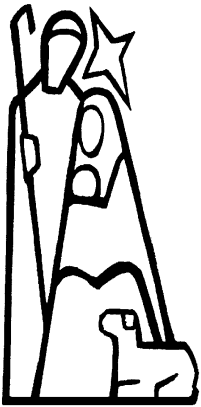


7 Whole Days ❖

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

November, December 2008 – January 2009

Christmas services - to which all are very welcome...



Saturday 20th December Thrupton Carols by Candlelight 6pm
Sunday 21st December Fyfield Carol Service 11am
Appleshaw & Shipton Carol Service 6pm

Christmas Eve

Carol and Children's Crib Service Shipton 4pm
Carol and Children's Crib Service Kimpton 5pm
Carols and Midnight Mass Shipton and Thrupton 11.30pm

Christmas Day Carols and Communion Fyfield 8am
Carols and Communion Kimpton 9.30am
Carols and Family Communion Shipton 9.30am
Carols and Communion Appleshaw 11am

What's on...



FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY ON Saturday 8th November 3-5pm in Appleshaw Village Hall

Afternoon Tea, Generation Games and Christmas Sale, Games and Gifts (amazing sale prices) Advent Calendars & Books.

Entrance free – in aid of Appleshaw Parochial Church Council funds.

Saturday 8th November at 6pm in Kimpton Parish Church – Our local De Fakto Singers with the Vallis Orchestra will perform another concert, which will include Stabat Mater by Pergolesi as the mains work and works by Bach, Mendelssohn and modern part songs.



Tickets from John Storey – 01264 772793.

Parochial Church Council meetings – proposed dates: Thrupton 13th January; Fyfield 14th January; 15th January Appleshaw; 19th January Kimpton; 20th January Shipton Bellinger.

Godly Play



Since my last report I have held two introductions to this imaginative way of presenting Bible stories and Christian traditions: one for local primary school teachers, the other for those working with children in church. The response has been excellent so there should be more and more people of all ages, not only children, enjoying Godly Play over the coming months. I plan further sessions in the New Year so if you are interested - you don't have to be working with children to come along - do get in touch with me.

Meanwhile, there will be the traditional **"PREPARING FOR ADVENT"** Saturday morning in Thruxton Village Hall on **Saturday 29th November, 9.30 – 11.15am**. It will be a full Godly Play session for children of 2½yrs upwards (accompanied by an adult please) with some art and craft activities, and a short act of worship. If you would like to come, please would you let me know for practical purposes. Thank you.

Revd Ann McKenzie

Fyfield 100 Club. In future editions, names of winners will be printed to inform and encourage present and future members of this vital group, who, over the last eighteen years have raised the necessary funds to keep St. Nicholas parish church in good repair. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Tester for this suggestion, which Molly Baster and Jane Smith (organisers) think is a very helpful one. In the last three months the winners were; August: Lady Vernon, Mrs Chilton, Mrs Darling, Mrs Smith. September: Mrs Bowley, Mrs Croft, Mrs Moon, Mr Meaden. October: Mrs Bowley, Mrs Baster, Andrew Glover, Clare Freeman.

A message 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, from any mainstream religious tradition or none.

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FROM THE REGISTERS	
<p>Baptism 4th May Mark Lewis Greenwood at Thruxton 4th May Anil Sadanand Boodhoo at Thruxton 4th May Lily Kathleen Buckmaster at Thruxton 11th May Nancy Alice Hughes at Appleshaw 18th May Oliver John Winston Clark at Appleshaw 1st June Harry James Butler at Appleshaw 8th June Alexander Douglas Hope Brown at Fyfield 15th June Jaynee-Lee Drury at Shipton 22nd June Lily Schubart-Thomas at Shipton 13th July Jessica Andrews at Shipton 17th August Ruby Alys Wilson, at Thruxton 24th August Finn Cameron John McCann, at Thruxton 31st August Eleanor Rose Vessey, at Thruxton 12th October Tyla Fred Sheppard at Shipton</p>	<p>Memorial Service 7th August Mary Joan Probert at Appleshaw 4th October Alan Frank Fawcett at Shipton</p> <p>Burial 1st May John Holliday at Fyfield 8th May John Sinclair at Kimpton 5th August William Elliott of Shipton 7th August Annie Bridget Soilleux at Shipton 24th October Hilary Thorne at Thruxton</p> <p>Cremation 30th April Lily Dance of Thruxton 15th May Basil Horsfall of Appleshaw 21st May Jean Burgess of Appleshaw 14th June George Roe of Andover 3rd July Jacqueline C H Thorne of Fyfield 1st September George D Rayner of Thruxton 12th September Phyllis Hyde of Thruxton 10th October Samuel (Paddy) Higgins of Thruxton</p>
<p>Marriage 4th May Christopher Mcleod & Sarah Louise White at Fyfield 9th August Peter Deacon & Ann Cockrell at Appleshaw 29th August Antony Walker & Nicola Wilson at Fyfield</p>	



From the Rector...

I HAVE INVITED the Bishop of Basingstoke, the Right Reverend Trevor Willmott, to visit the benefice on the last Sunday in November, the first Sunday of Advent, which begins the Church's liturgical year. If you would like to attend the meeting immediately after the Benefice Eucharist in Appleshaw Church at 10am on 30th November, then please let me know. It will take place in Appleshaw Village Hall and finish by 1pm. There will be suitable refreshments to sustain those who go.

One of the purposes of this event is to learn from the bishop where he sees the benefice now, and how, in the long term, he imagines its fitting into the current plans for reorganising the Deanery of Andover, at a time of changing patterns of ministry.

I have been preparing myself for this visit by thinking about a model of the Church, appropriate to where I am now, as incumbent, in relation to the parishes, after such a long time here. There have been so many changes and developments over the decades, as well as elements that have a certain continuity and stability, such as worship and pastoral care. This has involved so many people, and made for such a rich experience.

The phrase that I have come up with to describe this situation is 'Network Church'. By this I mean that within the boundaries set, a parish church, in a traditional Anglican understanding, is all about how parishioners relate to each other (and ultimately to God, in Christ, through the Spirit). There are personal relationships, as well as a professional relatedness, in that I may get to know you through individual contact, but you might call upon my services as a vicar, without having met me, except in role. These two elements move in and out of each other, so that services that mark significant moments in life, for example, become symbolic of a deeper network of meaning and contact. Prayer acknowledges such a hidden connectedness, which can be very supportive at times of crisis and celebration.

I like words that end in '...ion'. I came up with the following list that I find informs my work as a parish priest, and which, I hope, resonates with your perceptions, when it comes to thinking about the Church in these parishes, however you relate to it, whether as a building or by association with moments in your life shared with others.

They are: mission; celebration; information; communication; administration; visitation; education; succession; evangelisation; representation.

I shall be looking at all these elements in ministry in the next few months, to launch my last era here (DV). The same bishop has indicated that it is unlikely that I shall be moving from this living, so if you can think of any other appropriate '...ion' words (such as inspiration...) that I might explore, please let me know.

Meanwhile, please take the chance to come and hear the bishop in the church and village hall.

Canon Ian Tomlinson

Copy for next edition to Rector by 16th January 2009, please.

Sunday services November '08 to part February '09

Sunday Services	Appleshaw	Kimpton	Thrupton	Fyfield	Shipton Bellinger
9th November 3rd Sunday Before Advent	10.50am Service for Remembrance Sunday	9.30am Family Worship for Remembrance Sunday	10.50am Service for Remembrance Sunday	8am Holy Communion for Remembrance Sunday	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Parish Communion followed by Remembrance ceremony at War Memorial at 10.50am
16th November 2nd Sunday Before Advent	10.30am Children's Sunday Club 11am Family Worship	9.30am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Parish Communion
23rd November Christ the King	11am Celebration of Baptism	9.30am Morning Worship	9.30am Parish Communion	11am Family Worship	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Parish Communion
30th November Advent 1	10am Benefice Eucharist with the Bishop of Basingstoke...	...followed by...	...refreshments and meeting...	...in Appleshaw Village Hall until 1pm...	ALL WELCOME to hear the Bishop! (Details inside.)
7th December Advent 2	6pm Space @ Six Night Prayer	9.30am Family Worship	9.30am Parish Communion	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 4pm Christingle
14th December Advent 3	10.30am Children's Sunday Club 11am Christingle with Celebration of Baptism	9.30am Parish Communion	9.30am Christingle Family Worship	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Parish Communion
21st December Advent 4	6pm Carol Service	9.30am Parish Communion	6pm Saturday 20th Carols by Candlelight	11am Carol Service	8am Holy Communion 6pm Carol Service
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28th December Christmas 1 Holy Innocents			10am Benefice Eucharist with carols		
4th January 2009 Epiphany	6pm Space @ Six Night Prayer	9.30am Family Worship	9.30am Parish Communion	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion
11th January Baptism of Christ	11am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	9.30am Family Worship	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Parish Communion
18th January Epiphany 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
25th January Conversion of Paul	11am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11am Family Worship	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Parish Communion
1st February Presentation of Christ	6pm Space @ Six Night Prayer	9.30am Family Worship	9.30am Parish Communion	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Worship
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

