

7 Whole Days

CHURCH NEWS FOR THE COMMUNITIES OF
APPLESHAW & CLANVILLE & FYFIELD &
KIMPTON (WITH PART OF SHODDESSEN) &
REDENHAM & SHIPTON BELLINGER & THRUXTON

February – April 2009

What's on...

Lent Bible Study

Thursdays in Lent (starting on 5th March) at Shipton Bellinger Vicarage, 7.30pm.

We will again be using the USPG Lent Course – this time entitled 'Studies in the Gospel of Luke'; the emphasis being on God at work in the world today.

Please let **Revd. Stuart Kersley (01980 842244)** know if you plan to attend, so that sufficient copies of the course can be ordered.



Appleshaw Manor Gardens are open on Mothering Sunday
22nd March 2-5pm

The **Phoenix Brass Band** will give a concert on Saturday 25th April at Fyfield Parish Church at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 to include wine & cheeseboard, available from PCC members or on 773487 or 772106.



Fyfield 100 Club payouts went to Mrs. C. Bird, Alex Froom, Jenny Fenton, and Mr. J. Bearfoot in November '08 and Mrs. D. Croft, Mr. D. Yarde-Leavett, Ian Tomlinson and Mrs. C. Freemantle in December '08.

Annual Parochial Church meetings and Election of Churchwardens

Fyfield Monday 23rd March; **Thrupton** Tuesday 24th March; **Shipton Bellinger** Wednesday 25th March; **Appleshaw** Thursday 26th March; **Kimpton** Friday 27th March. **All start at 7.30pm and will be held in the parish churches.**

Appleshaw Village Play Area



The play area by the Village Hall has fallen into disrepair and, with the blessing of the Parish Council, a team is now raising funds and collecting designs to refurbish it. The community will be asked to vote for the most appropriate play equipment. Two play areas are being considered to meet the needs of a wide range of children's ages and the team will be assisted by a group of youngsters who are far more aware of what is needed than the adults! The path to the project's website will be in the February edition of ARC, and paper copies of the designs will be on display in Appleshaw Village Hall soon. Further details from Michael Clayton (01264 771794).

GODLY PLAY for grown-ups

I am offering a short series of evening **GODLY PLAY** sessions in **FEBRUARY**. No previous experience of Godly Play is necessary - this is a chance to find out about and experience this method of telling Bible stories.

The dates are :

Monday 9th February

Friday 13th February

Monday 16th February

Thursday 19th February



Time: **7.20 for 7.30pm** (a prompt start is essential) **until 9pm.**

Place: Thruxton Village Hall, Machin Room.

The theme will be **Parables of Jesus**. Each session will be stand-alone, but people are welcome to sign up for all four. Places are limited so early booking is recommended, and a waiting list will be held. A donation of £1 - £2 per session is requested, to help cover the cost of hall hire and materials etc.

To book and for further information: please phone **Revd Ann McKenzie on 01264 772788**

FROM THE REGISTERS	
Baptism	Marriage
2 nd November Frederick Charles Arthur Wolsely Brinton at Kimpton	13 December 2008 James Hessey & Amanda Nash at Thruxton
16 th November Thomas James Cavanagh at Shipton	Funeral
23 rd November Jonty William Black at Appleshaw	25 th November Synthia Joyce Violet Haynes
23 rd November Grace Emma Clarke at Shipton	30 th December Maureen Berry at Shipton 2009
7 th December Eve Rose Allum at Kimpton	21 st January Susan Buckmaster at Thruxton
14 th December Jocelyn William Palmer at Appleshaw	23 rd January Barbara Morgan at Appleshaw
14 th December Olivia Jane Edwards at Shipton	23 rd January Laura Mc William of Appleshaw
14 th December Mary Jemima Reynolds at Fyfield	28 th January Emma Bearfoot at Fyfield
28 th December Alexander George Henry Collins at Shipton	29 th January Horace Burgess of Appleshaw
18 th January Benjamin Thirlaway at Kimpton	

An invitation from the clergy...

Please let us know if you would like to arrange a baptism (christening), confirmation, wedding, burial, cremation, communion at home, confession, counsel, pastoral or hospital visit or any other related matter, or if you would like to know more about the local church or the Christian faith. The parish churches welcome people to worship from all parts of the Church, as well as those who would like an enquiring environment in which to explore spirituality, meaning and purpose in their lives.

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Copy for the next edition to the Rector by 13th April, please

From the Rector...



years on...



'DO YOU believe in God?' 'Yes.' 'Do you believe in a God who can change the course of events on earth?' 'No, just the ordinary one...' This is one of my favourite exchanges and reminds me of the present debate about the existence of God, emblazoned on the side of some London 'buses.

Why There Almost Certainly Is a God is the title of a recent book written by one of my old teachers, Professor Keith Ward, and is published by Lion (2008). It is a philosopher's attempt to refute the contemporary received opinion that to believe in God might be a sign of a delusional personality. It is a robust assertion that the opposite might well be the truth, and I recommend it to you, if you want a clearly written account of rational religious belief today.

Another book for Lent is the one that the Archbishop of Canterbury has chosen to commend to us at this season: *Why go to Church?* by Timothy Radcliffe, published by Continuum (2009). I am looking forward to reading it as part of my Lenten discipline, as it examines what it means to celebrate the Eucharist – the central drama – at the heart of the Church's worship.

This area of concern, belief and its practice, remains for me as fresh as it was when I came here thirty years ago. As a child, living at the seaside, I collected fossils and some of my hobbies were those associated with Natural History. The scientific method of enquiry has always attracted me to question what I am told and what I read, and I am encouraged by Professor Ward's words, 'Every now and then... I ... remember that it is important to be critical of all our beliefs – to ask what we mean by them and what reasons there are for accepting them.'

In the midst of being a vicar, with all the practical pastoral activities and necessary administrative tasks involved in my ministry, I always try to remember that it is the theological quest that provides an authentic context for all I do and say. The greatest privilege for the last three decades has been the company of those who, in so many and different ways and times in their lives, have joined me, as their parish priest, in offering the prayers and praises of the Church, on behalf of the communities they represent, and showing solidarity with the world in all its tragic difficulties and glorious possibilities.

Thank you.

Ian Tomlinson

Services for Lent, Holy Week & Easter

Ash Wednesday 25th February Thruxton 7.30pm Stations of the Cross, Eucharist and hymns with ashings

Holy Week 5th – 11th April

Evening Prayer Monday 6th Shipton 6pm, Appleshaw 7pm; Tuesday 7th Shipton 6pm, Thruxton 7pm; Wednesday 8th Shipton 6pm, Kimpton 7pm.

Maundy Thursday 9th Eucharist of the Lord's Supper Fyfield 7.30pm

Good Friday 10th Children's service and activities 9.30am Fyfield; Morning Prayer 11am Kimpton; Meditation at the Cross 12pm Shipton; Stations of the Cross 2pm Appleshaw; Liturgy and Veneration of the Cross 7.30pm Thruxton

Holy Saturday Vigil and Readings 7.30pm Appleshaw

Sunday services February - April 2009

Sunday	Appleshaw	Kimpton	Thruxton	Fyfield	Shipton Bellinger
8th February 3rd Before Lent	11am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	9.30am Family Communion	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Parish Communion
15th February 2nd Before Lent	10.30am Children's Sunday Club 11am Family Worship	9.30am Morning Worship	9.30am Parish Communion	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Parish Communion
22nd Sunday Next Before Lent	11am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11am Family Worship	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Parish Communion
1st March Lent 1	11am Parish Communion	9.30am Morning Worship	9.30am Parish Communion	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Worship
8th March Lent 2	11am Morning Worship	9.30am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Parish Communion
15th March Lent 3	11am Parish Communion	9.30am Morning Worship	9.30am Parish Communion	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Parish Communion
22nd March Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	10.30am Children's Sunday Club 11am Family Worship	9.30am Family Worship	9.30am Parish Communion	11am Family Worship	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Worship
29th March Passion Sunday					Benefice Eucharist 10am
5th April Palm Sunday	11am Palm Procession & Parish Communion	9.30am Palm Procession & Parish Communion	9.30am Palm Procession & Parish Communion	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Palm Procession & Parish Communion
12th April Easter Sunday	11am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	8am Holy Communion	9.30am Easter Communion and Breakfast
19th April Easter 2	10.30am Children's Sunday Club 11am Family Worship	9.30am Morning Worship	9.30am Parish Communion	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Parish Communion
26th April Easter 3	11am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11am Family Worship	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Parish Communion
3rd May Easter 4	11am Morning Worship	9.30am Family Worship	9.30am Parish Communion	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Worship
10th May Easter 5	11am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	9.30am Family Worship	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Parish Communion