

SUNDAY SERVICE

	Speaker	Worship
1st April	Andrew and Ruth Price	
8th April	Resurrection Praise - Geoff Heaford	
15th April	Phil Baker	Claire Titcombe
22nd April	Paul Springate	Dawn Golton
29th April	Welcome Service led by Dave Day	Laura Fisher

Hall Duty
April
Tuesday
House Group;

May
Wednesday
House Group

ADDITIONAL EASTER CHURCH SERVICES

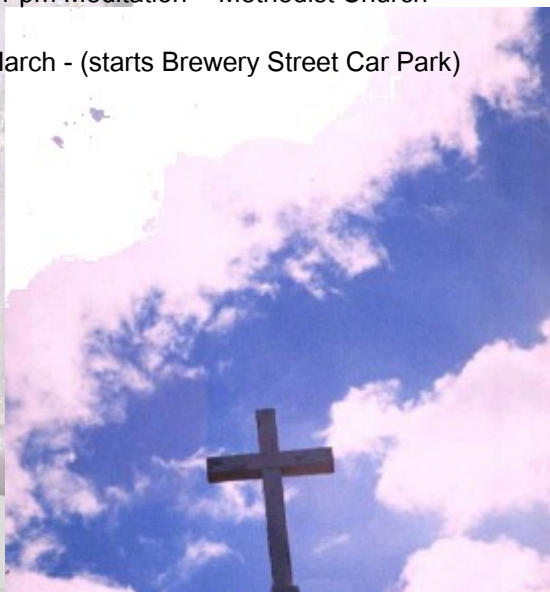
Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm Service - St Michael's

Good Friday 10 am Worship - St Michael's
12 noon to 1 pm Meditation - Methodist Church

Easter Saturday 10:15 am March - (starts Brewery Street Car Park)

EASTER

On "Easter Saturday", following the Walk of Witness through the town and the service on the Podium, hot cross buns and coffee will be served at The Bridge. Extra help serving on that day would be appreciated.



Diary

1st Newburgh House service

10th HCC Prayer meeting 8pm in the Bridge
(Tuesday Housegroup)

11th ladies prayer group 9.30 - 11.00

18th prayer morn in The Bridge 5.30 - 6.30
please speak with Adrian Hares for further info

19th committed members meeting

25th ladies prayer group

COMMITMENT SERVICE

As you are all aware, we are having our Commitment Service on Sunday 29th April. This is a time when we as a church can commit ourselves back to God and to HCC. The service will be followed by a church lunch. As part of our worship during the service we will be holding an offering for the work of the Holder's in Costa Rica, the Hill's in Scotland and the Lambert's in China. To enable us as individuals to prepare for this service, we are planning to hold a church meeting on Thursday 19th April at 8pm at the Bridge

BRING AND SHARE LUNCH

April 29th !!! Please if you would like to help with food please speak with Brenda Savill today or call her at home. There is a list of suggested foods on the table by the door .
Thanks



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2 Ron Bentley
10 Adrian Hill
15 Jon Grant_Willson
17 Dave Titcombe
20 Phil Tansley
22 Phoebe Smith
30 Sally Willson
Matt Ford
Tessa Hares

HCC HISTORY

Geoff Heaford has written a 'Short History of HCC' to celebrate our 30th Anniversary. Please see Alison if you would like a copy. If you would like to make a donation towards the printing costs please put in a sealed envelope marked 'History' and place in offering box.



BIG CHURCH DAY OUT Sat 2nd - Sun 3rd JUNE

This is a fantastic two day Christian Festival held on the beautiful Wiston Estate in West Sussex (think Jane Austen). Organised by some friends of ours, the event hosts loads of great Christian bands (Matt Redman, Tim Hughes, Israel Houghton etc.) and there are also great activities for children, including climbing walls, archery various bouncy castles and children's church. One of our favourite venues is the tea tent, set in the formal gardens you can enjoy a cream tea whilst listening to the Kings Chamber Orchestra! The event attracts around 8,000 people per day and last year over 300 people became Christians!!

Over the last couple years I have been a volunteer on the Saturday at the event organising the car parking (for about 6,000 cars!). Along with a team of people this is a great way to make memories, serve God and have fun. You also get a free ticket for the Sunday!! If you would like to join us for the weekend that would be brilliant. I could do with some help car parking or you can join Kathryn and the children at the event for both days. I've managed to negotiate some special prices for us all :One day prices (Sat or Sun)

Adults £15

Weekend Prices

Ages 5-16 £12

Adults £20

Under 5's Free

Ages 5-16 £17

This is compared with gate prices of £36/£45 per person. We will be camping for the three nights (Fri - Sun) and this is £2.50 per person per night. You need to be 18 or over to volunteer for car parking but this gets you a free ticket for the Sunday and free camping for the weekend.

For more info see : <http://www.bigchurchdayout.com/>

Please talk to me to get the special prices or for further information.

Matt Ford

You may have heard on the news that the Government is intending to extend Sunday trading hours supposedly for 8 weeks around the Olympics and Paralympics. Perhaps I am cynical, but no doubt after the 8 weeks it will be found to be such a success it will become permanent. I emailed my MP this morning and his reply is set out below. Perhaps if you feel strongly enough about this then may wish to email your MP? This is not about turning the clock back to a time when shops were closed on Sundays. But about trying to ensure a proper work life balance for those working in retail.

God bless. Rev David P Gray

On Sat 5th May, Highworth will be holding its 3rd May Day Market. It will be a great day, this year with a 1950's theme.... We will be making the most of the day by having the bridge open and for those who would like to help out fancy dress is most welcome !!! It is always a fun day and a great opportunity to bless the people of Highworth. If you are interested then please speak with or Rosie

From: TOMLINSON, Justin
[mailto:justin.tomlinson.mp@parliament.uk]
,Again I am afraid we disagree.

This is an excellent chance to maximise the opportunity that the Olympics presents us, and will give our retail sector a major boost.
Kind regards, Justin
Justin Tomlinson
North Swindon Conservative MP

There are five tickets available today to see Graham Kendrick perform in Bournemouth on Fri April 6th. Ask Rosie for further information

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee - Beacons

It is planned to have a celebration of the Jubilee at Highworth Community Centre on Monday 4th June from 6.30pm to 10.30pm. culminating with the lighting of a beacon.

Book this date in your diary. Talk to John Hodkinson about how you can get involved with this event.

Job Vacancy - St Michael's and Benefice Parish Administrator (part time)

Following the retirement of the current jobholder at the end of August 2012 a vacancy will arise for a part time Parish Administrator. This is an exciting opportunity for someone to work at the very centre of our benefice, making a strong contribution to its running. If you want to know more about the role, or a copy of the job description, please talk to Rosie or Geoff. Applications and CV to be made to Rosie in the church office before the closing date of **Saturday 14th April.**

PRAYER POINTS

HOLIDAY CLUB 2012

Jo and Andy Vizor from St Michael's will be leading this year's Holiday Club. If you are able to help please contact Jo with your availability for the weeks of 13th and 20th August before 5th April. Jo will be in touch after Easter with more information and a decision on the date. Call 341006 or email jovizor1@virginmedia.com

- Barbara Belcher as she recovers from her surgery
- Lianne Smith as she leads X:site at Spring Harvest from 1st - 5th April
- Sophie Lambert, Kizzy and Pete Lambert (and their children) as they serve God in China.
- Richard, Erin Eilah and Issac as they adjust to being a family of 4. Also for the changing mission and house move.

Hello Church members,

As you may be aware, Tom Aherne stepped down from organizing the distribution of the Highworth Link church magazine last December.

The Link team have not been successful in finding anyone to take on this important role.

It takes only about 4-6 hours a month and can be done at home at a time to suit.

At present the Community Church have once again stepped in to fill the role but are unable to continue.

We are looking for a volunteer, who will be given full training.

Please contact the Link office or editor@highworthlink.co.uk who will be happy to talk to anyone who is interested.



A JOURNEY THROUGH HOLY WEEK

A creative meditation to do at your own pace

Lawn Community Centre Good Friday 6th April 2012

Drop in any time from 10.00 am - 5.00 pm

Refreshments available in the Coffee Shop 10.00 am - 5.00 pm including

Lunch of soup and rolls from 12.00 mid day

to raise funds for Educación Plus helping children and young people in the poorest areas around San Jose, Costa Rica

For more information contact: Susan Saunders Tel: 346179

HOLDERS VISIT

Keith and Joy will be in Highworth from Wednesday 11th April to Wednesday the 18th April but they may not be around for Sunday. They are staying at Hotel Willson (somewhere!) and you will be most welcome to pop in.

PRAYER DATE -

Sunday 15th April - 2pm - The Cake Room, Highworth Community Centre

You will see from your LINK magazine, that we are promoting the work of CAP during April, and with that in mind we are having a focussed time of prayer before moving out to drop off leaflets to homes in Edencroft and Sevenfields. Please plan to come and join us if you can. (It would be good to hear from you if you are planning to come - speak to Phyllis, Val Savill or Martin Knott.)

KING'S DAUGHTERS CONFERENCE - 8th September - Cheltenham - more details on the noticeboard

YOUTH NEWS

Transform - Mondays 7.30-8.30 @ The Bridge. For school years 10 +.

Learn. Ask. Grow. Somewhere you can ask questions, find out a little bit more about yourself, life and faith.

Rock Solid - Sundays 6.15-8.00pm at St. Michael's Hall for school years 7, 8 & 9. The best way to kick start your week - with fun and games!

We are looking to try and start a group for schools years 7 and 8. In order to do this we need either a regular helper or a few helpers who don't mind giving up their time every month. The group at moment is planned for Fridays between 4 and 5, but this isn't set in stone yet. If you think you may be interested in helping with this, or any other youth related clubs please contact Susie.

Our groups are currently all running really well but we would always love to have more young people coming along. So if you know anyone who could come to these clubs please invite them!

For any more information about anything youth related, contact Susie on 07707 689475 or Susie@highworthcc.co.uk

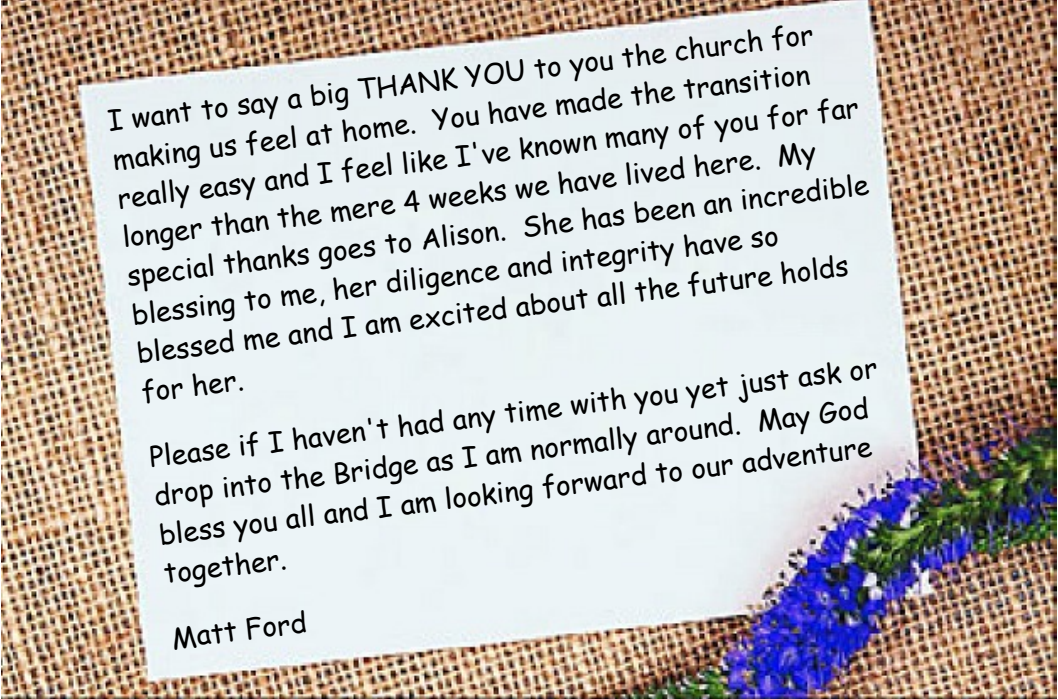
THE BRIDGE

Extra help is often needed when people are unable to do their turn on the rota. If you feel able to help occasionally, even if only on certain days, please speak to Phyllis so that we can endeavour to keep The Bridge open every morning. It makes a big difference to people in the community if they know we are open

regularly. It would be really helpful to have some more names of possible helpers.

We urgently need help, for the time being, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11am to 1pm





I want to say a big THANK YOU to you the church for making us feel at home. You have made the transition really easy and I feel like I've known many of you for far longer than the mere 4 weeks we have lived here. My special thanks goes to Alison. She has been an incredible blessing to me, her diligence and integrity have so blessed me and I am excited about all the future holds for her.

Please if I haven't had any time with you yet just ask or drop into the Bridge as I am normally around. May God bless you all and I am looking forward to our adventure together.

Matt Ford



And Thank you also to our very own Phyllis for the patience she has shown in keeping the admin going whilst I was on maternity ! Its great to be back and I am slowly finding my feet Phyllis has such wisdom and knowledge , its going to be a hard act to follow !!! It's great to see God at work and I look forward to seeing Phyllis' role as "The Bridge Project Manager" develop.

Rosie