

Prayers

On this Feast of Candlemas we pray for older people in the church.
We pray for:-

- Church** The Churches' Conservation Trust
and all who care for Redundant Churches.
All those who maintain our churchyards.
- World** Peace in the Middle East and the Sudan.
Those who work as midwives and gynaecologists.
- Community** All grandparents and extended family members.
Those who made the Christingles.
The residents of Laineys Close and Lansdowne Place.
- In Need** Rex Nelson, Ray White, Colin Wills, Gerry Rowlands, Gwynneth
Bullock and Gillian Keily.

Retirement and Nursing Homes: their residents and staff.
Tolerance of those who hold minority positions and views.
The work of Church Action on Poverty.
Those who grieve or wait with the dying.
- Departed** Audrey Stiles, Bob Miles, Beryl Richardson and Jean Matlak.
Those we love and those who have been our benefactors.

THIRD SUNDAY before LENT

5 February 2012

ST. MARY'S, MARLBOROUGH

- 8:00am Holy Communion
10:00am All Age & Baptism of Martha Elizabeth Gittins

ST. GEORGE'S, PRESHUTE

- 8:00am Holy Communion *BCP*
10:00am Parish Communion

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, MINAL

- 10:00am Parish Communion

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**Marlborough
Anglican Team**

January 29th 2012

**Candlemas
Readings:**

*Malachi 3.1-5 Hebrews 2.14-18
Luke 2.22-40*

ST. MARY'S, MARLBOROUGH

- 8:00am Holy Communion
10:00am Parish Communion (*with Sunday School & Crèche*)
5:30pm Informal Worship

ST. GEORGE'S, PRESHUTE

- 11:30am Matins
4:30pm Christingle Service

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, MINAL

No service at Minal this Sunday

January/February Diary Dates

- Mon 30 7:00pm Bite Size Learning: 'Open The Book' at Holy Cross Hall, Chiseldon
- Tues 31 8:00am MCT Prayers - Friends' Meeting House
- February*
- Wed 1 8:00am Morning Prayers at St. Mary's
10:30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
7:30pm Marlborough Churches Together Open Meeting at Christchurch
- Thurs 2 7:30pm 'Out of the Ashes' Mustard Seed Author evening at The Bear (*back room*)
- Fri 3 8:00pm Men's Night at The Bear
- Sat 4 7:30pm Amnesty Barn Dance in the Town Hall (*see inside*)

General Notices

This week@Devotion Youth Project:

There is *NO Sunday Cell* tonight!

The youth office is open for you to drop in, chat, play games, eat jaffa cakes, etc. from 3.30pm-5.30pm on Tuesday.

The Next Step will be meeting for dinner and a chat about how we live in a multi-faith society from 6.30pm on Tuesday.

And Sunday Cell returns with a no-holds-barred session on sex and relationships next Sunday evening at 7pm. Enjoy your week! Peta.

(www.devotion-marlborough.co.uk)

Diary Dates



• **Open The Book - Bite-Size Learning** in Marlborough Deanery presents a session on the Bible resource for children **Open the Book** on Monday, 30th January at 7.00pm (*NB earlier time*) at Holy Cross Hall, Chiseldon. The speaker is Mrs Barbara Meardon, the Diocesan Children's Adviser. All welcome.

• **'Out of the Ashes' – Mustard Seed Author Evening**

For a remarkable story of hope and redemption come and hear **Peter Gladwin** talking about his triumph over adversity. From being burned and abused as a child, in and out of care, in trouble with the police, dealing in drugs, Peter's turnaround came through becoming a Christian.

Now a probation officer working in Winchester, Peter will give his testimony **7.30pm Thursday, 2nd February, back room of The Bear.**

• **Amnesty Barn Dance**

Saturday, 4th February at 7.30pm in Marlborough Town Hall. Live music – BYO food & drink Tickets: Jo - 01672 513950 £11 Adult £6.00 children

• **Celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Queen's Accession**

With Marlborough Town Council & Marlborough Churches Together on Monday, 6th February 7.30pm at St. Mary's Church. All welcome.



• **Encountering Spiritual Difficulties**

What do we do when we get stuck? Bite-Size Learning in Calne and Marlborough Deaneries presents this joint session on Tuesday 7th

February at 7.30 pm at the Church Croft, Royal Wotton Bassett.

Leader: Revd Sandy Railton. All welcome. Details from Ian.

• **Lent 2012**

This Lent, in small home groups, we will be studying the York course "Handing on the Torch" - sacred words for a secular world, this looks at the current and future place of Christianity in western culture. Sign up forms available in Churches. More details from Alison Selby (51128).

News from the Churches

• **Ash Wednesday - 22nd February**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the penitential season of Lent. It is a Principal Holy Day so do make an effort to worship that day. Services at 10.30am in St. Mary's and 8.00pm in St. George's. Both services include the (voluntary) imposition of ashes.

• **Feedback Wanted**

During Advent there were 9 Posada (nativity) sets travelling around Marlborough. Dorothy and I would like to put together any particular experiences/encounters with hosting the Holy Family which people (young and old) felt able to share. Feedback welcome – no matter how brief. Either email Deborah: to.deborah@btinternet.com or call Dorothy 514101 or Deborah 511199. If possible, any comments by 31st January. Thanks.

ST. MARY'S NOTICES

• **St. Mary's Stewardship Feedback**

Thank you to all for your support. Flyers are available in church with the latest Stewardship update. There is a copy on the notice board in the Church foyer and on the website under 'latest news' (pages 5-6).

• **St Mary's Quiz and Fish and Chip Supper** - Friday 24 February

in St. Mary's Church Hall, 7.30pm. Come and join us for our traditional quiz evening, come as a team or in smaller groups to make up a team on the night. Places are limited and we do need to know numbers in advance so we can arrange supper so please fill in the sheet at the back of the church, email sarah.garrett@nationwide.co.uk or phone Keith Fryer on 511834 to book your place. Cost will be £6 for adult and £3 for children – and we look forward to seeing you there.

ST. GEORGE'S NOTICES

• **St. George's Night At The Raj**

A taste of India can be had on Sunday 5th February at 7.00 pm at The Raj restaurant. Authentic cuisine will be provided at £12.50 per head. Contact David Beacom: 514795 or sign up on the list at the back of church.

• **Taizé Service**

On Sunday 19th February at 10.00am at St. George's Preshute come and experience a different style of worship at our Taizé Service. Based on the worship of the Taizé Community in France, it will be a service of music, silence and meditation in an informal setting.

• **Christian Stewardship**

St. George's annual Christian Stewardship renewal is being held during Lent. Please pray that many will respond gladly.