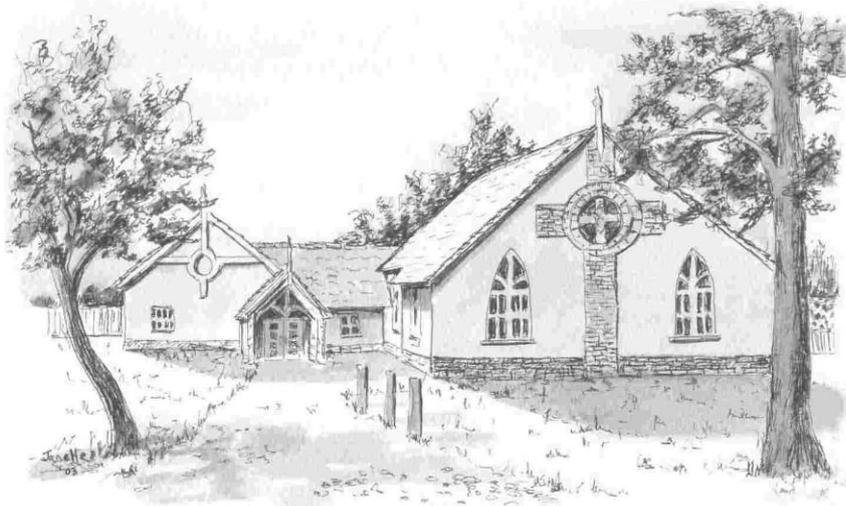


Sonning Parish Magazine



Serving the Communities
of Sonning and Charvil



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The Parish of Sonning

The ancient parish of Sonning, originally extending from Sonning Common to Sandhurst was one of the great blocks of land handed over to the Church in the 7th century. In 909 A.D. Sonning with Ramsbury, became a separate bishopric, the Bishop of Ramsbury/ Sonning maintaining a riverside Hall in the village. In 1075 the see was transferred to Old Sarum, ultimately Salisbury, whose bishops had their own Palace on the same site as the Saxon Hall until 1574, when the manor was transferred to the Crown.

St Andrew's Church in the heart of the village was founded in Saxon times - probably by Birinus, first bishop of Dorchester-on-Thames. It was largely rebuilt in 1852, during the incumbency of Canon Hugh Pearson; it was he who founded the Sonning Parish Magazine in 1869.

The White Hart Hotel, now known as The Great House, and partly 17th century, stands on the site of older buildings including the home of 'Elias the Ferryman' mentioned in a deed of 1100. The French Horn Hotel, in Sonning Eye, was built in the 1880s in front of the original old inn - now Bridge House - and its farm buildings. The Bull Inn, belonging to the Church, was originally known as Church House, a guesthouse for pilgrims to medieval St Sarik's Chapel in St Andrew's. Also adjoining the church is Deanery Garden one of Sir Edwin Lutyen's best-known country houses built at the turn of the century, just above the site of the ancient residence of the Deans of Salisbury who regularly visited Sonning, the parish being a 'Dean's Peculiar'.

Sonning Mill produced a regular supply of flour from Saxon time until 1969, after which it was converted into a 'Dinner Theatre', the first of its kind in Britain. The Pearson Hall is the principal venue for village functions

Within the village boundaries lie the Reading Blue Coat School at Holme Park (once the home of the Lord of the Manor) Sonning Church of England Primary School, King George's Field and other sports grounds, and Reading University Farm - all of which help to preserve the rural atmosphere of Sonning, the centre of which is now a conservation area.

The civil parish of Charvil is of relatively recent origin but the land on which it lies has long been part of the ecclesiastical parish of Sonning. In the 18th and 19th centuries it consisted of Charville Farm and a few cottages, which lay between the villages of Sonning and Twyford and adjacent to the London to Bath highway.

The development of Charvil began between the two World Wars, particularly after the new A4 road was constructed in the 1920s bypassing Twyford, and was accelerated after 1945. To meet the needs of this increasingly large community, St Patrick's dual-purpose Church and Hall was consecrated and opened in 1952; it remains within the ecclesiastical parish of Sonning. It was considerably extended and refurbished in 2001.

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Regular Services
The Parish Church

Sundays	8 am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
	10.30 am	Family Service, first Sunday of the month Parish Eucharist, second, fourth and fifth Sundays. Matins, third Sunday.
	6.30 pm	Evensong, except third Sunday of the month, when it will be Holy Communion with the laying on of hands for those who wish it.
Wednesdays	10 am	Holy Communion at St Andrew's

St Patrick's Charvil

Sundays	9.30 am	Family Service, Third Sunday of the month Holy Communion, second and fourth Sundays Worship Service other Sundays. Sunday School 9.30 am except third Sunday of the month
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If you would like to arrange a Church Service in St. Andrew's Church you are asked to contact Sonia Boyles, the Parish Administrator for Baptisms. Sonia can also be contacted by email at: standrews.sonning@btinternet.com. For Weddings and funerals, contact the vicar on 0118 969 3298.

The Vicar's Letter

Dear friends,

As I write this, the Papal visit has just ended. The build up to this visit has not been auspicious with Foreign Office staff ridiculing the Pope in shameful briefing memos, activists, of all shades and opinions, seeking to cause mischief and division, and the media, particularly the BBC, pessimistically and inaccurately predicting poor turnouts and public disinterest.

I have made a point of watching live, or recording, the Pope's main addresses during his visit. I was struck by his gentle delivery, and almost shy demeanour, but no one could miss the power of his words. To hear a Christian leader, indeed, the 265th successor to St. Peter himself, come to our country and declare that only the love of the Lord Jesus will last, and that we need to put aside that which is worthless, was most heartening. His understated, yet unmistakable assault on the forces of militant secularism, who would seek to sideline all faiths, with Christianity as the soft and frequent target, was a cause of rejoicing for many Christians, regardless of denomination. He praised the Christian heritage of this country, and

encouraged all believers to stand up and defend the place of faith in civil society. It was clear from his words that he was well aware of some of what has been inflicted on us in recent years from the absurd, politically correct, secularist agenda of many who are, or who have been, in positions of power. His invitation to address both Houses of Parliament was the perfect opportunity to make a stand, and with a clarity, precision and force which so often seems to be lacking from leaders of the other denominations in Britain, he stood up to the “aggressive forces of secularism” which have slowly undermined our precious Christian heritage. We shall have to see what the legacy of his visit will be, but at the very least, it is to be hoped that all Christians for whom his words found a resonance, will be encouraged to make their individual stand for their faith.

It was good to see His Holiness take part in a school assembly for 4000 children from Catholic schools. Despite appalling headlines surrounding the wickedness of a very small minority of priests worldwide, and the inevitable stoking of the controversy by the media, both the Catholic and Anglican churches have an impressive record in education, and, day by day are enhancing the lives of hundreds of thousands of children. We have a very good example in Sonning of such a school, where, with a Christian Headmistress, the position of faith is secure. Sadly however, too many schools, even those purporting to be church schools, have drunk too deeply from the cup of secularism and have bowed to the politically correct notion of watering down their Christian heritage, so that no one is excluded. It could be argued that it has been done with the best of intentions, but the result has been an easy victory for those who wish to sideline all faiths.

During the Papal progressions through the streets of London, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Birmingham, I was moved to see the “Popemobile” come to a frequent halt, with the Swiss Guards and Police breaking their cordon, and the bulletproof window opening in order to allow a baby to be blessed by His Holiness. The preciousness of life, from conception, is a vital part of Catholic teaching, and is certainly upheld by many of us from other traditions. The sight was a powerful echo of Christ’s admonishment to his disciples to “let the little children come to me, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven”. In an age where children are losing their innocence at a tragically early age, and where some parents and some schools are failing to teach even basic principles of how to live a good a decent life, based on Christ’s teachings, we need reminding of the centrality of children in our civil and church life.

What, I wonder, would the Pope have made of the media fuss and hate campaign on Facebook after the cruel act of a woman putting a cat in a wheelie bin? There was a massive response, with a policeman on her door, and tens of thousands signing up in protest? It was a nasty thing to do, and cruelty to animals should be punished. But last year, over 200 000 babies’ lives were ended in this country alone, many for the convenience of

parents. Lives snuffed out, before they ever had a chance to properly develop. What does it say for our priorities as a nation, and why is it only politicians from the sidelines of political parties who try publically to do anything about this? Perhaps, in the wake of His Holiness's visit, Parliament might once again revisit this, at least with a view to reducing the time limit to 20 weeks for a 'termination'.

The media has made much of the caricature of Benedict XVI as "God's Rottweiler", due to his previous role as a Cardinal in defending the faith. I preferred the description seen on a banner at one of his masses; "We love our German Shepherd". German Shepherds as a breed, if properly trained, are loyal, hard working and highly effective at defending both their territory and those they love. Whatever denomination we may come from, Christianity at this moment in its history needs leaders who can stand up and counter the forces of secularism. Because of the historical weight of his office, the Pope is ideally placed to give the lead, and I thank God for his visit, and pray that other bishops will follow suit, as indeed all Christians can, in our own small way.

Best wishes.

Jamie

Notices

Associate Clergy Post: Following the announcement of Michael's retirement, the Parish Standing committee has arranged a meeting with the Archdeacon of Berkshire on October 12th to discuss the needs of the whole parish as we think about what type of priest we shall need. Because of an encouraging stewardship response, one of the options we can now consider will be to employ a full time stipendiary (paid) priest, who will minister in both villages, with particular regard to outreach with families and young people. The present Associate post, which was created ten years ago, is called 'House for Duty' whereby the parish provides a house, but no salary, for two days a week of work and Sunday duty. Please do remember this process in your prayers.

All Souls: There will be a special service for All Souls on Sunday October 31st at 6:30pm and we are inviting all those who have lost a loved one in the last year. Names will be read out as candles are lit on the altar. The service is open to everyone, and if you would like a close loved one remembered, please write their name clearly on the list at the back of St. Andrew's.

Advance notice...St. Andrews Night: Our usual choral evensong for St. Andrew's day will take place on Sunday November 28th, with the admission of new choristers. Canon Chris Clarke will be the visiting preacher. The service will be followed by a toast to St. Andrew in the Bull.

Service Format: The worship committee has reviewed the regular schedule of services, and has recommended a change for the PCC to consider. The proposal is to replace Matins, from Jan 2011 with a Family Communion. This would be a slightly shortened communion service, at which older children will be encouraged to attend, along with the junior choir, with the provision of a crèche for small children. Evensong would replace the evening communion on the third Sunday, and this would then be held on the first Sunday at 6:30pm, with the family service continuing to take place in the morning. The other traditional Prayer Book services at 8:00am and 6:30pm will continue to be cherished and upheld, but the worship committee feel the main service of the week needs to have a broader appeal than Matins, and it also has to bear in mind the significant drop in attendance on the third Sunday. If you have a view on this, please either write to, or preferably email the Vicar. The PCC will make a decision at its November meeting.

Jamie

Charvil Jottings

As every wife and girlfriend knows the best way to her husband or boyfriend's heart is through his stomach. Our daily bread however is very much on our minds for two reasons. Firstly because of the wholesale price of wheat and flour is expected to rise dramatically because of a shortage resulting from serious fires in Russia, which is one of the West's principal breadbaskets. The demand outstripping supply, we are told, will also affect the price of meat. Unfortunately human nature being what it is means that speculators will take advantage of the situation by adding to the rising price.

The second reason why is, or should be, on our minds is because October 3rd is Harvest Sunday when we are reminded not to take our daily bread or indeed all our food for granted as God's gift to everyone. Furthermore we need to ensure that what there is is evenly distributed throughout the world especially to those who fast while we feast. There is nothing more distressing than to see African children being starved to death through malnutrition brought about by the lack of adequate food. Aid agencies, among them Christian Aid (whom we will be generously supporting this harvest) are doing the best they can, but governments also need to put money where their mouth has pledged it.

At St Patrick's we will be having our harvest breakfast incorporated in a family service at 9:30 am. If our hearts are touched then our gratitude to God for giving us our daily bread will generate financial support for the hungry motivated by the fruits of the Spirit, indeed a harvest characterised by love, joy, peace, kindness and goodness, fidelity, gentleness and self control which will energise our generosity.

With the departure of Joan Tarplett for the life to come, we have been privileged to have shared the life of a shining Christ like example and legacy of these fruits of the spirit, which were evident in the friendship she extended to everyone, not the least to her family

**Love and prayers
Michael & Family**

From the Registers

Baptisms

29th Aug: Annabelle Olivia Victoria Taylor Lucas John Weakford
 Ryan Elian Jones
5th Sep: Edward Ieuan Downing
8th Sep: Dominic James Howang Yorke Beatrice Phoebe Jane Yorke

Weddings

4th Sep: Richard Edward Mons Cowdery & Carly Marie Prentice
11th Sep: Peter Lucas & Charlotte Elizabeth Lavery

Funerals

22nd Sep: Joan Tarplett

The Friends of St. Andrew's Church, Sonning

*Are proud to Present
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7.30pm
(Doors open at 7.00pm)

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Footprints



**For all those
dealing with the
loss of a loved one,
redundancy, divorce,
or separation**

**Come and join us at an informal coffee
morning on the second Tuesday of the month
at 11.00am in the St Sarik Room of
St. Andrew's Sonning
(October 12th 2010)**

**An opportunity to meet with others facing the
many pressures of bereavement and loss**

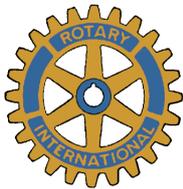


Help for Heroes Christmas Fayre

The Pearson Hall, Sonning
Saturday, 6th November 2010 Time: 1.30pm to 4.30pm

A range of different stalls selling Christmas presents as well as refreshments, auctions, raffles and carol singing. Make sure you join in the fun and make a start on your Christmas shopping in aid of the worthy charity Help for Heroes.

For further information contact:
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www.bmycharity.com/V2/sallyclimbskilli2011



The Rotary Club of Loddon Vale

Environment Dinner

Monday, 29th November 2010
At

Sonning Golf Club
7.15pm for 7.45pm

Dinner followed by a presentation by

Professor Keith Tovey

Reader in Environmental Science
At the University of East Anglia

Dress: Lounge suit.

Tickets £17.50 each

Contact:

Rodney Huggins on 0118 969 3096 or email rod2@aol.com



Parish Walk

Oct 16th. Meet 10.15am, Cookham NT Car Park GR895855. Walk via Strand Water, North Maidenhead and the Thames; 5 ½ flat miles. Queries to me on 0118 926 8035 or mobile 07982 0483.

Jean Milbourn

Royal British Legion, Sonning Branch



Poppy Appeal Meeting: There will be a briefing for all Poppy Appeal volunteer collectors at 7.30pm on Thursday, 14th October in the St Sarik Room. There will be a glass of wine to welcome you and the briefing will be followed by a committee meeting at which all will be welcome if you wish to stay on with us.

Remembrance 2010: The rehearsal for all those officiating in the Act of Remembrance at St Andrew's on the 14th November, the Brownies and Standard Bearers will take place in the church on Wednesday, 10th November commencing at 6.00pm

We will gather outside the Pearson Hall at 0950 hrs on Sunday, 14th November and march off at 1000 hrs to St Andrew's Church. After the service, coffee, tea and soft drinks will be available in both the St Sarik Room and the committee room of Pearson Hall.

AGM: This meeting will be held on Thursday, 18th November 2010, in the St Sarik Room adjacent to St Andrew's Church at 7.30 for 8.00pm. Come and join us and enjoy a glass of wine with your committee before the meeting.

Gordon Barnett

Wargrave Branch, the Royal British Legion

Present a

Grand Choir & Band Concert in aid of the Poppy Appeal 2010

Featuring

The Trinity Concert Band

And

The Piggott School Choir



In a programme of popular classics, music from the shows
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Saturday, 16th October 2010, Loddon Hall, Twyford, 7.30pm

Tickets £10.00 each from

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Geoffrey Nugus, 36 The Ridgeway, Wargrave: 0118 940 3398

St. Andrew's Book of Remembrance

We are very fortunate in having such a fine Book of Remembrance. It was presented by Helga Petry in loving memory of her husband Michael (1933-2003). There in the Lady Chapel, displayed in its glass-topped, light wood casing, the thick double page spreads are turned on alternate days. Carole Barnett regularly up-dates the book and the quality of her time consuming, exacting calligraphy, is outstanding.

Beyond the Parish and as far away as Australia, particular entries prove to be an enormous source of comfort to those who have lost loved ones and who had a connection, one way or another, with Sonning. Saturday 28 August was a case in point. The widower of one of my childhood friends broke his 25 hour journey, from Australia to The Battlefields of France, specifically to visit St. Andrews ... to see the book ... and quietly to reflect on the loss of his wife, Lynette Chittendon (1944-2008). He gained enormous comfort from this. We are indebted to Helga and to Carole.

Barton Guthrie

The Reading Art Exhibition
8th - 10th October 2010
www.thereadingartexhibition.org



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Sonning Floral Arrangement Society

The results of the Produce Show are:

Imposed Class: 1st Ann Turner
Tapestry: Joint 1st;
Ann Turner (traditional) & Sharon Robinson (contemporary)
Autumn Glory: 1st Joan Wise
2nd Ann Turner
Men's class: 'Surprise in a box' 1st Gary Robinson

The Show produced one or two other winners from our members. To name but two our Chairman, Brenda Jackson, won a first for her Cherry cake and

Catherine Penny for her photograph and runner beans. Congratulations and well done to everyone who took part and many thanks to all the helpers and organisers. My marmalade was a disappointment, but I did get a first for my asters.

The September meeting was a prelude to the Show inasmuch as Kerri Harvey demonstrated her thoughts and suggestions for the 'Autumn' and 'Tapestry' themes; and very helpful they were too! We are always pleased to see Kerri, who is a demonstrator and florist by trade and runs her own courses (2 a month) on a Thursday evening at her premises in Wallingford.

Dates for your diary:

- 14th Oct: Next meeting, when Ann Stevens will be demonstrating "Flights of Fancy" and the competition is "Autumn Jewels".
- 6th Nov: We will be taking part in the Christmas Fair in the Pearson Hall. More details later.
- 9th Dec: It has been suggested that we might try to arrange a visit to Highgrove, hopefully next year.

Jane Gascoine

Sonning Art Group

September was a busy month for the Sonning Art Group. It started with a tutor session, led by the renowned and very talented local artist, Jonathan Newey. He gave an inspired demonstration of the use of coloured pencil in the drawing of a tiger's head. With guidance from Jonathan, many fine pictures were produced during the afternoon. The members thoroughly enjoyed this tutor session and there is already talk of doing something similar next year.

The Chairman's Cup competition was also held in September. To tie in with the Village Show, which was to be held on the following day, members were encouraged to bring along to the Art Group their entries for judging by the membership in advance of the Show. Maggie Hollidge's picture of a sunset was judged to be the best of the entries and she was awarded the Chairman's Cup, which she now holds for the next three months.

The Village Show the next day saw a greatly increased number of entries this year from the members of the Art Group. Competition was intense and members were delighted to receive sixteen awards for their efforts. These included first prize in four classes. In another room at the Show, the Art Group staged an exhibition of their paintings. More than 50 pictures were on show, as well as the three prize-winning pictures from the Sonning School art competition that was held earlier in the year. The exhibition attracted a large number of visitors, who were impressed by the overall quality of the work. They were asked to vote for their favourite picture. Barry Stebbings narrowly won and was presented with the George Lamb trophy, which he will hold for the next year.

The Sonning Art Group meets every Friday in the Pearson Hall from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. If you fancy doing a bit of painting with some tea, cake and chat, do come along - you'll be most welcome.

Sue Bell

Riverside Tea Garden

We have had a super season thanks to our staff, who are always so reliable and welcoming to the customers. We apologise again for the wasp problem this year, but as you all understand, that is in the hands of nature and we are an inviting target for them.

We have raised money for the Chiltern & Thames Air Ambulance which is such an important local charity and a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer. If you want to use the Tea Garden for an event, do get in touch with us. Also, home-made cakes can be ordered.

Many thanks to you all for making the Tea Garden such an important part of the village and surrounding area. Have a good winter and see you in 2011.

Jo & Keith Burnage

Sonning Village Show

Thankfully, the weather was very kind to us and our Village Show was able to go ahead as planned, starting with the school children's display of Maypole Dancing. The Youth Challenge was reintroduced this year, with the Brownies and Cubs taking part in an obstacle style race and The Services competed against the Church in the tug of war. The afternoon's events in the arena finished with couples taking part in the popular Peg's Balloon Challenge.

The organisations ran a variety of stalls for our enjoyment and the Produce Show was well supported, with many entries in the Classes. Once again, the Show was most successful with a lot of people attending, creating a great village event. Thank you to all those who helped our small committee to run the Show in various ways - we couldn't have done it without you.



The Tug o' War

Won by
'Tug o' War'
Services

Heather Hine

Sonning CE Primary School

After the lovely summer break we have all returned for the Autumn term and another academic year - my 12th at Sonning School. We are delighted to have the same staff team and have also welcomed 14 new children to Acorn, our reception / Early Years class. Everyone has settled well and we are thrilled to be using our new buildings that were completed in July. Year 5 have a brand new classroom and the Thomas Feak small group room, with its extension, is now able to have 2 groups working either side of a lovely new soundproof partition. Some classes are also having their music lessons in there. Staff are enjoying having a base to work in for their preparation and non contact time.

We were delighted that Theresa May, our local MP and Home Secretary, kindly agreed to officiate at the formal opening of our new accommodation on 17th September and, with the help of the children in Maple Class (Y5), the ribbon was officially cut!

By January, when the remainder of our reception group start, we shall have 198 children on roll as we move towards our maximum capacity of 210. Although our Infant classes are full we do have some spaces in each of our Junior classes especially in Year 4 so if you are aware of anyone who is looking for a place locally please ask them to contact the school directly.

Information about applications to start school from September 2011 will be sent out in November from Wokingham Borough Council. If you have a child due to start school during the next academic year you are most welcome to come to one of our Open Mornings which will be taking place on Tuesday 19th October and Thursday 2nd December at 10am. In line with other Wokingham Borough Schools we are offering a single point of entry - a September start for all pupils that year. Please contact the school office and speak to Amanda Carne, our Admissions Clerk, for more details.

We also have our Harvest Service (October 1st), St Andrew's Day Service, the PTA Christmas Fair (December 4th) and Carol Service (December 13th) as well as a number of class visits to a variety of venues to support the curriculum. What a busy few weeks we have in store between now and Christmas!

Lesley Green

Sonning & Sonning Eye Society

Hurry, hurry if you would like to join either of our two walks on Saturday 9th October! There will be one walk starting at 2.00 pm and a second walk at 3.00 pm. The meeting point will be the churchyard near the entrance from the High Street. Both walks end with tea in *The Bull*, so there is a small charge to help cover our costs, providing an opportunity to ask questions in more relaxed surroundings. Tickets are £3.00 for members and £4.00 for all others. If you would like to join one of these walks, then do please contact Diana Coulter on 0118 969 2132.

In November we will have our Annual General Meeting, which will as usual be followed by supper prepared by our social committee. This year the supper will be open to non-members, who may attend the AGM but may not vote. The supper as always represents excellent value, making it among the social highlights of the Sonning year. Tickets are priced at £12.00 per person and include a free drink on arrival. Thereafter there is a cash bar. Please contact Penny Feathers on 0118 934 3193 if you would like to come.

A warm welcome to new members who joined the Society during the Village Show. They and anyone joining the Society between now and Christmas get 16 months' membership for the price of 12 months, so if you are not a member and would like to join, do contact Carole Barnett, our Membership Secretary, on 0118 969 6693. On our website (www.sonning.org.uk) you will find back copies of our quarterly newsletter, *Bridge*, which will give you a flavour of the work that we do and our areas of interest. Do feel free to contact a member of the Executive Committee, also listed on our website, if you would like more information.

Diana Coulter

0-100 in Two Years!

These figures reflect the number of junior cricketers at Sonning Cricket Club, and progress that we're really chuffed about. The challenge now is to ensure we have enough coaches and helpers to cope with such large numbers of enthusiastic kids! So if there's anyone out there who is keen to help out, please contact Junior Cricket Manager, Neil Methold on 0118 932 1163. This year we ran U8s, 2 xU11s and an U13s team and next year we'll be adding an U15s to this because the little rascals will insist on growing! It wasn't only quantity we're proud of though - the quality of their cricket has also risen markedly since last year, with the U11s league team winning all 9 of their league games and only losing when it came to a tough quarter-final in the competition. In addition Craig Rintoul and Sam Methold were selected for the Berks U11s team, and U13s star, Alex Ray played several games for the adult Sunday team, bowling excellently and taking several wickets in the process.

As for the adult sides, well 2010 has been a year of predicted consolidation, after all three teams gained promotion last year. In fact things got a bit scary for the 1st XI when going into the last game they had a chance of winning Div 2 of the Thames Valley League which would have taken them firmly into semi-professional territory. I say "scary" because we are strictly an amateur team and have no intention of paying players, but the standard at that level is extremely high. In the end they finished a very creditable third and all 3 league teams survived at their new levels. There were no big star performers this year, more of a team effort all round, but I would like to single out several of our young guys now in their early 20s who have made the grade in the 1st XI, notably Freddie Travers, James Moore and Tim

Atkins, and also 15 year-old Matt Hill, grandson of Olive Horne, who has had a fantastic season in the adult teams, scoring over 300 runs, taking 11 wickets and 18 catches - a real prospect for the future.

Finally I want to say a big thank you to the Sonning Scarecrow Committee for their generous donation, which has enabled us to find the match funding required to construct a second practice net at King George's Field for use by the local youngsters and our own junior cricketers. This net will be in place in time for next season.

Ali Driver

Dear Joan,

You know we don't get many funerals at St Patrick's, we've only had 2 during my time here. We had the second one on Sunday for Joan Tarplet, what a lovely lady and an ever present at St Pats. I used to love it when boss was warming me up before the services, Joan would be busying her self at the back of the church, getting things ready for the service and singing along with the hymns. She knew 'em all and had a lovely voice. God bless Joan, we'll miss you, may you rest in peace and rise again in glory. The Lord's got a good little helper with him now.

Joanna (the St Patrick's Pianner)

PRELUDE TO CHRISTMAS

By the READING CENTRAL SALVATION ARMY BAND
(by kind permission of The Commanding Officer)

A CONCERT OF MUSIC AND CAROLS

will be held on
Wednesday, 24th November 2010 at 7.45pm

**The Flavell Suite, Sindlesham Court (Berkshire Masonic
Centre)
Mole Road, Sindlesham**

**Proceeds to the Macmillan Day Care Centre, Wokingham
and local Rotary Charities**

Tickets: £6.00 to include coffee and mince pies **RAFFLE**

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St Andrew's: Tower Captain:	Mrs P. Elliston	969 5967
The Friends of St Andrew's	Sally Wilson	979 3328
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Charvil Caterpillar Club	Bridget Mundy	934 4253
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Charvil Parish Council	Clerk: Mr I. Cohen	901 7693
Charvil Pre-School Playgroup	Emma James	969 5538
Charvil Senior Residents Club	Julie Bennett	934 5059
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Sonning Flower Club	Sec: Ms S. Robinson	969 0748
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1st Sonning Scouts Group	GS Leader: Wendy Cherry	926 2363
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Useful web sites:

Ali's Pond	E-mail: ali@sonningdrivers.plus.com www.sonning.net/alispond.html
Sonning & Charvil services	www.sonningparish.org.uk/docs.htm
Sonning Parish Council	www.sonning-pc.gov.uk
Sonning Working Men's Club	www.btinternet.com/~sonning_club/news.html
Sonning	archive.museophile.sbu.ac.uk/sonning www.sonning.net
Sonning & Sonning Eye Society	www.sonning.org.uk
Sonning Art Group	www.sonningartgroup.org.uk
Sonning School	www.sonning.wokingham.sch.uk
Twyford Bridge Club	http://www.twyfordbc.co.uk