



# **St. MARY'S CHURCH NORTH MYMMS**



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**February 2006**

## Parish Diary for February

Sat 4th      5-6pm      Preparing Children for Baptism - St. Michael's Room

### Sun 5th



**Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas )**  
 8.00am      Holy Communion  
 9.30am      Holy Communion and Christingle Procession  
 11.00am      Home Communions for the Sick  
 6.30pm      Evensong (BCP)

Mon 6th    9.30 am      Team Communion  
             2.30-4.00pm      Bible Basics - St Michael's Room  
             7.30-9.00pm      Bible Basics - St Michael's Room

### Sun 12th

#### **Third Sunday before Lent, Snowdrop Sunday Education Sunday**

8.00am      Holy Communion (CW\*)  
 9.30am      Parish Eucharist (CW)  
 from 2.30pm      Tea served prior to.....  
 4.00pm      Evensong with Chiltern West Gallery Quire

Mon 13th    9.30 am      Team Communion  
             2.30-4.00pm      Bible Basics - St Michael's Room  
             7.30-9.00pm      Bible Basics - St Michael's Room  
             8.00 pm      Deanery Synod - St. Mark's, Colney Heath

Sat 18th      5-6pm      Preparing Children for Baptism - St. Michael's Room

### Sun 19th

#### **Second Sunday before Lent**

8.00am      Holy Communion (CW)  
 9.30am      Parish Eucharist (CW) with Junior Church & crèche  
 6.30pm      Holy Communion (BCP)

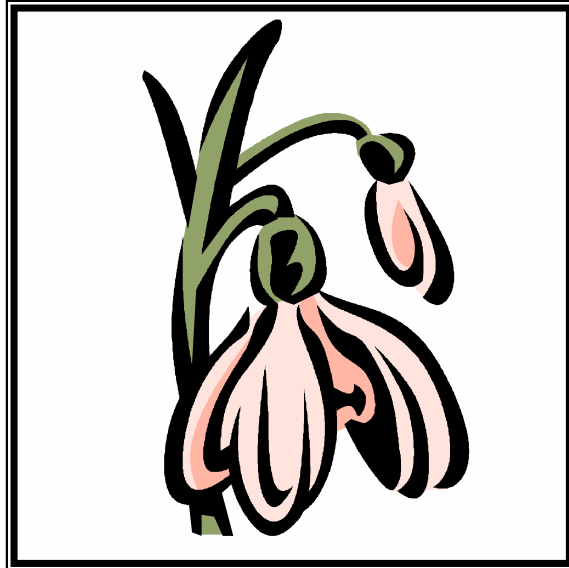
Mon 20th    9.30am      Team Communion  
             2.30-4.00pm      Bible Basics - St Michael's Room  
             7.30-9.00pm      Bible Basics - St Michael's Room

CW - Common Worship

\* - Traditional Language

BCP - Book of Common Prayer

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## **Snowdrop Sunday**

**at St Mary's Church, North Mymms**

**Sunday 12th February 2006 from 2.30pm**

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## **The light that pierces the gloom**

January and February must be the hardest two months of the year in our country; daylight hours are short (but getting longer!), the skies frequently overcast and nature - and most of us – are looking less than our best! It can be quite a struggle, especially if our energy and moods pick up on the bleakness of our surroundings. How important light is to us – according to the first creation account in Genesis the first thing God did was to create light and separate it from darkness.

Nestling in the nave altar in church are some wonderful figures who remind us that God has again brought his special light into the world. We did not pack up our crib scene along with the Christmas decorations but have kept them with us until Candlemas, when Jesus is presented in the Temple, and this signals the end of the season of Epiphany. We celebrate Candlemas on Sunday 5th February with a Christingle procession at our 9.30am service.

I have grown strangely fond of these figures in recent weeks – Mary and Joseph kneeling beside the baby Jesus in his hurriedly-made crib, have been joined by three mysterious figures, whose dress is very different from theirs. The shepherds have long since returned to their fields and sheep, yet, we can imagine, life was never to be quite the same for them again. Two of the Eastern visitors are also kneeling but one, the youngest of the three, stands behind, surveying the scene - perhaps not quite yet ready to express his feelings in the same way as his companions.

The scene is still and peaceful; each character is totally focussed on the child and nothing else seems to exist for them. It is as if they are caught up in unending worship, engaged in praise for all eternity. When the church is dark and quiet, the light that shines on them draws you in to join them, to watch and pray with them. Come closer and see!

There is a sharp contrast between the simple clothes of Mary and Joseph and the fine robes of the wise men, yet they don't seem at odds with each other at all. They probably had little in common– life experience, education, language and culture were so different – and yet they were all together. They were drawn to the light of the Christ-child and moved to fall to their knees before him and worship.

This special light of God is for everyone, it can change the way we see and understand each other and ourselves, if we only allow it. That light brings comfort in the dark, but it can make us uncomfortable as it fixes its gaze on us. If you find a moment in this season of Epiphany, light a candle and ponder its

glow. Remember the light that God brings in his Son is forever with us – it has opened up for us a way that previously could not be seen. It invites us to come and look more closely and to respond to what we see with humility and praise.

May the light of Christ pierce our gloom, so that through us it may shine in our homes, community and all the world.

With love and prayers

Sally

## Christingle Service



**Sunday 5th February 2006**

**9.30 am**

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## **APCM and Vestry meeting**

**To be held**

**in St. Michael's Room**

**on Sunday 9th April 2006**

**immediately following the**

**9.30am Parish Eucharist**

## Ian Baldwin: RIP

*[Address by Revd. Sally Davenport at the funeral of Ian Baldwin on 9th December 2005]*

Ian was born in Whetstone. As you know, he was a family man and a very loyal friend - and he lived all his life surrounded by both. Nothing gave him greater pleasure than sitting in his garden with Ann; having all his children together for Christmas; playing cricket on the beach with his grandchildren in Trevone or simply having a pint of the local brew with his friends. Whilst living in Brookmans Park, many an evening ended up going back to the Gubbin's house for a 'little' whisky!

He was a wonderful man who always had a funny story for every occasion. Like the time he took his family on a boating holiday and spotted a sheep stuck in the muddy banks of the river. Carefully, Ian helmed the boat edging nearer and nearer the stranded animal. Suddenly, his son-in-law made a desperate bid to jump to the creature's rescue. Unfortunately, this was before Ian had quite finished his boating manoeuvres and the water was much deeper than expected.. well, deeper than John's stature anyway! He ended up having to swim to the shore by which time the sheep had happily wandered off, oblivious to all the attention he had caused!

Ian went to Finchley Grammar School, where he was taught to write with 'nibs not knobs' and moved to Arkley in 1951 where he met his wife, Ann. During his national service days,

he would cycle all the way from Henlow to Arkely to meet her. It was during his RAF days that '2716132' forged his very special friendship with Brian, Colin & Keith, friendships that meant so much to him, friendships which were to last the rest of his life.

Ian de-mobbed in January 1956 and went to work for Barclays Bank - he was a bank manager, you know! And thanks to him, most of his family, some of his neighbour's children and even his daughter-in-law ended up with careers in the bank!

In October 1956, he married Ann at St Peter's Church, Arkley, before moving to Borehamwood. As he will have told many of you, he had to alter the date

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he wanted for his wedding due to his mother-in-law's involvement with the local horticultural show! They had 3 children; Martin, Mandy & Kevin... then they got a dog!

They moved to Brookmans Park in 1965 and soon became involved at St Mary's Church. He was on the PCC, the churchyard working party; he was a chalice bearer; a bell ringer and also assisted in sidesman duties. In fact, it could be said that he was only missing 'vicar' off his list of offices!

It was whilst living in Brookmans Park that a group of neighbours became firm friends and so it was that 'Baldwin & Co' began. Ian and Ann spent many happy evenings with John & Anne, Neil & Jane; Nelda & Derek and Jack & Phyllis.

In 1996 Ian & Ann retired to Kingsdon in Somerset and he soon settled into village life and its various clubs and events. He soon found himself on the PCC, and became a school governor for the village school. One of his favourite duties was dressing up as Father Christmas at the school Christmas party.

Ian had a love of life and a love of the people in it. He was a true gentle-man and many will remember him for his dry wit, his honesty and his funny stories. After asking some of his grandchildren, they say they'll remember him for cuddling up whilst watching 'Oliver'; playing cricket; going for walks in Cornwall and his fantastic cooked breakfasts!

If he could have written his own story, he could not have given himself a better

ending - albeit the final chapter was just too premature. He had spent a wonderful week-end happily with his family and his friends and it is important to know that he touched so many lives and for this reason he will always be remembered with love.

### **A message from Ann Baldwin**

On behalf of all the family, I would like to say a big 'Thank You' to all the people who sent cards and letters to us following the sudden death of Ian. It was a great help to us to know that we were in your thoughts and prayers over the past weeks. The amount so far raised for St. Margaret's Hospice is £1032.00. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

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# Children's Christmas at St Mary's

## The crib service



On the afternoon of Christmas Eve our church was absolutely full for the annual crib service with parents, grandparents, and lots and lots of children. About 50 children went into the Parish Room to be dressed variously as stars, angels, shepherds, kings, Mary, Joseph, and the innkeeper, before the simple service began, taken by Sally and narrated by Tom Elgar.

They came up in turn to the chancel to form a tableau round the manger. Then more children from the congregation, at least a further 50, were invited to kneel near the crib to see the baby. With lights dimmed, they all sang unaccompanied *Away in a Manger*.

It was very moving and the setting was perfect - a simple shelter made of canes supporting a faded bedspread, old sheepskin rugs on the floor, and the baby in a straw-filled orange crate, all in warm lamplight.

We appreciated the space we now have for such occasions, and the dimmer switch which adds to the atmosphere (and for this we have to thank Terry).

The enthusiasm to take part meant that we had about 20 angels, numerous stars, at least 4 or 5 kings, many shepherds, and, for the first time, a donkey and a Mrs Innkeeper (to keep Edward in order!)

The musicians - Ros Rees, Roger Dean and daughter Jo - added the final ingredient to make it all perfect. This was the true spirit of Christmas.

Robin and Chris want to thank all the helpers who dressed the children and then cleared up everything afterwards. Magic!

*Chris Willis*

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## The Nativity mural

Once again our Christmas at St Mary's was enriched by the children of our church.

Under the inspired guidance of Robin Elgar and Chris Willis we could enjoy wonderful evocations of the first Christmas with all the mystery and drama.

For dramatic that piece of art certainly was; the familiar story was given us in brilliant and daring colours. The children's detailed drawing showed great expertise and the dedication to authenticity which all added its resonance. It was beautiful, exciting and nostalgic.

We must thank Chris and Robin for their devoted ingenious work with the children, each year bringing us their truly spiritual art works.

*Jean Atkinson*



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## The Image of the Magi

St Mary's Church, Essendon

Tuesday February 21st  
7.30pm

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Tickets £10, student concession £5.  
Further details: 01707 875940.

In December the Revd. Sally Davenport met with some of the children in years 5 and 6 and they made the different candles. They then went on to think about Jesus who came to bring a very special form of poems. Mrs Lesley Stevens, the head teacher, has kindly given us permission to use them.



## The Burning candle

The burning candle  
 looking over us,  
 helping us,  
 Jesus Christ the light of the world,  
 lighting the way,  
 Guiding us through the path of life.

## Jesus Our Light

Jesus you are our light  
 only you can guide us through the night  
 we will not be frightened  
 because Jesus has lightened  
 all the world.



## Jesus the star

The blazing sun looking down at us,  
 A candle burning we make no fuss,  
 As bright as a star,  
 Looking at light can take us very far.  
 The candle burning lets us think,  
 It's brightness makes us wink.  
 Jesus is the star,  
 The star that will take us afar,  
 He is looking down at us making no fuss.



at Brookmans Park Primary school. They looked together at Advent and the meaning for  
7 special Light into our world. Later on some of them wrote about their thoughts in the  
to reproduce them here:

### Candle Burning

Candle burning  
Bright as can be,  
Light of the world  
Shining down on me.

finding happiness  
Is hard,  
But when lights at hand  
It's not barred.

Candle burning  
Flickering bright,  
Scary darkness  
But there's no fright.

Not in his eyes  
And not in mine,  
Jesus helps us  
Although passed has time.

Since he walked on this lane  
Where walk you and I,  
It's hard to believe  
But you must try.

Candle burning  
Bright as can be,  
Light of the world  
Shining down on me.

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## Parish Profile - Mary Robins

Mary was born in 1934 in Rugby, Warwickshire. An only child, she was sent by her parents to an evangelical church. Although her parents did not attend themselves, they were respectful of Christianity. At the age of eighteen, Mary left home and went to Bristol University and gained an upper second class degree in geography. She then studied for a Diploma in education and achieved this with distinction.

In 1956, Mary started her teaching career at Bromley High school, which was a girl's public day school trust. In 1960 she moved on to Manorside school for girls in Finchley. This secondary modern school was very successful as its pupils were obtaining good 'O' levels despite failing their 11 plus examinations. Mary found this very fulfilling and attributed it in part to the smaller class sizes in the school. It was around this time that she felt her pastoral ministry beginning to emerge.

In 1962 Mary married Brian and moved to Barnet. Children Mark, Ann and Richard were born in 1964, 1967 and 1969 respectively. In 1972 Mary returned to part-time teaching in Southgate and in 1974 Brian's job move meant that the family relocated to Southampton. Mary then had the new experience of teaching in a mixed school. She recalls being known as the 'fast woman from London' which she says was a bit of an ego boost for a woman approaching forty!!

A further job change in 1976 necessitated a reluctant move back to the London area but to the more rural Brookmans Park. Mary and the children became very involved with St Mary's. Mary taught at Sunday school with Sheila and also belonged to Basil Munroe's outreach group. The children were part of the youth group and Ann sang in the choir.

In 1981, Mary started her training with the St Alban's ministerial training scheme sponsored by the people of St Mary's. Some people said she was going to be 'revved up' and she received a picture of a cleric on a motorbike!! This was a time of great spiritual growth for her. It was later suggested that she should go for accreditation to the church ministry. In 1984, Mary was commissioned Deaconess and became a non-stipendiary minister working alongside John Morris and David Williamson. After David left, Mary became the non-stipendiary curate. In 1991, Mary went to Northaw and Cuffley and developed her work into adult education and spiritual direction in the Diocese.

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In 1994 following the legislation for women to be ordained priests, Mary was ordained along with 62 others. The service took place at St Alban's Abbey on 23rd April and was both memorable and joyous. Mary particularly remembers the feeling of 'letting her spirituality rip' whilst singing *Tell out my soul*.

Following ordination, Mary took a post at St James', Piccadilly, which was a very broad church in a vibrant part of the city. Mary really enjoyed this time and felt very fulfilled in her ministry. 2001 saw the birth of two grandchildren: a girl, Alejandra to Richard (who is now a partner at KPMG in the US) and his wife, and a boy David to Mark (now a social work practitioner in St. Albans) and his partner. In 2002 Mary tired of the difficulties of commuting (particularly post train crashes), and decided to retire. During this year two more grandchildren arrived; Isabella in the US and Katherine in St Albans.

On retirement, Mary became part of the Hatfield team ministry and also kept going with some of her projects. These include being spiritual director of a group of people making spiritual journeys. Some of these people are coming to terms with their spirituality and their sexuality. Some are gay and one is transgender.

Other projects include being advisor to the progressive Christian network, a body that provides input and support for church members who

want to explore faith in the 21st century. Mary is also an executive of a body called Inclusive Church. This is a collective of liberal organisations within the Anglican church and their purpose is to allow liberal members of church to have a strong voice in synod in an organised way. Mary is also a patron of GRAS (Group rescinding the act of synod) which provides Episcopal oversight for parishes not wanting women as priests or bishops. The rescinding of the Act prepares women to be bishops as men are bishops.

Mary is now delighted to be part of St Mary's again and feels privileged to be working with Sally. Her 'retirement' has given her some time to enjoy knitting, sewing, reading, walking and playing with her grandchildren.

Mary describes her return to St Mary's as a homecoming and she feels blessed to retire and grow old happily in this parish.

*Sara Boothby*

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Those of you who already give regularly through their Stewardship commitment, will shortly be asked to consider the level of your financial gift to our Church over the next year. Please be generous, as our Church continues to have planned expenditure in excess of planned giving. There is very little of the planned expenditure that is not vital as it covers the basics of running our Church day to day as well as supporting the mission of our Church locally, nationally and globally.

If you were able to help reduce this shortfall by increasing the size of your pledged gift, even by a small amount, it would be most welcome. Please also remember that if, for any reason, your finances take a turn for the worse, you can reduce your pledge immediately (but please remember to let me know when you make a change).

If you are new to the parish, or so far have not felt able to commit to planned giving, let me briefly explain what Stewardship is all about. Simply, it is giving back to God some of the time, talents and money so freely given to us all. The commitment to financial giving is something that we all accept by putting money in the collection when we attend Church. (Hopefully via the Gift Aid envelopes if you are a taxpayer).

Stewardship asks you to go to the next level and commit to giving our Church a fixed amount of money on a regular basis, typically weekly or monthly, even for those times when you don't

go to Church yourself. This helps towards the payment of the running costs of our Church, basics like heat and light, as well as for the ministry of Gods' word in our parish.

If you are a taxpayer and have committed to regular giving, we ask that you sign a Gift Aid form (one time event only). This enables the value of your gift to rise by 28%, as the Inland Revenue will give our Church a refund of the tax you have paid on your pledge. This is at no additional cost to yourself! It is also possible to ask your employer to deduct money to be paid to our Church from your gross pay, although in this case we can't reclaim tax back. (So please increase the value of your net gift if you choose to give in this way).

Giving of time and talents are just as important as giving of money. The Churchwardens would be very happy to let you know how you could help either on an occasional or regular basis. If you have a particular talent (as we all do), you will likely get a real joy from using this in service to God. The Churchwardens will be delighted to try and help you channel this effectively.

Finally please consider giving to our Church through a legacy in your will. (Charitable payments at this time are tax-free).

*Graham Nicholas*  
*Stewardship Treasurer*  
*(Tel 01707 653048)*

## From your Vicar

The beginning of a new year is often the time for reviewing our lives, careers, finances, etc, and for the life of a church, this is also true! In consultation with PCC representatives, on behalf of the congregations at St Mary's, and the finance committee we have drawn up a budget for the coming year, based on previous year's income and expenditure. We have also tried to build in some new initiatives to take forward the mission of our church in the community. Copies of last year's accounts (presently being audited) and the forecast for this year will be available the week before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 9 April.

There are encouraging signs that the 2005 year end figures are likely to have overturned the projected deficit, resulting in a small surplus. Among the explanations for this more positive outcome are that there has been an increase in the level of giving, and we are very grateful for people's generosity. We serve and worship a generous God and to be generous ourselves towards Him through the church is an indication of a healthy spirituality. It also enables us to be generous to others.

During the long vacancy, the Diocese reduced our quota but now that I am in post we shall be required to pay the full amount, which has, in addition, been increased. There was also the provision in 2005 account for secretarial/administrative assistance

which was not taken up. However, after 8 months of handling this myself, I can see the value in engaging the services of a part-time administrator so I might be more free to concentrate on pastoral care and outreach opportunities. Also, the church continues to receive a good rental income from a house it owns. We hope that will continue to provide a good return for our investment.

So, our financial position is holding but we cannot afford to be complacent. There is a further projected shortfall for 2006 but our aim is always to try to meet our expenditure out of our yearly income. That depends on us all and I ask you to review, prayerfully, your current level of giving and respond to our Stewardship Treasurer, Graham Nicholas accordingly. If you are not part of the Stewardship scheme, please read Graham's report which is on the page opposite.

Meanwhile, we continue to do all we can to ensure our resources are used wisely and not wasted. Many people play a valuable part in the life of this church – in their financial contributions as well as giving of their time and expertise which helps enormously to keep our expenditure down.

Thank you to you all.

*The Revd. Sally Davenport*

## Women's Fellowship

As our booked speaker for the December meeting was unable to come I agreed to tell the members of my work in the Auxiliary Fire Service during the last War.

In late 1938 I was 19 and decided that if we had a war I wanted to do something to help - so joined the Auxiliary Fire Service. I attended the local fire station once a week and learned the workings of the London Fire Brigade

Three days before war was declared I was told to report to the Fire Station where I was told my pay, signed on the dotted line & was in for the duration. I was then sent to a local factory where a 'sub-station' was being formed of Auxiliary Firemen & women under a regular officer. [This accommodation was completely unsuitable and after three days we were moved to a nearby school.]

Firewomen at that time were either staff car drivers or in the control room. So that the vast network of the London Fire Brigade could be kept working, the position & availability of every appliance was plotted at Fire Brigade HQ.

We worked in three shifts - 48 hours on duty and 24 hours off when we could go home. While on duty we worked in the Control Room in six hour shifts. When not in the control room we were on 'stand-by' to come in if needed or on receipt of an Air Raid Warning.

Whilst on 'stand-by' we kept our quarters clean and tidy, did any jobs required of us, one of which was testing Fire Alarms on street corners. On our first night we did a longer shift from 10pm to 6.30 pm. As there were two of us there we would take it in turns to doze on a make shift bed from midnight to 3pm - and 3pm to 6pm when we woke the station!

We had time in the evenings for socialising in the recreation room and made many friends - some for life!

*Margaret Clark*



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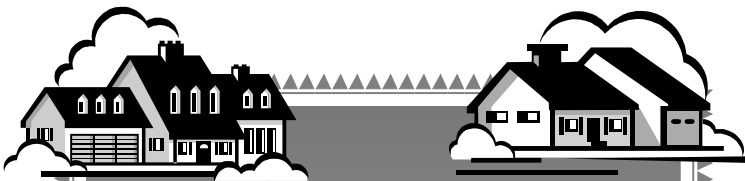


## Celebrating Christingle



Christingle - meaning Christ Light - brings together family and friends of all ages. Held from Advent to Epiphany, this festive celebration communicates the Christian message in an inspiring way to adults and children alike. Its wide appeal makes it an ideal way to encourage newcomers to church and extend the congregation.

The Children's Society holds its special Christingle appeal each year to raise vital funds for the children facing life's harshest challenges. Children who, this winter, find themselves sleeping rough in parks, bus shelters and shop doorways. The funds raised from Christingle help us to shine light into the darkness of their lives.



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### The Symbolism of Christingle

The Christingle itself is made up of a lighted candle (symbolising Jesus, the Light of the World), mounted on an orange (representing the world), and a red ribbon or tape around the orange (indicating the blood of Christ). Four cocktail sticks bearing dried fruit or sweets are also stuck into the orange to signify the four seasons and the fruits of the earth.

The candle used to be held on a goose quill, part of which was split into fronds, on which were impaled nuts, fruits, raisins and sweets.

Since goose quills are not so readily available, today we use cocktail sticks instead. The red crepe paper forms a frill at the base of the candle and reminds us of Christ's Passion, through which our redemption has come. A white frill often used denotes the purity of Christ's life as an example for us all.

The history of Christingle began with the Moravian Church in 1747 as a symbol of Christ's light and love. The Children's Society introduced it to the Church of England in 1968 and it has since become a popular family and community event. Most Christingle celebrations take the form of a church service, but they can also take place at schools or other community venues.

<http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk>

## Answers to January Crossword

### Clues Across      Clues Down

5 Heave	1 Phrase
6 Praise	2 Face
8 Late	3 Deacons
9 Chestnut	4 Matthias
10 Seasons	6 Poem
12 High	7 South
14 Bury	11 Stranger
15 Raising	13 Earnest
18 Fountain	14 Broke
19 Lama	16 Number
20 Depend	17 Band
21 Stone	19 Lion

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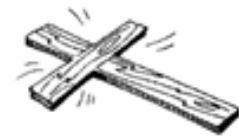


## Baptisms:

We welcome into the Lord's family:

Sian Louise Ann Lowry	22nd January 2006
Jack Alexander Croft	22nd January 2006

## Funerals:



Our sympathy to the relatives and friends of:

Norman William Elliott	19th December 2005
Frederick Stanley Field	29th December 2005
Edward Jarman	5th January 2006
Norah Chalmers	6th January 2006
Clara Page	10th January 2006
Ann Farmer	30th January 2006

## Interment of Ashes:

Clara Page	16th January 2006
Gertrude Houlden	18th January 2006
Eleanor Sylvia Perry	30th January 2006

Only the current registers, (Baptisms from March 1980; Weddings from January 1999, Burials from March 1984 and Services from July 1996) are stored at the church. All previous church registers, and parish magazines, are stored at the Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies, County Hall, Hertford, SG13 8EJ. (01992) 555105, to ensure they are adequately preserved.

# Parish Directory

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Churchwardens Diana Glanfield 01707 658448  
Russell Perkins 01727 841881

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CAMEO Kay Dawson 01707 659829  
Carers' Support Group Chris Willis 01707 656232  
Chalice Bearers Albert Bernard 01707 653832  
Stephen Boulton 01707 655999  
Mildred Compton 01727 825433  
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Byron Hopkins 01707 654150  
Di Lee 01707 654435  
Graham Nicholas 01707 653048  
Henry Rickeard 01707 654890

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Children under Five	Carole Lawrence	01707 655316
Children under Ten	Linda Wilson	01707 269732
Choir Leader	Brenda Harris	01707 655355
Churches Together in North Mymms	Patricia Cook	01707 655449
	Peter Dalling	01707 655212
	Diana Glanfield	01707 658448
	Di Lee	01707 654435
Cleaning Co-Ordinator	Mary Williams	01707 657197
Coffee after Eucharist	Audrey Smith	01707 261867
Communion to the Sick Assistants	Albert Bernard	01707 653832
	John Heskins	01707 272966
	Jean Holford	01707 656640
	Di Lee	01707 654435
Deanery Pastoral Committee	Peter Dalling	01707 655212
Deanery Synod	Peter Dalling	01707 655212
	Albert Bernard	01707 653832
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Parish Charities Clerk	John Potter	01707 269909
Pramsters	Jenny Robinson	01727 822570
Sacristan	Mildred Compton	01727 825433
St. Mary's C of E Primary School	Office	01707 690500
School Governors	Marian Brown	01707 657382
(Appointed by the PCC)	Graham Dainton-Smith	01707 271862
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Welcomers	Jenny Dean	01707 655669
Women's Fellowship	Muriel Norman	01707 642139

**General:** Enquiries concerning Baptisms, Marriages, Blessings of Civil Marriages and publication of Banns of Marriage should be directed to the Vicar, who also should be contacted for all matters concerning Communion of the Sick and Confessions. Bodies of all parishioners may be brought into their Parish Church for a Funeral Service, prior to burial or cremation.

*/Parish Diary continued from inside front cover*

**Sun 26th**

8.00am  
9.30am  
11.30am  
6.30pm

**Sunday next before Lent**

Holy Communion (CW\*)  
Parish Eucharist  
Holy Baptisms  
Evensong (BCP)

Mon 27th 9.30 am Team Communion

Tue 28th 2.15 pm Women's Fellowship meet in St. Michael's Room

**Weekly**

Wednesday	8.00pm	Bell ringers' Practice
Thursday	10.00am	Carers' Support Group meet in St Michael's Room
Friday		Vicars Day off
	10.00am	Pramsters meet in St Michael's Room
	7.00pm	Choir practice

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