

7 Whole Days ❖

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

NOVEMBER 2010 – JANUARY 2011



Services to celebrate Christ's birth

Saturday 18th December Thrupton 6pm Carols and Readings

Sunday 19th December Kimpton 9.30am Carol Service

Fyfield 11am Carol Service

Appleshaw 5pm Carol Service

Shipton Bellinger 6pm Carol Service

CHRISTMAS EVE Shipton Bellinger 4.30pm Crib Service

Kimpton 5pm Crib Service

Shipton Bellinger 11.30pm Midnight Mass with Carols

Thrupton 11.30pm Midnight Mass with Carols

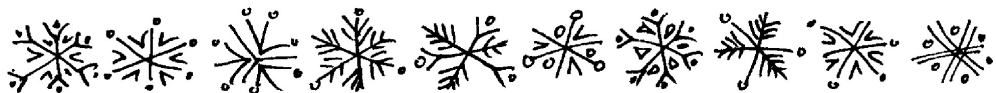
CHRISTMAS DAY Fyfield 8am Carols and Communion

Kimpton 9.30am Carols and Communion

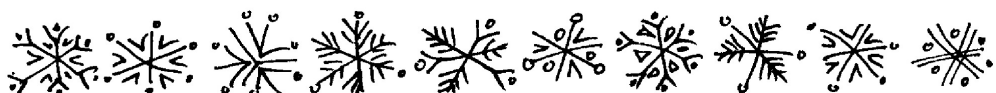
Shipton Bellinger 10am Family Communion with Carols

Appleshaw 11am Carols with Communion

Sunday 26th December Thrupton 10am Carols and Communion



A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS!



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The Rector writes...

FINANCIAL PRESSURE

focuses our national attention as I write this. It would be easier to hide in a church routine of services, sermons and pastoral work and so avoid such harsh realities. But even in parish life money plays its part, as locals have to find enough and more to meet the cost of providing for a vicar, keeping the fabric in repair and supplying resources for growth, spiritually and evangelistically.



I am proud to report that over the three decades that I have been the incumbent here, parishioners have provided the wherewithal to keep the churches going and to give to charities and other good causes. We have paid our way and planned for the future. I am also aware that this has been achieved in the context of several recessions and that many individuals have suffered as a consequence of stringent times, through redundancy and a reduced income. This makes the effort even more a cause for gratitude, to which I add my own personal thanks.

At the heart of this process has been generosity. I hope that when we make additional appeals to meet our annual budget, or to install lavatories and catering units, or to maintain and develop the fabric of our lovely parish churches, this will be motivation for further generous responses.

God loves a cheerful giver are New Testament words that echo Jesus' teaching about the widow's mites. She gave much, proportionally, out of her poverty, whereas he observed the rich in his day liked to trumpet their giving.

We can guess that the ability to share money and assets generously is likely to come from early training and experiences in our upbringing, as we handle the fear of letting go and trusting in our ability to manage our personal finances responsibly. How we cope with all our resources involves acts of faith and trust, as well as scrutinizing our monthly bank statements.

So money and how we spend our disposable income becomes a spiritual matter, after we have paid our taxes and met our other regular outgoings. *You cannot serve God and money* remains true; and Jesus' teaching also challenges me to write down my list of priorities and make sure that my response to them is a generous one, because I have been given so much in the first place.

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.

Contact details are on the front cover.

Copy for the next edition to the Rector by 17th January – preferably electronically

From Revd Ann

"It was a great celebration on 10th October! My thanks to all who organised, participated, attended, and expressed good wishes for my sabbatical. This has now started and will last for six months, when the Rector and I will do a review.

My best wishes to you all."

Bishop announces retirement

The Rt Revd Michael Scott-Joynt, the Bishop of Winchester, has announced that he intends to retire in May 2011. He has led the Diocese of Winchester for 15 years.

Bishop Michael has a packed schedule and will continue to be active in the Diocese and fulfilling his local, national and international roles, including in the House of Lords, until he retires. There will be a special service marking this at Winchester Cathedral on 7 May 2011. A range of events reflecting and celebrating Bishop Michael's long and distinguished ministry will take place in the weeks leading up to his retirement.

The Archbishop of Canterbury intends to appoint the Bishop of Basingstoke, the Rt Revd Peter Hancock as his Commissary during the Vacancy in See. This means that Bishop Peter together with senior colleagues will take responsibility for leading the Diocese of Winchester during the vacancy process.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism

30th May Matilda Mary Jean Wilson at Fyfield
5th September Harry Andrew Edwards at Shipton
16th October Islay Rose Balding at Kimpton

Marriage Blessing

6th August Adam and Nicki Patrick at Fyfield

Marriage

31st July Simon Curtis to Sarah Neville at Shipton
14th August Ralph Peter Tomlinson to Rachel Joanne Modd at Appleshaw
28th August Rupert Heaton to Samantha Wedd at Shipton Bellinger
4th September Stephen William Smith to Naomi Jennifer Tabor at Appleshaw
17th September Neal West to Hannah Wilton at Shipton
25th September Matthew Paul Wilcock to Rosemarie Irene Rowe at Appleshaw
9th October Nigel Brian Tedd to Joanne Beasley at Thruxton

Burial

3rd August Kenneth (Jack) Chamberlain at Shipton Bellinger
12th October Mary (Ann) Butler at Shipton Bellinger

Cremation

10th August Evelyn Elizabeth Pitman formerly of Fyfield
31st August James Albert Moon of Fyfield. Ashes buried 2nd September at Fyfield
23rd September Beryl Budd formerly of Appleshaw. Ashes buried 29th September at Redenham
8th October Dora Burgess of Appleshaw

Burial of Ashes

22nd October Rosemary Waterhouse at Kimpton

Christian Aid Christmas Appeal

See the full appeal at: <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/images/christmas-appeal-church-magazine-article.pdf>



Support our Christmas appeal, helping those far from home at Christmas.

Please give to our Christmas appeal to support families forced from their homes all over the world.

£5 could pay for food for a refugee on the Thailand-Burma border for a month.

£20 could pay for materials necessary to prepare a shelter for a family on the Thailand-Burma border.

£49 could pay for one blackboard for a school in southern Sudan.

£100 could pay for a child displaced by the earthquake in Haiti to return to school, providing school fees, uniforms and books.

How to give

Online: www.christianaid.org.uk/christmas-appeal

Text HOME to 70007. Text will cost £3, of which Christian Aid receives an average of £2.70.

Cheques: please make cheques payable to Christian Aid.

Fyfield 100 Club winners:

July	August	September
Mr E Binsted	Mr W Pelling	Mrs S Woodward
Mr R Fox	Mr C Jenkins	Canon I Tomlinson
Mr J Smith	Mrs Y Reed	Mr T Baster
Mr S Baster	Mrs C Bird (F)	Miss J Fenton

What's On...

A WINTER CONCERT

Will be held on Saturday 13th November in Fyfield Church at 7.30pm

PROJECT WORKSHOPS 2010

Christmas Shopping Days –
Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th
December – 10am – 4pm



Visit the Project Workshops studios for a free glass of wine and mince pie, chat to the Resident Artists, watch glass blowing demonstrations and do your Christmas Shopping in a relaxed atmosphere well away from the high street. Free entry and parking.

Lains Farm, Quarley, Andover, Hampshire, SP11 8PX

Location – just off the A303 opposite Thruxton race circuit

Website: www.project-workshop.co.uk

Telephone: 01264 889889

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL AT KIMPTON

There will be a Christmas Tree Festival in Kimpton Parish Church from 17th – 19th December in aid of the Tower Repair Fund.

News from St Peter's, Shipton Bellinger

For the second year, following the Harvest Thanksgiving Service in church, we joined with members of the Community Church for the harvest lunch. An excellent spread and enjoyable company made the occasion. Proceeds from the lunch and sale of produce were donated to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance. Harvest gifts of tins etc. were sent to the Andover Food Bank. A practical way of thanksgiving.

We now look forward to Advent and Christmas.

Ann Butler

At the time of her death Ann was nearing 101, and the oldest inhabitant of Shipton Bellinger. She had lived in the village since her marriage to Ed at St Peter's in 1946, having served in the WAAF during the war. She enjoyed being a home-maker, and many appreciated her skills as a cook. When able, she attended Church, but in recent years she had become housebound. Following a fall, she was more frail and lost her confidence. Although well cared for she did not fully recover, and died at Willow Court.

Her family was important to her, and she was grateful for the support she received from family, friends and carers in recent years. We thank God for her life.

Sunday Services for November, December 2010 - January and part February 2011

Sunday Services	Appleshaw	Kimpton	Thrupton	Fyfield	Shipton Bellinger
7th November 3rd Sunday before Advent	11am Parish Communion	9.30am Family Worship	9.30am Parish Communion	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 10am Family Worship
14th November Remembrance Sunday	10.50am Service for Remembrance Sunday	9.30am Holy Communion for Remembrance Sunday	10.50am Service for Remembrance Sunday	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 10.50am Service for Remembrance Sunday
21st November Christ the King					10am Benefice Eucharist
28th November Advent 1	11am Morning Worship	9.30am Morning Worship	9.30am Parish Communion	11am Christingle	8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Communion
5th December Advent 2	11am Christingle	9.30am Family Worship	9.30am Parish Communion	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 4.30pm Christingle
12th December Advent 3	11am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Communion
19th December Advent 4	5pm Carol Service	9.30am Carol Service	Saturday 18 th 6pm Carols and Readings	11am Carol Service	8am Holy Communion 6pm Carol Service
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26th December Christmas 1			10am Carols and Communion		
2nd January Christmas 2	11am Parish Communion	9.30am Family Worship	9.30am Parish Communion	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 10am Family Worship
9th January Baptism of Christ	11am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	9.30am Family Worship	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Communion
16th January Epiphany 2	11am Family Worship	9.30am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Communion
23rd January Epiphany 3	11am Morning Worship	9.30am Morning Worship	9.30am Parish Communion	11am Family Worship	8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Communion
30th January Presentation of Christ		10am Benefice Eucharist			
6th February Fifth Sunday before Lent	11am Parish Communion	9.30am Family Worship	9.30am Parish Communion	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 10am Family Worship
13th February Fourth Sunday before Lent	11am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	9.30am Family Worship	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Communion

