



# St Nicholas' Hedsor

## Newsletter

October 2018

# Life Together

“Church isn’t a place. Church isn’t a thing. It isn’t an instable indefinite indistinct idea. Church is life together.” Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Famed German pastor and Theologian .

The local fellowship of believers is best understood as a collection of those whom God has called out from the world, the *Ekklesia*, the called out ones, who jointly reach into the unseen in prayer, in sacrament, in worship, in fellowship, compelled by a desire to grasp the hand of God that has gripped their heart in Christ. Everything about ministry is rightly aimed at facilitating, cultivating life together as a community of believers in fellowship with each other.

We are not just a simple gathering of people, going to church together sitting in a pew next to each other. We are an incarnate community doing life together being church beyond this building. Cultivating incarnate community, being the Body of Christ rather than just a place where people meet is what the church is called to be. It’s risky business of course because we open ourselves to be with people who are not like us. Be it your ego, our budget, your vanity, your pride, or just your liking.

God will be constantly crossing our paths and cancelling our plans showing us creative ways of doing life together. “We must be ready to allow ourselves to be interrupted by God. That’s the work of the Holy Spirit sending us people to nurture and encourage us in our faith.” based on Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s book Life Together.

## *Partnership for Missional Church*

A big thank you to everyone who attended the congregational timeline event. The object of the exercise was to record the history of the church from the congregation's point of view. A summary of the outcome is available at the back of the church, please take a copy. A reminder that Year 1 of the project is about listening, listening to our congregation, to our community and to God. It would seem we are already finding this challenging.

We are still looking for a steering group leader to lead this project; if you are interested in finding out what's involved please speak with Revd Janet.

### **From the Parish Register**

Please pray for our wedding couples who were married in September:

Timothy Owen and

Susan Witcomb

Charles Lavington and

Joanna Carpenter

and also for

Miriam Arnold, who was baptised on Sunday 2nd September

### **Contact for Baptisms, Funerals & Weddings:**

The Rev'd Janet Binns on 01628 523046

### **This month's services at St. Nicholas**

**7 October**      **19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
9.00am      Holy Communion

**14 October**      **20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
9.00am      Pathway - Family Service

**21 October**      **21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
9.00am      Holy Communion

**28 October**      **22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
9.00am      Sung Communion. We welcome Revd Sarah Fitzgerald who will preside and preach.

**Children are welcome at all services**



## Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 11th November is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of World War I. We want to ring the bells for at least a couple of hours from 11.02 that morning. There are lots of choices of music as Ruby has checked Songs of Praise for hymns that contain only white notes and can be rung on our bells. It has been suggested that it is easier for people to ring in pairs. If you would like to be part of this please speak with Graham Stacey.

## Benefice News

### Coffee morning

Every Monday 10-12 noon (except bank holidays) in St Mark's Church hall.

### Puffins Toddler Group

Every Wednesday during term time 10 -11.30am at St Mark's Church Hall.

Crafts, story and nursery rhymes and an opportunity to catch up with other parents.

**Nursing Homes' Communion** Tuesday 30th October, 2.30pm Kingfisher and 3.15pm Chiltern Manor. If you can help strengthen the team please speak with Jimmy Heyes at St Mark's.

**Bible Study** every Thursday, 7.45pm at 35 Blind Lane. We are studying the new catechism which I would extend to every member of the church. It is enlightening and certainly provides food for thought as a guide to the Christian Faith

### 200 Club

Jimmy Heyes the treasurer at St Mark's visited St Nicholas to speak about the 200 club, a fundraising initiative for the church. To date the church has benefitted from donations from the 200 club totaling £30k. There is a very simple process members pay £1 per entry with the opportunity to win prizes of £50, £20 and £10, of course the more entries the better your chance of winning. If you would like to join there are standing order mandates at the back of the church.

### **SERVICE OF LIGHT**

St Mark's Church Bourne End has arranged a Service of Light on **Sunday 4th November at 6pm** to remember those whom we knew and loved in their earthly lives and to light a candle in memory of loved-ones.



### **Church Yard Mornings**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

This month's church yard morning will be on the second Saturday of October.

We very much appreciate the commitment of this team, without whom maintenance of the churchyard would be very costly.

### **MEDITATION AT ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH** 1.30pm every Wednesday

A racing mind that reacts sensitively to little things indicates thinking that has lost its spiritual strength. Meditation restores that power.

This weekly event continues to thrive. If you have a friend who is seeking a special place and/or inner peace, please bring them along. Please arrive 15 minutes early so that we can ensure a full 30 minutes' silence.

Please contact Maura Carr (01628 530181) for details.

### **Hedsor Theatre Club**

The next visit planned for the Theatre Club is:

Trial by Laughter, by Ian Hislop, Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, 1<sup>st</sup> November (matinee).

Please contact Maura Carr on 01628 530181 for further information.

### **Contacts**

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