



ST GILES HORSPATH PARISH MAGAZINE

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Dear Friends

I am sure that no-one can be unaware of the spread of swine flu around the world. During the summer it has dominated the headlines and although the news has quietened down, we are being warned *to wait for the Autumn surge!* I know many of you have felt that the church has over reacted regarding the sharing the peace and the sharing of the cup at communion but as those who are called to love our neighbours we must ensure that we do not put them at risk in any way. Before the summer holidays there were quite a few cases of flu in the local schools.

The team has discussed the problem recently at our regular meeting and particularly the situation if one of the team clergy became ill. We all agreed that whatever happens we would try to ensure at least one service every Sunday in each cluster. This may mean other clusters will not get their full schedule of services. As Christians we are called to sacrificial giving and that may mean being willing to travel to another nearby church on a Sunday occasionally.

As Christians we are called to help our neighbours in need and it may be in the practical things of shopping and helping with meals we can show compassion to those around us. However if you feel unwell please stay at home - germs are one thing to be selfish with.

The church has produced some prayers for use at this time, one of which is reproduced below. It is suitable to use in a variety of situations as we pray for our family and friends who suffer in any way.

I pray you have a healthy autumn - Stevie Cross, Team Vicar of Stanton St John, Beckley, Forrest Hill and Horton cum Studley

*Heavenly Father, giver of life and health:
comfort and restore those who are sick,
that they may be strengthened in their weakness
and have confidence in your unfailing love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER

- 4th Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
11.00 am Parish Communion
5.30 pm Time Out at Horspath Methodist Chapel
- 11th Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
8.00 am Holy Communion
11.00 am Parish Communion
3-4.30 pm Messy Church at Horspath Methodist Chapel
- 18th Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
11.00 am Harvest Festival

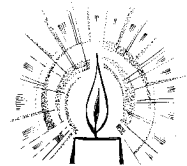


This service will be followed by a fresh produce sale for the church; all dried produce will go to the Emergency Food Bank in Cowley. Do come and see the church decorated for Harvest by both the church members and the school.

- 25th Last Sunday after Trinity
11.00 am Morning Worship

From the Registers: Baptism - 6th September: Elsie May Loch

There will be a **Service of Light** to remember and give thanks for those we love and see no longer on **Sunday, 1st November at 3.00 pm** in St Mary's Church, Garsington, followed by tea. If you would like someone to be remembered at this service, then please contact Emma on 361381.



♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ St. Giles' Church Horspath presents ♪ ♪ ♪

The Choir of Worcester College Chapel, Oxford



In Concert

Saturday, 17th October in St. Giles' Church, Horspath at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets £10, including light refreshments (Cheese and Wine)

Proceeds to Horspath Church

For tickets contact: Barbara Lewis 01865 872204 or Brian Lowe 01865 873342

Ruth Pomeroy – late of Horspath – passed away on Friday, 18th September after a long battle with cancer. We all remember Ruth as a gentle, very caring person. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

FLOWER ROTA FOR OCTOBER



Sundays	4 th	Brian and Carol Lowe	11 th	Barbara Lewis
	18 th	Gill Gray Carol Cuthbert	25 th	Muriel Walker Nancy Llewelyn

HORSPATH SENIOR RESIDENTS' CLUB

Wednesday, 7th October: Day trip to London. Coach leaves at 9.00 am. Fare is £8.00.

Wednesday, 21st October: Mrs Brown from Age Concern will give advice on Pensions and Allowances, etc to which we may be entitled. 2.00 pm in the village hall.

Wednesday, 4th November: Coffee morning and fish & chips lunch. 10.00 am in the village hall.

- Sheila Dandridge

HORSPATH GARDENING CLUB



Horspath Gardening Club meets on the second Tuesday of every month in Horspath Methodist Chapel at 8.00 pm. We welcome everybody so come and enjoy an interesting talk, followed by refreshments and a time to catch up on all the gardening news! The next event is:

Tuesday, 13th October - Gordon Demster will be bringing some special *Rural Tools* from his museum at Waterperry. He will be telling us the stories behind the tools and how they are used. Gordon makes the past come to life with his knowledge and enthusiasm.

Tuesday, 10th November - Mary Gill from *Headington Sustainability Group* will talk about what has happened in Headington during the last year and how everybody can help in all sorts of small ways to make a difference to the growing problem of global warming. How can we all help to make a *Low Carbon Horspath*?

There will be a charge to cover the costs of visiting speakers and the hire of the hall. For further information, contact Sheila Frankum on 872793.

**COFFEE MORNING IN THE
OF CHURCHILL HOSPITAL
10.00 AM ON SATURDAY,**



**METHODIST CHAPEL IN AID
CANCER RESEARCH,
10TH OCTOBER.**

Horspath Chapel and Meeting Place

At a recent Church Council meeting, the members of the Chapel came to the difficult but brave decision to cease to meet for public worship from the end of September and to transfer their membership to other churches in the area. So, on Saturday, 17th October at 4.00 pm we shall hold a Service of Thanksgiving for 100 years of Methodist worship and witness in the village and pray for God's blessing on the current members as they journey on in their Christian faith.

We invite all friends from the village to come and share in this service at the Chapel, look at photos in our exhibition and share in refreshments.

As space is limited, it would be helpful to know who is intending to come, so please RSVP by Saturday, 3rd October 2009 to rosemary.davies@oxfordmethodists.org.uk or telephone 01865 763676. We look forward to seeing you.

- Revd Rosemary Davies

**Morland House Surgery
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We are pleased to announce that building work will commence in September 2009 on an extension to Morland House Surgery. The extension will greatly improve the facilities currently available in the existing building and will provide 4 new consulting rooms and a new waiting area for our patients on the ground floor.

Whilst the building work is being carried out, parking will be restricted but we will endeavour to ensure that any disruption to our patients is kept to a minimum. We apologise, however, for any inconvenience that may be caused.

*Barbara Noakes, Practice Manager
on behalf of the Partners*