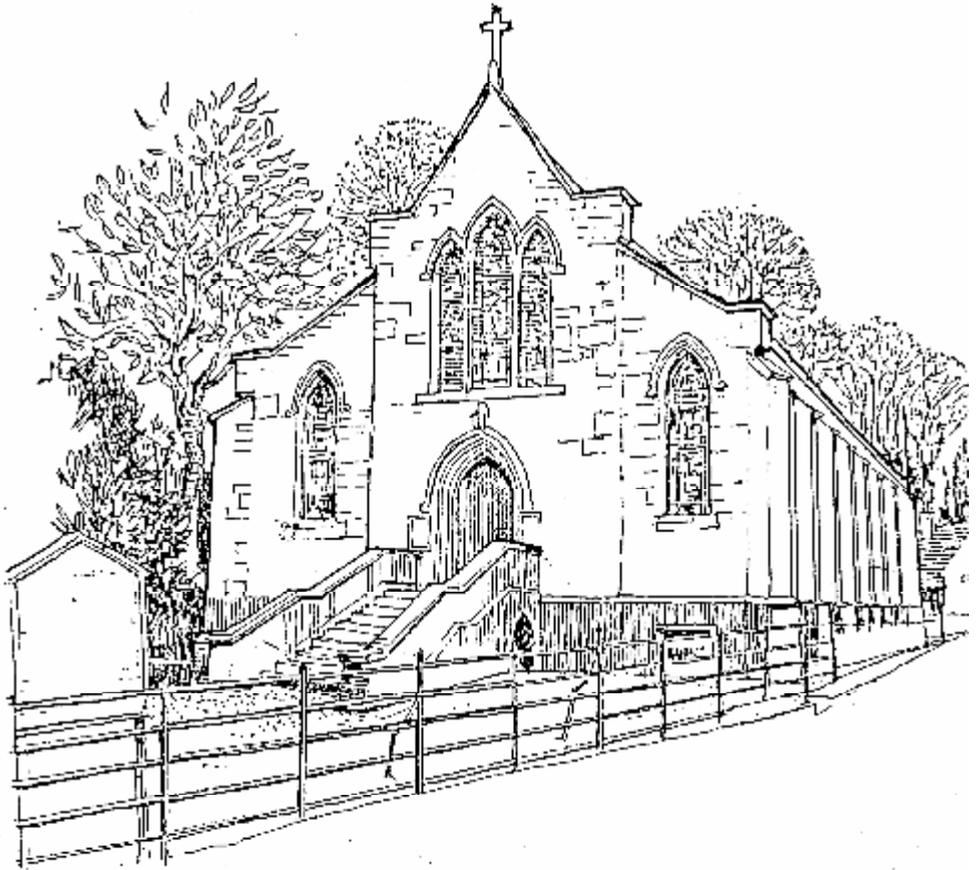


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## Services for July/August

<b>Sunday 3rd July</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Thomas the Apostle</b>	<b>10 am</b>	<b>No Service (Pam Sanders' Ordination in Hereford Cathedral at 10.30 am)</b>
Wednesday 6th July	8 am	Holy Communion ( <i>Thomas Moore &amp; John Fisher</i> )
<b>Sunday 10th July</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> (Methodist led) To include commemoration of 60th Anniversary of VE/VJ Day
Wednesday 13th July	8 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 17th July</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Family Service</b>
Wednesday 20th July	8 am	Holy Communion ( <i>Margaret of Antioch</i> )
Friday 22nd July	8 am	Holy Communion ( <i>Mary Magdalene</i> )
<b>Sunday 24th July</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (1662)</b>
	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist (President &amp; preacher: Rt Revd John Went, Bishop of Tewkesbury)</b>
	<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Service of Meditation through Paintings, Poetry &amp; Music</b>
Monday 25th July	8 am	Holy Communion ( <i>James the Apostle</i> )
Wednesday 27th July	8 am	Holy Communion ( <i>Brooke Foss Westcott</i> )
<b>Sunday 31st July</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Peace and Justice Service</b>
Wednesday 13th July	8 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 7th Aug</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
Wednesday 10th Aug	8 am	Holy Communion ( <i>Laurence, deacon, martyr</i> )
<b>Sunday 14th Aug</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> (Methodist led)
	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
Monday 15th Aug	8 am	Holy Communion ( <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i> )
Wednesday 17th Aug	8 am	Holy Communion

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<b>Sunday 21st Aug</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
Wednesday 24th Aug	8 am	Holy Communion ( <i>Bartholomew the Apostle</i> )
<b>Sunday 28th Aug</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (1662)</b>
	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
Wednesday 31st Aug	8 am	Holy Communion ( <i>Aidan, bishop, missionary</i> )

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## **The Rector's Letter**

Dear Friends,

I'm thinking about journeys right now. Please forgive me for starting with a silly story.

An evangelist was so successful that he even converted his own horse. So he decided to develop his ministry with animals and took his horse to market, to exchange it for another. A farmer came riding along on a very old horse, and the evangelist begged him to swap animals. The farmer looked at the fine fettle of the evangelist's horse and agreed, delighted with his bargain. As he mounted his new steed, the evangelist explained to him about the horse's religious zeal. The farmer looked at him incredulously. 'It's no good shouting "giddyup!" or "whoa, there, boy!"' the evangelist went on. To start, you have to shout, "Praise the Lord! Hallelujah!" and to stop you have to shout "Amen!"

The farmer paid little attention, believing the evangelist to be a nutcase. As the evangelist rode off, the farmer shouted "Giddyup thar!" and whipped the horse. But the animal didn't move. Digging his heels in, he shouted, "Go on thar! Get going!", but to no avail. Deciding that perhaps the evangelist might not be as crazy as he had assumed, the farmer took a deep breath and shouted, "Praise the Lord! Hallelujah!" Immediately the horse galloped off. The astonished farmer hung on for dear life as it sped off along the road.

On and on the horse went, crossing fields, jumping gates. Eventually, hearing the sound of the sea in the distance, the farmer knew they were approaching the white cliffs of Dover. "Whoaa there, boy!", he called, but the horse failed to respond. The farmer tried to remember the word the evangelist had told him for stopping the horse. "Blessing!" he shouted, then "Faith!", but equally to no effect. Just as he was charging up to the cliff edge he remembered. "Amen!", he screamed – and the horse came to a halt inches with only inches to spare. The farmer mopped his brow and, lifting his eyes to heaven in gratitude, murmured "Praise the Lord! Hallelujah!"

More seriously, and safely, Jan and Viv Howard and I started our recent journey from the sea and walked inland, from Abbotsbury in Dorset to Amberley, to raise money for the "Floor for all Seasons" project for a new Parish Room floor. We completed the walk on schedule, taking a total of seven and a half days at an aver-

age of sixteen miles per day. Although the going was rather tough, especially on our feet, the combination of very kind weather and the beauty of the countryside through which we were passing kept us in good spirits. We are deeply grateful to all those who generously sponsored us, enabling us to raise well over two thousand pounds. The exact total will be shown in the next magazine once all monies have been received.

The whole floor project has been a journey in itself, not just the fund-raising but also the technical management. I'd like to take this opportunity of thanking on everyone's behalf the so-called "Splinter Group" that have headed up the project, for their tremendous hard work and enthusiasm the result of which will be the laying of the new floor over the summer holidays.

Another journey reaches a deeply significant milestone this month. On 3<sup>rd</sup> July Pam Sanders will be ordained deacon in Hereford Cathedral. Pam's Christian journey began at an early age. When I came to Amberley her journey had led her to a very valuable ministry leading our Sunday Club. I well remember a discussion she and I had during a parish quiet day (!) when I suggested she might think of starting the next stage of her journey, that is towards becoming a Reader. The milestones she has since passed on that journey have been equally memorable, her being selected for Reader training, her licensing in Gloucester Cathedral and her selection almost immediately for ordination training. Our journey home from the sea might have been rather tough-going, but it pales to insignificance compared with Pam's six years of theological study! And during those years she has served our parish well in many ways. We are very grateful to her for this, and will miss her greatly. We wish her and Mark and their family every happiness in their new life in Leominster, where she will serve as curate at the Priory.

Another journey on our minds right now is that of the new Archbishop of York, John Sentamu. This journey from a sickly childhood in Kampala, through being a magistrate then high court judge under the infamous Idi Amin, then being arrested for standing up to the dictator and escaping to this country. Then came ordination, work as a parish priest in South London, consecration as Bishop of first Stepney then Birmingham, and now the appointment as the first black Archbishop in the Church of England. A driving force behind his vocation to serve God stemmed from the murder of his friend Jawani Luwum, when he resolved to become a church minister, saying, "You kill my friend, I take his place".

The journeys I have talked about (apart from the first one) have something in common, a perceived destination. For us who were walking it was to get home to Amberley. For the "Splinter Group" it is to achieve the laying of a new floor. For Pam it was to become a Reader. For John Sentamu it was to become a minister. The difference between a journey of faith and any other journey is that to follow Jesus Christ means to journey rather than to arrive. Any destination becomes simply a milestone, as through his Holy Spirit God sets the next destination further along our journey. For John Sentamu the destination has moved in stages from minister to Archbishop. For Pam the latest destination of ordination is already

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turning simply into a milestone on the way to ... God alone knows!

With every blessing,

*Mike Tucker*

## **Young People's Diary**

**Quest dates (6.45 - 8 pm):** 17<sup>th</sup> July

**Youth Group dates:**

**Junior (6.30 – 8pm):** 11<sup>th</sup> July (joint end of term party)

**Senior (7 – 8.30pm):** 4<sup>th</sup> July, 11<sup>th</sup> July (joint end of term party)

**Sunday Club :**

10th July Jane Foreman and Catherine

## **VE/VJ 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2005**

As part of the Nation's marking of the combined 60<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of VE Day and VJ Day on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July, the 10am service at Amberley Church that morning will embody the theme of the celebrations.

After the service there will be a barbecue in the Rectory Garden (or in the Parish Room should the weather turn inclement) from 12 noon run by the Amberley Branch of the Royal British Legion, to which all are cordially invited. Tickets for the barbecue are £5 each, and may be obtained from Brian Preston (01453 833360) or from Amberley Post Office.

We look forward to seeing you on this important occasion.

### **150 Club**

The following were winners in an extended June  
2005 draw

£100 Mr R Lewis  
£ 50 Mrs H Pearson  
£ 25 Mrs P Hemming  
£ 25 Mr P Hickman

## **Amberley Open Gardens**

Vita Sackville-West once wrote: “The most noteworthy thing about gardeners is that they are always optimistic, always enterprising, and never satisfied. They always look forward to doing something better than they have ever done before”. Well, last Sunday the green-fingered folk of Amberley surpassed themselves and by doing so raised £930 towards the new Parish Room floor. All of us who visited the open gardens will never forget the green lawns (please tell me how you manage to get rid of moss!), the colourful borders, and all those nooks and crannies you can never see when peering into a garden from the road!

A very big thank-you must go to those who kindly agreed to open their gardens, to Di Rowe, for organizing the whole event, to those organising and managing the plant stall, and to Sue Pugh and her band of happy helpers who provided the delicious light refreshments. If they had been able to charge for glasses of water, they would be millionaires by now!

I once read that gardens are a form of autobiography: what a talented lot of authors we have in the village.

Sara Mason - For Splinter Fundraising Group

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## **Church Flowers**

### **New volunteers always welcome**

The annual meeting of the flower team is scheduled for Saturday 9 July, at 9.30 am in Church. All those on the flower team will be receiving a letter about this meeting so this article is really a note to anyone in the village who is interested in flower arranging and might like to see what it involves in the context of church flowers. If you think this might be you, then please come to the meeting – anticipated to last half an hour - we'd love to see you there.

Sarah Goodwin

## **Gloucester Choral Society concerts:**

### **Haydn's Creation – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

After the searing intensity of Britten's War Requiem, the Society's summer concert in Gloucester Cathedral presents a complete change of style and mood in Haydn's Creation. Contact Sarah Goodwin (873381) for tickets, priced at £15, £12 and £5.

### **Verdi Requiem – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September, in aid of Tsunami Relief Fund**

This promises to be a fantastic concert, with over 200 singers drawn from many choirs. Ticket information later – but make a note of the date in your diaries.

# **A Thousand Reasons to Smile in Zambia**

## **A report from Cecily's Fund whom we support as a parish**

Cecily's Fund trustees have decided to fund the education of 1100 more orphans and vulnerable children in Zambia. The decision comes after the visit of Veronica, Cecily's Fund's only full-time member of staff, to the projects in Zambia.

“What I saw was, on the one hand, a desperate need amongst orphans, and on the other, our Zambian partner organisation able and willing to respond, if only it could find the resources.” she said.

The 1100 vulnerable children had been left without support after the EU withdrew its funding from Cecily's Fund's partner organisation in Zambia. The EU had decided to fund the Zambian Ministry of Education, instead of financing individual education programmes directly. However the Ministry has not passed this EU money on. This has left Cecily's Fund's partner organisation with no means of paying for the children's school fees and unable to help them buy the books and pencils they need. Many have already abandoned their education and will have to be traced so they can be told the good news.

“The children are in the middle of their schooling, and the thought that they would have to give it up for want of a few pounds each was so sad,” said Alison Eastwood, who founded the charity in memory of her daughter. “Thanks to the wonderful contributions of our supporters, we found that we could afford to help.”

The Zambian government has had to raise the passmark needed by children to get into secondary school because it can't afford to educate all those who want to go - even if they do pay fees. The requirements are now so tough that only 47% of this year's applicants got into secondary school. Many of those rejected were bright, promising pupils, many were orphans.

The bottleneck has been caused by the increase in children coming through primary school since primary fees were officially abolished and by dwindling teacher numbers following an education sector employment freeze.

The poor pass results also reflect children's struggle to learn at primary level. The Zambia National Union of Teachers has attributed the declining education standards in the country to the government's poor investment in the teaching profession. The staffing freeze, imposed by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) as part of Zambia's debt reduction plan, is creating ever-larger classes and has been blamed for compromising teaching quality. Cecily's Fund intends to respond by piloting a new extra tuition programme for orphans preparing for exams.

The Peace & Justice Group

## **What Does the ‘Pastoral Care Group’ do?**

- We make home visits to people who may be sick, bereaved, lonely, elderly, housebound or in need of long-term befriending.
- We keep in telephone contact as appropriate.
- We call on newcomers on behalf of the church, and to deliver a card with village information, a church information pack and a parish magazine.
- If you, or anyone you know, would like a visit from a member of the Team please let our co-ordinator Elizabeth Haughton (872496) know.

## **What Does the ‘Prayer Chain’ do?**

- We are a group of a dozen church members who collectively pray for people in crisis situations for whom prayer requests are made, such as those who are seriously ill, those entering hospital for operations and those who have just suffered a bereavement
- We continue to pray very regularly while the crises last
- Our work is totally confidential, and we never impart information beyond the group about those for whom we are praying

If you wish us to remember you, or anyone you know, in our prayers, please contact either the Mike Tucker (878515), Ann Morris (872587) or Anne Seymour (873272) know.

We are always looking for new members of the Prayer Chain. If you feel this is work in which you might play a part, the Rector will be delighted to hear from you.

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## **Fair Trade Stall**

For the last year or so Sarah Clifford has done a wonderful job setting up the Fair Trade stall at the 10am service on the second Sunday of each month. She brought the items for sale from The Door shop in Stroud. Unfortunately, due to a change of policy at the Door, the shop will no longer stock a full range of Fair Trade goods, and, if we are to continue Sarah’s good work, we need to identify a small group of people who would discuss how the stall might be run in future. If you would feel able to join Sarah and me (without obligation) at a brief meeting to discuss a way forward, please let me know (878515) by 15<sup>th</sup> July. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Mike Tucker

## A Walk to Remember

The weather forecast was that we were in for a fine spell, but as Viv and Jan Howard and I started out from Abbotsbury in Dorset on the first full day of our “walk home from the sea” a mixture of sea mist and drizzle rained down upon us. The grass everywhere was long as there had as yet been no dry spell for haymaking, and the soaking raindrops had flattened it down so as to obscure most of the footpaths. Despite wearing appropriate gear to keep the damp out, eventually two of us were squelching in our boots, and the first feelings of blisters began. Fortunately these did not prove too much of a problem, thanks to Jan’s chiropody skills.

Later that day the rain stopped and the sun came out, and so it was to remain for the other seven days of our journey. And in sunlight the countryside we walked through looked delightful – the Dorset hills, the south Somerset woodlands, the Mendips, the gentler undulating Wiltshire landscape and finally the friendly sight of dear old Gloucestershire. The Macmillan Way we were following was excellently chosen, and our exuberance for our surroundings was only dampened a little by our screaming feet towards the end of each sixteen-mile day. And it’s surprising how rapid a recovery is possible with the help of a hot bath and a pint or two!

Apart from the first (wet) day we stopped early in each afternoon for a short lunch break, lunch being typically an apple and a swig of water. Though this sounds remarkably frugal, it’s all we could manage between the full English breakfast and the three-course supper! On one such occasion, as we walked along the escarpment overlooking Castle Cary, I argued for rest on an area of short grass while Viv wanted to carry on to somewhere further round the hillside. I won, but after we’d removed our boots to rest our feet I began to read the next set of instructions, which mentioned we would be passing three seats, just where Viv had wanted to stop. In fact when we reached the seats, the first was occupied by a prostrate young couple who were not prepared to interrupt their love-making for our benefit, the second was in an area that at that precise moment was being overused by cows as a latrine, while as we tried out the third I somehow attracted a cow that wished to belch sweet nothings in my ear! The attention of animals to our lunchtime resting continued the next day, when, as Jan attended to her husband’s sore toe a springer spaniel pup raced off with his sock in its mouth. Fortunately we retrieved it and Viv didn’t have to hop for the rest of the day’s journey.

The earlier wet weather had encouraged nettle growth everywhere. One path took us through a dense bed of the plants right across a hillside, and I have a lasting impression of Jan balanced on one leg in the midst of a sea of the stingers trying to put on leggings to cover her bare legs. Had she toppled....

We did lose our way in Wiltshire, and had to ask directions from a dear old lady in the village of Biddlestone. “Are you with me?”, she checked as she explained the route we should take, to which Viv replied, “No, I’m with the Woolwich.”

“Are you?”, she said taking him seriously, “So am I.” Then she asked, “Where have you come from, then?” “From the Dorset coast,” replied Viv, “but we stopped for lunch.” “Bless your souls!” – or was it “soles”?

By the last day, walking from Sherston to Amberley, we were so fit that we covered the thirteen miles rather faster than we had originally anticipated. So as not to arrive home too early we had to kill time in the bar of the Weighbridge, before climbing the last hill up to Box. In fact, we needn't have worried – as our triumphal entry into Amberley was only witnessed by one person, and she was walking her dog on the common!

Mike Tucker

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## **Amberley Website**

Further additions to the Amberley website have been made. You can now add your own small advertisements and the most recent items are listed on the front page. Why not try advertising those odd items you've been meaning to get rid of?

By the time you read this, the mammoth task of making all the Blackwell photograph albums available online should be complete. You will be able to browse all the photographs, or search for a particular name. Other photographic records from the Spring Festival and elsewhere will also be available.

Don't forget that YOU can advertise your event or report on it afterwards and you can include your own pictures.

Steve Goodwin

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## **Auction of Pews**

There are three pews in the Parish Room, originally from the Church, which are to be disposed of before the new floor is laid at the end of July. Several people have expressed an interest in the pews so we are holding a silent auction, the proceeds of which will go towards the new floor project. On each of the pews there is a card attached on which you can enter your bid for the pew. At 12 noon on Saturday 9 July, each pew will be sold to the person who has made the highest bid. There is of course nothing to stop you bidding for more than one pew, or for the same pew more than once, if you see you have been out-bid. There is a reserve on each of the pews.

The successful purchaser will be responsible for their pew from when their bid is accepted. The pew must be removed from the Parish Room within one week of the bid acceptance.

Any queries – contact Sarah Goodwin, 873381.

# Water Babies

At that time my father was Warden of the Theological College at Mukono, Uganda. We were on safari in Toro Kingdom, on the western side of Uganda where the Ruwenzori Mountains nudge the Congo. Michael and I were going on 6 and 4 years, and we were in a dugout canoe on a crater lake. The lake was round, black, shinningly still, awesome - all set about with mature tropical trees.

The canoe wobbled, a lot! We screamed. Laughing, my father said: "Don't fall in the water. This lake is bottomless!" I was too young to address the absurdity of the remark. Anyway, Dad knew everything! What I know is that a primordial terror gripped my young mind as I saw my white body sliding down through the ink-dark water - down, forever!

Another place and time, on Lake Nabugabo, a shining jewel left behind by the retreating Victoria Nyanza 5 miles away. My father was Archdeacon now. (His Bishop was Cyril Stuart whose wife was Mary, one of the Summerhayes girls of Amberley!) He knew the area well from when he had been Rural Dean at the mission station at Kako, high on the escarpment to the west. Each August he brought the family here for a holiday, and hired a dugout canoe for us to play in. "Let's visit Hippo Bay!" he challenged. The birds fell silent as we nosed in among the water lilies and papyrus. Awesome stillness. A hippo can splinter a dugout in seconds. "No hippo here!" he called out boldly. How did he know? But Dad knew everything. What we didn't know was that crocodiles had invaded the lake on the other side, crossing the swamp between us and Victoria Nyanza. The Game Warden had shot two already. He said: "They will soon come our side, I fear". There were reports of dogs being taken.

Who watched over us in those days, as Michael and I ran heedless and barefoot under the tropical sun? We paddled out to the middle of the lake to check the fishing line set by the local fishermen. One day we took a 316 mudfish and a 51b catfish off the hooks. The wind quickly blows up on Nabugabo. Waves buffeted the heavy dugout. I cannot remember being unduly perturbed - but frantic gesticulations from the grown-ups on the shore forced us in. My mother's tear-stained face; my father frightened and angry. The canoe was taken from us and returned to the owner - at least for a while.

I did not know then of Guy, my half-brother. He and his brother, Miff; had gone to Australia to farm in Queensland. In November 1931 Guy was drowned in the River Dee at Wowan where their farm was. He was 20. Their mother had died of cancer in England shortly before. She was 50. My father was inconsolable, the memory raw.

Recently in Australia I arranged to fly north to Rockhampton to visit Wowan. The cemetery lies in a glade, shaded from the fierce sun by gum trees. The local birds murmur in the background, adding to the peace. My father had chosen a Gospel verse for Guy's grave: It is I. Be not afraid And the angels standing by.

Peter Herbert

## **A Bench Renewed**

On 24th May 10 elderly ladies and one gentleman invaded Amberley. They had come to view the new bench outside the Amberley Inn, and were all associated with the Mount School, London. Five of their number, including the gentleman, was evacuated to Amberley during the 1939 to 45 war.

When the school returned to London, the Head Mistress and founder of the school arranged for a bench to be presented to the people of Amberley in appreciation of their kindness to the evacuees. Sixty years on the bench had seen better days, the Old Girls Association, with the help of Anne Seymour and the National Trust, have renewed the bench, which bears the original plaque and a further one commemorating 2005, in the hope that it too might last 60 years!

Photographs were taken including one of the original five seated on the bench. The Manager of the Amberley Inn kindly provided a private room for the consumption of delicious lunches and time for further reminiscences.

Margaret Pond - Ex Head of the Mount School

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## **Ironman...**

Sprinting over the line at 8pm the tannoy boomed "Richard Vidgen from England, you are an Ironman". Months of running up Bear Hill, cycling to meet me at his parent's home in Marlow and early morning swims at the Cotswold lakes climaxed on 19<sup>th</sup> June in the South of France. Instead of enjoying a Fathers Day Sunday roast, a walk over the common and a pint at The Black Horse, Richard got up at 4.45am and swam 2.4 miles, cycled 112 miles and ran 26 miles.

As the helicopter swept over the bay to airlift any potential drowners, 1443 wetsuit-clad competitors from around the world checked their polar watches for the final time and ensured their identity tags were still there. 6.30am ticked on, the klaxon blurted out and they were off. A spectacular mass resembling an enormous eerie flock of birds on the water's surface. An hour and half later, his battle with jellyfish done he left the salty water, tore off his wetsuit and dashed into transition. A swig of energy drink and a splash of suntan lotion and onto his racing bike for a tortuous 7 hours endurance into the Alps. It just went on and on, up and up, twisting further and further as the temperature soared. By 3pm the computers recorded 49° and his marathon run began. Four laps around the closed streets of Nice with diminishing competitors, 1103 went over the finish line, 340 dropping out or being recovered by ambulance. Completing in 13.5 hours, Richard's focus was to keep hydrated and energised. And he did - he just dug in and did it quietly. No strains, pulled muscles, grazes, sores, stings or sunburn - he just sprinted over the finish line, an Ironman.

Heather Vidgen

## **From the registers ...**

### **Baptism**

**We welcome you...**

19 Jun      Georgina Alice James and  
                 William Joseph Randall

25 Jun      Charlotte Jessica Symcox

### **Marriage**

**They whom God hath joined...**

4 Jun      Julia Foreman and  
                 Gareth Lewis

The Littleworth Hall is open every  
Friday morning  
for a

## **Friday Cuppa**

from 10.30 am till 12 noon

Why not drop in for elevenses and a  
chat? Tea, coffee and biscuits avail-  
able

If you need transport or would like to  
help in any way please contact  
Ann Haslam (873632)

## **Churchyard**

We shall be working at the following times:-

Jul 4th      2 pm to 4 pm  
Jul 18th     2 pm to 4 pm  
Aug 4th     2 pm to 4 pm  
Aug 15th    2 pm to 4 pm  
Aug 29th    2 pm to 4 pm



# JULY/AUGUST

Items in *italics* are covered more fully in other sections of the magazine  
 PR means the Parish Room and LH means Littleworth Hall

Date		Start	End	Location
4 Jul	Churchyard	14:00	16:00	Churchyard
4 Jul	<i>Youth Group</i>	19:00	20:30	PR
9 Jul	<i>Haydn's 'Creation'</i>	19:30	-	Cathedral
9 Jul	<i>Church Flowers Meeting</i>	9:30	-	Church
9 Jul	<i>Auction of Pews ends</i>	12:00	-	PR
10 Jul	<i>RBL Barbecue</i>	12:00	-	Rectory
11 Jul	<i>Youth Group</i>	18:30	-	PR
17 Jul	<i>Quest</i>	18.45	-	Rectory
18 Jul	Churchyard	14:00	16:00	Churchyard
4 Aug	Churchyard	14:00	16:00	Churchyard
11 Aug	Churchyard	14:00	16:00	Churchyard
29 Aug	Churchyard	14:00	16:00	Churchyard

**Don't Forget** - as explained in an earlier magazine, **YOU** can add items to the events list on the Amberley web site. Contact Steve Goodwin if you can't remember how!

**The NSPCC Lunch and Talk at Amberley Court this year  
 will be held on Wednesday 28 September.**

Jamila Gavin, the Whitbread Prize-winning local author of children's books, including 'Coram Boy', will be giving a talk prior to the Lunch.

Tickets: £22.50 from Miriam Dewar on 872410  
 and Amberley PO.

**Woodchester Priory Services**

Vigil Mass    Saturday, 6 pm  
 Mass            Sunday, 10.30 a.m.

## **Amberley Gardening Club**

### **Visit to Tinpenny Farm & Spetchley Park 18<sup>th</sup> May 2005**

Our first destination was Elaine Horton's garden and hardy plant nursery at Tinpenny Farm at Fiddington, near Tewkesbury. Elaine used to live at the Whiteway Colony where her garden was also well known. She doggedly cultivates an amazing variety of hardy plants on an exposed site against many odds, including strong winds, winter water logging and summer drought, not to mention deer and rabbits. Her achievements are remarkable. Our members were thrilled with the variety of plants available for sale and bought enthusiastically.

We then moved on to Spetchley Park, near Worcester, which is owned by the Berkeley family. Here, we found a welcome sandwich lunch provided by the caterers, and a very different style of garden. We sheltered from the wind in the walled garden where peonies the size of small dinner plates and many pretty aquilegias provided seasonal interest amongst the herbaceous planting. Beyond the walls lay woodland gardens and parkland with vistas of the mansion and a lake. When we were tired of looking at plants, we found the peacocks which were eager to display to us, also geese and goslings by the water. We can thoroughly recommend both these gardens to those who have not yet visited them.

Helen Housden

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## **Situations Vacant**

Amberley Parochial School are looking for a

### **Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant**

Come and join a small, friendly team at a local village school on the edge of Minchinhampton Common. Amberley Parochial School has a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant to start as soon as possible. Details of the position are as follows:

Hours:	12.15 until 1.30 pm. five days a week, term time only.
Salary:	Grade C. £2,061.00 per year

The job will involve some light lifting of tables and chairs together with play-ground supervision of the children.

If you would like to join this happy, popular village school, please write to:

Mrs J Woolley, Head Teacher, Amberley Parochial School, Amberley, Stroud, GL5 5JG. Telephone: 01453 873349

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Amberley Parish Room Management Committee are looking for a

### **Cleaner**

for the Parish Room, starting in September, after the new floor has been laid.

The job involves two 2 hour sessions of cleaning a week, with a degree of flexibility as to when this is done.

Contact Cynthia Cooke on 872602 for further details.

## **Christian Aid**

Many thanks to those who collected and to those who donated in the recent house to house collection. Special thanks to the Amberley Methodist Church for their donation of £250. The total raised was £824.93.

Jennie Varley

# Duty Roster

	Readers	Prayers	Chalice	Sidesmen
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>Thomas the Apostle</b>			
8am	J Peters			J Peters
Holy Communion				A Shepherd
10am	No service			
<b>10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>			
8am	S Lauzier	M Meadows	Reader	J Peters
Holy Communion	S Page			S Pugh
10am	RBL	D Rowe	M Gardner	B Preston
Parish Eucharist	S Pugh		E Walsh	A Smith
<b>17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>			
8am	J Peters	J V Smith	T Wallis	R Rowe
Holy Communion	D Piechowiak			D Rowe
10am				I Corry
Family Service				R Corry
<b>24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>			
8am	S Page		A Haslam	S Rowley
Holy Communion	D Rowe			A Shepherd
10am	D Piechowiak	S Rowley	S Lauzier	M Finney
Parish Eucharist	S Pugh		M Meadows	T Finney
5.30pm				B Preston
Meditation Service				
<b>31<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>			
8am	S Pugh	M Meadows	J Howard	J Bestwick
Holy Communion	S Rowley			R Westover
10am	J Roselli	J V Smith	A Aldridge	R Rowe
Peace & Justice	D Rowe		C Cooke	D Rowe
<b>7<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>			
8am	Reader	S Pugh	S Lauzier	M Finney
Holy Communion	J V Smith			T Finney
10am	S Rowley	P Herbert	J Foreman	S Rowley
Parish Eucharist	A Smith		M Gardner	M Gardner

<b>14<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>			
8am	J Varley	S Rowley	M Meadows	P Hankins
Holy Communion	R Westover			A Haslam
10am	Reader	J Keyte	P Herbert	J Keyte
Parish Eucharist	J V Smith		J Howard	J Keyte

<b>21<sup>st</sup> August</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>			
8am	R Mann	Reader	D Rowe	R Mann
Holy Communion	J Mann			J Mann
10am	T Adkin	P Mason	A Haslam	M Finney
Parish Eucharist	M Anderson		S Lauzier	T Finney

<b>28<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>			
8am	K Bailey		Reader	M Page
Holy Communion	P Bailey			S Page
10am	M Bullock	M Meadows	M Meadows	A Haslam
Parish Eucharist	C Cooke		D Rowe	E Haughton

## MAGAZINE

All copy and articles for the magazine should be left at the back of the Church by the 16th of the month or emailed to [Margaret@msgardner.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:Margaret@msgardner.fsnet.co.uk)

The magazine was produced this month by Sara Mason, Anne Shepherd, Di Rowe and Margaret Gardner.

If you would like to help with any duties, please contact Margaret Gardner for magazine (872230) , Ann Haslam for church services (873632) , Ruth Westover for flowers (872218) , Mary Meadows for church cleaning (872347) , and Peggy Bailey for after-service coffee (873709) .

## COMPUTER

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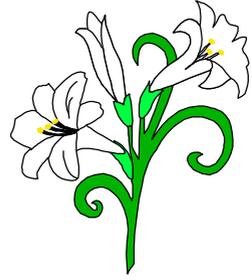
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The purpose built Day Centre offers a warm, friendly atmosphere in which to socialise and offers a wide range of facilities including an extensive activities programme, hairdressing, bathing, aromatherapy and chiropody.

If you require further information, please contact Jenny Martin at Horsfall House. Telephone 01453 731227

## Flower Rota

Jul 2	Elizabeth Haughton
Jul 9	Joan Bestwick
Jul 16	Betty Lane
Jul 23	Jackie Mitchell
Jul 30	Wedding
Aug 6	Alice Adams
Aug 13	Sue Partridge
Aug 20	Wedding
Aug 27	Ruth Westover



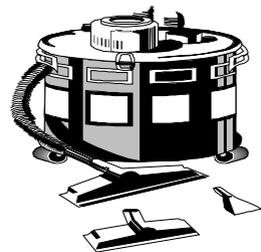
## Coffee Rota

Jul 3	Ron and Ivy Corry
Jul 10	Peggy and Ken Bailey
Jul 17	MU
Jul 24	Betty Lane and Maureen Anderson
Jul 31	Laurie and Jean Needham
Aug 7	Margaret Gardner and Sarah Clifford
Aug 14	Joyce Newton and Jill Murray-Smith
Aug 21	MU
Aug 28	Betty Lane and Maureen Anderson
Sep 4	Alice Adams and Helen Stillwell



## Church Cleaning Teams

Jul 4	Ann Haslam
Jul 11	Margaret Gardner
Jul 18	Mary Meadows
Jul 25	Sue Pugh
Aug 1	Anne Shepherd
Aug 8	Alison Bell
Aug 15	Ann Haslam
Aug 22	Margaret Gardner
Aug 29	Mary Meadows
Sep 5	Sue Pugh



# The Parish Church of the Holy Trinity, Amberley

## Amberley Churches Together

Rector	Revd Canon Dr Mike Tucker	878515
Methodist Minister	Revd Roger Bayliss	752296
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Churchwardens	Mrs Sarah Goodwin	873381
	Mr Tim Adkin	762491
Readers	Mrs Anne Seymour	873272
	Mrs Pam Sanders	
Verger	Mrs Cynthia Cooke	872602
Director of Music	Mr Steve Goodwin	873381
Head Server	Mrs Jan Howard	872689
Stewards	Mrs Di Rowe	873497
	Mrs Betty Lane	872416
ACC: Secretary	Mrs Pat Woods	872652
Treasurer	Mr Harry Davie	872787
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	Mr Danek Piechowiak	882379
	Mrs Sue Lauzier	882379
	Dr Alistair Smith	762513
	Mrs Elizabeth Haughton	872496
	Mrs Deborah Patient	872546
Deanery Synod Reps	Mrs Sandra Tucker	878515
	Mrs Anne Seymour	873272
	Mr Michael Bullock 01452	771282
Planned Giving Secretary	Mrs Sarah Goodwin	873381
Social Committee Secretary	Mrs Jane Peters	762591
Church Grounds Comm Chmn	Mrs Margaret Gardner	872230
Sunday Club	Mrs Clare Wilkins	835864
Youth Group	Mrs Sue Partridge	873141
Quest	Mrs Sue Pugh	872551
Parish Magazine Editor	Mrs Margaret Gardner	872230
Advert Secretary	Mrs Betty Lane	872416
Church Flower Rota	Mrs Ruth Westover	872218
Friday Cuppa	Mrs Ann Haslam	873632
MU Secretary	Mrs Pat Woods	872652

## Village Organisations

<b>Amberley Parochial School</b>	873349
Head Teacher - Jo Woolley	
<b>Amberley Playgroup</b> - Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9.30-12.15	
Play Leader - Fiona Ellen	832379
<b>Toddlers Group</b> - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.45-11.45 am	
Leader - Fiona Ellen	832379
<b>Royal British Legion</b> - Joint Men & Women's Branch	
Second Tuesday of even months at 7.30 pm at the Old Lodge	
Chairman - Brian Preston	833360
<b>Women's Institute</b>	
Third Tuesday in each month at 2.30 pm in the Parish Rooms	
Mrs Joyce Newton	885324
<b>Littleworth Hall</b>	
Booking Secretary - Mrs Di Rowe	873497
<b>Parish Room Management Committee</b>	
Letting Secretary - Mrs Cynthia Cooke	872602
<b>Highlands Cottage Charity</b>	
Secretary	873272
<b>The Drake Scout HQ - Culver Hill</b>	
Group Scout Leader - Mr Bob Lawson	835079
<b>Scouts</b> - Fridays 7-9 pm	
Leader - Mr. Dave Middlemiss	840003
<b>Cub Scouts</b> - Thursdays 6.30-8 pm	
Leader - Mrs Coral Rice	872124
<b>Beaver Scouts</b> - Saturday 5-6 pm	
Leader - Sarah Martin	872573
<b>Venture Scouts</b>	
Leader - Mr Chris Rowley	882166
<b>Guides</b> - Wednesdays 7.30-9 pm	
Mrs Heather Pearson	885477
<b>Brownies</b> - Wednesdays 6.00-7.30 pm in the Parish Rooms	
Miss Joy Hopkins	834767
<b>Baby Sitting Circle</b>	
Mrs Lisa Haymon-Collins	873796
<b>Amberley Gardening Club</b> - 2nd Wed of each month - Parish Room	
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