyard.  
Holy Matrimony: Amy-Jane Randall and James Harris: St Michael's: 2.00pm: 24<sup>th</sup> April  
Holy Baptism: James Kirby: 18<sup>th</sup> April: 3.00pm St Andrew's.

## CHURCHES TOGETHER: PURPOSE DRIVEN CHURCH

The essence of the New Life/New Life plus services is for people to invite friends to join us and so we have "email merged" so that personal invites can be sent out Review meetings take place regularly to make sure that the services are relevant to those who attend. We will also be having Wayne Dixon from Scripture Union for the New Life Plus Service in July and he is an exciting speaker so do join us. New Life Plus on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays and New Life on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays.

## HOUSE GROUPS

If you'd like to join a House Group please contact Beryl or Andrew: we are hoping to set up a day time group so please look out for publicity.

**STREET WARDEN ALERT** If somebody new moves into your road (in either parish) please let Mike Miller (017563 689751) know so that a welcome pack can be put through their door and this will include the Wraysbury News from the Christmas 2009 edition as before. You would be surprised how many house purchase/rental movements there are in two relatively small communities and our welcome pack contains information for people of all faiths or none.

**FAIRTRADE:** We have a new Fairtrade organiser Sue Varga and her contact details are [suevarga2008@btinternet.com](mailto:suevarga2008@btinternet.com) for you to order your Fairtrade goods: the next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Breakfast is on 30<sup>th</sup> May at 9.45am at St Michael's.

**PURPLE DOOR FUND-RAISING SCHEME** Raise funds for St Andrew's Fabric Fund by shopping on-line via [www.purpledoor.co.uk/shops/QuestandTrekks](http://www.purpledoor.co.uk/shops/QuestandTrekks). For more information ring Derek on 07976 633783 and as they say elsewhere, Every Little Helps!

## **REGULAR EVENTS:**

Better Portion: First/Second Saturdays at Wraysbury Baptist Church from 12 noon to 2.00pm (ladies only!); see publicity for the actual monthly date.

Mens' Pub Nights: 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays: see what's on section for location.

Woman 2 Woman: this is now an irregular evening event so please watch out for details. There is an event on 6<sup>th</sup> May.

## **Services :**

### **St Andrew's**

1<sup>st</sup>, New Life Plus at 11.00am

2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Sundays: Parish Communion at 11.00am

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion at 8.00am  
New Life Service: 11.00am

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Parish Communion for both parishes (at St Michael's)

Tuesdays: 11.00am: Midweek Communion for both Parishes: at St Michael's

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays 2.40pm: Informal Discussion with Angels Delight Mums & Toddlers

Prayer & Healing Ministry during 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Service

Tuesday morning prayer time: 9.30am-10.30am in Church.

### **St Michael's:**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Book of Common Prayer Sung Communion: 9.30am

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: 9.30am: Family Service

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Sundays: 9.30am: Parish Communion

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: 11.00: Parish Communion for both parishes preceded by FairTrade breakfast at 9.45am.

Tuesdays: 11.00am: Midweek Communion for **BOTH** Parishes followed by coffee.

Prayer and Healing Ministry during 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Service

## **What's on in May as known by 26/4/2010**

1<sup>st</sup> : Wedding of Natalie White and Anthony Steventon: St Andrew's: 2.00pm

2<sup>nd</sup>. New Life Plus at 11.00am at St Andrew's.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Baptism of Taylor Tite: St Michael's: 3.00pm

4<sup>th</sup> : Pop In Service: 1.30pm: St Andrew's.

5<sup>th</sup>: Choir Practice: 6.00pm: St Andrew's.

5<sup>th</sup>: Standing Committee: 7.30pm: Vicarage

6<sup>th</sup>: **Woman 2 Woman: 7.30pm: Annexe: Cheese and Wine evening**

8<sup>th</sup>: Baptism Preparation Session: 10.30am: Annexe

8<sup>th</sup>: Better Portion: 12 noon to 2.00pm: Wraysbury Baptist Church

11<sup>th</sup>: Southern Group Chapter: 12.30pm St Francis of Assisi: Langley

14<sup>th</sup>: Mens' Pub Night: 5 Bells Horton from 8.00pm

15<sup>th</sup>: Quiet Day at Alton Abbey: details from Simon

16<sup>th</sup>: New Life Service for Ascension Day: St Andrew's: 11.00am

17<sup>th</sup>: Ministry Meeting: 7.30pm Vicarage

19<sup>th</sup>: Choir Practice: 6.00pm: St Andrew's.

22<sup>nd</sup>: Gwelutshena Prayer Chain: 11.00am to 1.00pm: St Andrew's.

23<sup>rd</sup>: Pentecost: Normal services for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

23<sup>rd</sup>: Baptisms of Candice Butler and Isabel Sutton: St Michael's: 2.00pm(SDL)

23<sup>rd</sup>: Baptism of Ruby-Jo Hemming: St Andrew's: 3.00pm(AP)

23<sup>rd</sup>: Wedding Vows renewal: 4.00pm: St Andrew's.

25<sup>th</sup>: Wraysbury PCC 7.30pm Annexe, preceded by Lands Trust at 7.15pm

26<sup>th</sup>: Archdeacon's Visitation/Commissioning of Wardens: St Francis's High Wycombe  
7.30pm

30<sup>th</sup>: Trinity Sunday: Group Eucharist at 11.00am at St Michael's preceded by Fairtrade Breakfast at 9.45am

30<sup>th</sup>: Baptism of Elwyn Dury: 3.00pm St Michael's: (SDL)  
30<sup>th</sup>: Baptism of Charlotte Young: 3.00pm St Andrew's (AP)

#### **DIARY DATES: JUNE 2010**

1<sup>st</sup>: Pop In Service: 1.30pm St Andrew's.

6<sup>th</sup> New Life Plus: 11.00am St Andrew's.

19<sup>th</sup>: **WRAYSBURY VILLAGE FAIR: details will be posted soon!**

#### **PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL DATES FOR 2010**

St Andrew's: Standing Committee: 7.30pm Vicarage on: 5<sup>th</sup> May, 30<sup>th</sup> June,  
1<sup>st</sup> September, 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

St Andrew's PCC's: 20<sup>th</sup> April, 25<sup>th</sup> May, 13<sup>th</sup> July,

28<sup>th</sup> September, 23<sup>rd</sup> November. **All at 7.30pm and some preceded by Lands Trust Meetings**

St Michael's PCC's: 29<sup>th</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup> October,

25<sup>th</sup> November. **All at 7.00pm, some preceded by Parochial Charities.**

#### **Gwelutshena Prayer Chains:**

**St Andrew's: 11.00am to 1.00pm on: 22/5,17/7,25/9, 27/11.**

#### **FABRIC/FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S**

The Library area has almost come to birth! St Andrew's has been advised about its 5 year inspection and this will take place shortly under the auspices of our consulting architect: the completion of the work to the Vestry Wall will not have occurred by the time we are inspected and there are other items that need attention which we will put in hand after we see the report. A new part to the church boiler at St Andrew's will be fitted during the summer. Again our thanks at the increasing membership of the Friends of St Andrew's as a result of our envelope drop. At St Michael's the new sound system is almost in (thank you Alan Taylor) and in the coming weeks the old Drugasar external flues/cowls will be removed and the gaps flint mortared. Small repairs the porch timbers and east end buttress will also be undertaken and Horton has its 5 year inspection in 2011.

#### **PASTORAL SERVICES**

We have 22 weddings booked in from 24<sup>th</sup> April 2010 to 6<sup>th</sup> August 2011 and one for 2012: baptisms are at a steady flow (at the moment!) and the Confirmation course for 2010 begins in the annexe at 7.30pm on 19<sup>th</sup> July for the October service at St Peter's Iver with Bishop Alan. Details are now available so please see Simon as soon as possible.

#### **COMING EVENTS**

The Wraybury Fair (19/6), the Horton Fair (7/8), the parish Garden Party at the Grange (4/9) and a bridge drive date for a Friday afternoon in the annexe at St Andrew's soon!

#### **ANNEXE BOOKINGS**

If you wish to book the annexe please contact Lorna Pullen at [lornawateersmeet@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lornawateersmeet@hotmail.co.uk)

#### **WANTED!**

#### **SINGERS TO JOIN THE ST ANDREW'S CHOIR**

**ALL VOICES WELCOME: SEE SIMON WHO IS CURRENTLY THE CHOIR DIRECTOR**

**YOUNG TECHNICAL WIZARDS TO OPERATE THE SOUND DESK AT ST ANDREW'S. 251642 IS THE NUMBER TO RING!**

#### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS 2010**

These have duly taken place and there are no significant changes to report in parish officers: we welcome Patrick Haydock-Wilson as a newly elected member of the St Andrew's PCC. Patrick is also the Christian Aid organiser for the parishes: this is Christian Aid month so watch out for publicity.

#### **PASTORAL VISITOR**

Vicki Lipscombe is our pastoral visitor so if you hear of anybody who needs a visit for any reason please contact Vicki on 483551

#### **YOUTH PROJECT**

I allude to the problems of funding in the editorial: as we are in a pre-election scenario we don't actually have an MP at the moment but whoever is elected to the Windsor seat after the 6<sup>th</sup> May will have my email on their desk asking why it is so difficult to get funding for youth projects and early years learning in this far corner of Berkshire!