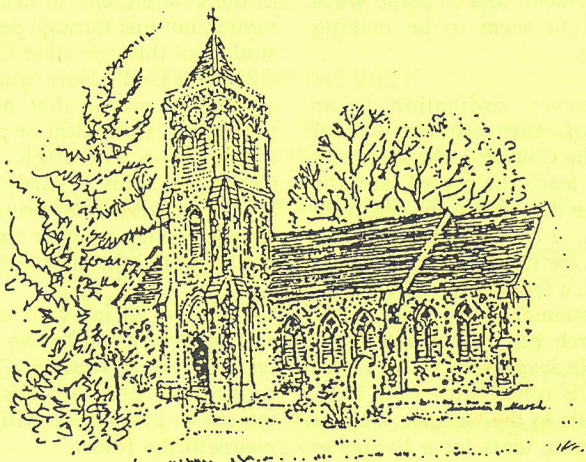


St Leonard's

Chesham Bois

Parish Notices



27th SEPTEMBER 1992

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
(TRINITY 15)

We warmly welcome you to our worship today

COLLECTS

(BCP) Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(ASB) Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law. Grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE END OF A JOURNEY . . .

On October 4th, God willing, I shall be ordained deacon by Bishop Richard in Oxford. This is the end of a long journey for me, starting over four years ago when I first spoke to Mike Hill about this and began to feel that God was asking me to take this step. I am being ordained as a Non-Stipendiary (NSM), or, to use the modern jargon, a Minister in Secular Employment (MSE), as I do feel that God wants me to remain in secular employment, and in some ways ordination might seem to be making little difference.

For me, however, ordination is an acceptance of the authority and discipline of the Church - the authority to preach and teach the gospel, and the discipline to do this within the structure of the Church. I am convinced that as Christians we are called to be part of a body, a church, a fellowship of believers. Since New Testament times this is the way the Church has recognised those who serve it in leadership. As far as being an MSE is concerned - well, Paul, the great apostle to the Gentiles, tells us that he still made tents for a living, so that isn't a bad precedent!

It is not always easy to be sure what God is calling us to, not always easy to hear His voice amongst the babble of conflicting thoughts and ideas. Part of my conviction that this is a right step comes from my own listening to God and reading His Word, but part also comes from the reactions and advice of other Christians, from Mike onwards. When we are seeking God's guidance it is important to seek it in the community of the Church, and to hear what God is saying, not just through prayer and Bible study, but through other Christians. The truth that God's Holy Spirit indwells all Christians means that often God can prompt us, to confirm or perhaps deflect a decision through our fellow Christians. This is partly why we need to be involved in house groups or prayer triplets or other small fellowship groups with other Christians.

Thank you all for your encouragement and prayers while I have been studying on the Oxford Ministry Course. Please continue to pray for Alison and me as we try to balance up different commitments in the future.

Chris Clare

THE BEGINNING OF ANOTHER . . .

As some of you will know, this coming Wednesday I shall be leaving St Leonard's (although not for good!) to become a student at Moorlands Bible College near Bournemouth. Taking this step obviously fills me with a mixture of emotions, but beneath all those is a strong conviction that I am going as part of God's plan for my life. He alone knows what He is going to do with me at college, and He alone knows what I will be doing when I leave there.

It means such a lot to me to know that so many of you are supporting me in this. Thank you for all your encouraging words and many prayers (I will try to send out a regular prayer letter!!).

A big 'thank you' also has to go to the Missionary Committee and to various individuals for helping with my financial needs. I am sure you will be pleased to know that the Lord has been gracious and my entire fees have now been met. AMEN!

Thank you again. See you at Christmas.

Matt Levett

SERVICES TODAY

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) Speaker: Michael Tagent
10.30 am	Harvest Family Service Speaker: Michael Tagent
10.30 am	Harvest Family Focus in Chesham Bois School Speaker: David Talks
10.30 am	Pathfinders & CYFA in the Parish Centre
3.00 pm	Baptism of Olivia Leanne Cartwright
3.30 pm	Harvest Service in Bois Moor Chapel Speaker: Rev'd Derek Butler
6.30 pm	Holy Communion (ASB) & Ministry of Healing Speaker: Chris Clare
8.15 pm	Youth Fellowship in the Upper Room

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Monday 28th	9.30 am	Chesham Bois School Harvest Service in Church
	8.15 pm	PCC meets in the Upper Room
Tuesday 29th	10.00 am	Women's Bible Study at 6 Stubbs Wood
Wednesday 30th	6.00 am	Men's Breakfast Meeting in the Parish Centre
	10.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	2.30 pm	Chapel House Group
	4.30 pm	Club X in the Parish Centre
Thursday 1st Oct	8.00 pm	Prayer for the Moor at 6 Rachels Way
Friday 2nd	7.00 am	Prayer Breakfast at 19 Milton Lawns Youth & Children's Work
	8.00 pm	Foocha's + Nite Life in the Parish Centre
Saturday 3rd	1.00 pm	Wedding of Ian Bell and Kate Crabtree
	7.00 pm	Saturday Club in the Parish Centre
	7.30 pm	'Dealing with Stress' in Chesham Bois School (see overleaf)
Sunday 4th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (ASB)
	10.30 am	Ordination Service at Christ Church, Oxford
	10.30 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
	10.30 am	Family Focus in Chesham Bois School
	10.30 am	Pathfinders & CYFA in the Parish Centre
	11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP) short form
	3.30 pm	Evening Prayer (ASB) in Bois Moor Chapel
	4.00 pm	Ordination Tea in the Parish Centre
	6.30 pm	Evening Service (ASB)
	8.00 pm	Radio Cracker Mega Show (see overleaf)

COACH TO CHRIST CHURCH OXFORD NEXT SUNDAY

There are a few seats left. Please ring Claire on 726139 if you would like to go to Chris Clare's ordination service. The coach leaves the Parish Centre at 8.45 am and should return before 1.30 pm. Cost £3.

NOTICES

LATE STARTERS - Groups begin this week. It is not too late to join. Ring Jolyon on 774868.

NEXT SATURDAY, 3rd OCTOBER 'Dealing with Stress' - the second in our series of presentations about the relevance of the Christian faith. Are you bringing a friend? Come to Chesham Bois School at 7.30 pm. Excellent music, drama and a talk as before. Invitation cards are available at all services.

MIKE HILL'S LAST SERMONS AT ST LEONARD'S It is proposed to produce a double-sided commemorative cassette containing both the 10.30 am and 6.30 pm sermons given by Mike on his last Sunday at St Leonard's on Sunday 6th September. Please reserve copies by phoning Nigel Edward-Few on 792808 (Answerphone).

RADIO CRACKER IS BACK! Once again in the month leading up to Christmas you will have the opportunity to 'tune in and pay out' as we seek to raise money for the homeless through this charity appeal. If you would to help set up the station by buying shares at £5 or £10, please ring me on 728181. James Hawes.

4th OCTOBER - RADIO CRACKER '92 GOES PUBLIC We are starting our promotion by holding a Mega Show at Amersham Free Church at 8 pm. Please come along if you are interested in this year's project. JH.

SCRIPTURE UNION NOTES for October-December are ready for collection from the church porch.

THE OCTOBER ISSUE OF 'THE DOOR' is out today and includes something about a member of St Leonard's. Do take a copy away with you.

CHILDREN'S CHARITY CLOTHES SALE at St John's Methodist Church Hall, Woodside Road, Amersham, on Wednesday 30th September starting at 9 am. Ring Terry Neale on 726953 for more details.

THE RENOWNED CHOIR OF ST BRIDE'S FLEET STREET will be performing a programme of choral music at 7.30 pm on Saturday 10th October in St Mary's Church, Old Amersham. Tickets at £6 and £7.50 from Record House and The Book Shop, Amersham, or Val Cannon on 724525. In aid of St Mary's Bell Fund. Further details in the church porch.

BRIDGE THAT GAP - A DAY OF MUSIC MAKING at Amersham Free Church on Saturday 17th October. Part of the Chiltern Christian Training Programme. See church porch for details.

MEN'S LUNCHEON - Amersham Free Church 12.45 pm - 2.00 pm on the third Friday of the month. Interesting speakers. Cost £3. For details and to book, please contact Brian Norris on 725437.

HARVEST

Thank you to all those who gave their time yesterday morning to decorate the church so beautifully for our Harvest services.

(We still need volunteers to deliver flowers locally tomorrow afternoon. Please consider helping and ring 726139 in the morning if you can.)

*Notices for next week should be sent to the Rectory by Wednesday.
For lifts to church please contact Ann Crawford-Smith on 725447.*