

The Vicar's Letter

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Dear Friends,

There is a scene in the film *The King's Speech* in which the King (George VI, our present Queen's father) expresses his frustration at his inability to do what is expected of him. "If I'm a king, where's my power?" he asks. "Can I form a government? Can I levy a tax? Declare a war? No. And yet I'm the seat of all authority. Why? Because the nation thinks that when I speak I speak for them. . . . But I can't speak!"

The storyline of the film centres on the king's struggle to overcome his stammer, but it is also a moving portrayal of a man who is thrust into a role he had not wanted, yet is determined to try to do what is expected of him.

No doubt the details owe much to artistic licence, but the scene I have quoted seems to get to the heart of how our constitutional monarchy works. And perhaps that is why it came back to my mind when I was thinking about the celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

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Like her father before her, the Queen has very little real power, but huge responsibility. She serves as a figurehead for our nation, a role she has faithfully and selflessly fulfilled now for over sixty years, and for which she is held in enormous affection by the vast majority of her people.

So it is well worth celebrating her Diamond Jubilee, and appropriate as we do so to give thanks for the example of service she has given. For, upheld by her own clear Christian faith, she has been true to the pattern set by the Lord Jesus himself, who (as he puts it in Mark 10:45) “did not come to be served, but to serve.”

Unlike the Queen, he really did (and does) have power — supreme power over the world he has made — yet he chose to use it not for himself but for us, the people he had created, to do for us what we could not do for ourselves. As St Paul expressed it, he

“did not consider equality with God something
to be used to his own advantage;
rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross!”
(Philippians 2:6–8)

If sixty years of devoted service have rightly won for the Queen our affection and loyalty, how much more should Jesus’ sacrificial death for us stimulate a response of willing obedience, so that we give ourselves in love and service both to him and to others.

And what a fitting tribute it would be to Her Majesty, if that were the lasting fruit of our Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

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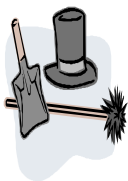
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A very enjoyable lunch with Fish and Chips and a Dessert was held at the community hall on the 28th March by 44 members.

Several of our members are having a busy time attending Wexham Park Hospital, so we hope the club will soon be seeing them back in our midst.

On a sad note it is with great sadness that I have to tell you of the death of Audrie Woodhouse. A loyal member of the club and one of our Flower Ladies.

Future activities

June 6th Canceled (Meeting June 13th)

June 13th Bingo , Bring & Buy

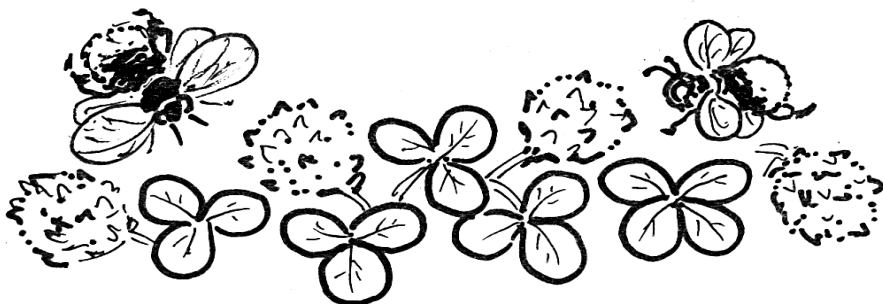
June 20th Coach Outing to Hungerford

July 4th Quiz

July 18th Shottesbrooke

As you can read above we have a busy programme.

Ursula McAndrew



Shottesbrooke and White Waltham Guild AGM

Tuesday 6th March 2012

Chairman's report

These past twelve months have been possibly the most enjoyable yet since I joined the Guild in 2004. Our numbers have been swelled by the Crescent Dale entourage which has led to an even greater sense of energy and fun during our regular coffee mornings. Many thanks to everyone who has hosted a coffee morning and also to everyone who has attended them. One of the liveliest was definitely the hat-making one in May, where all manner of millinery skills were exhibited. The hats were then worn with veritable aplomb at the Royal Ascot Ladies Day afternoon tea. The other outstanding coffee morning was that held at Crescent Dale when over £160 was raised in just two hours - fantastic!

We have also had some wonderful outings, starting with lunch at the Airfield for the Royal Wedding in April, followed by a lovely day trip to see the Olympic Park in September and concluding with the fabulous Carmen by the Maidenhead Operatic Society in November. Many of our members also visited the award-winning gardens of Margaret Ewer in Holyport where she was raising great funds for the Thames Valley Air Ambulance.

We are extremely grateful all our donors, which include several of our Guild members, in particular to the Maidenhead Rotary Club and the Theatreways group which have kindly given donations towards the Olympic trip.

Sadly, Hilda Bennett, a long-standing member of the Guild passed away in February 2012. Hilda had been a stalwart supporter of the village community, serving her time on the Guild Committee as well as being part of the Church Flower Rota. Her Dundee cake was legendary and she only stopped baking for Guild events a few years ago. The Guild was represented at her Cremation Service and a donation made to the Air Ambulance, a charity she loved.

Although our coffee mornings are wonderfully well-attended, our doors are always open to new members. Please call Emma on 01628 820354 for information on forthcoming events. Lastly, I would like to thank everyone in the Shottesbrooke and White Waltham Guild for their vitality, humour and inspiration.

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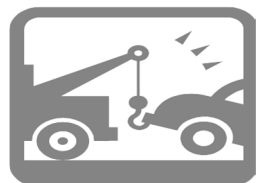
It is with great sadness I have to report that St Mary's was broken into on the night of Monday 7th May. The main door (the south door) was badly damaged along with some of the adjacent stonework. The burglars were probably looking for money; however there is **never any money or valuables** kept in the church so they were wasting their time. There was nothing stolen but a few keys and they can easily be replaced and locks changed. It has however caused much unnecessary work and I thank all those who supported both the Vicar and myself over the few days immediately after the break in.

THE CHURCHYARD BOUNDARY WALL

Those of you who go up and down Church Hill will have noticed that the boundary wall was damaged by a car at the end of January. The process required to get the wall repaired is a long and arduous one, involving the police, the Oxford Diocese, an architect, insurance companies and building contractors. Just when we were about to go ahead with the repair another car smashed into the wall on Thursday 3rd May making the hole twice as big. We now have to go back to the drawing board and obtain more quotes for the repair before we can bring the whole business to a satisfactory conclusion. It was hoped to have had the wall repaired before the Jubilee celebrations but that is unlikely now. Fortunately no one was injured in either of the crashes.

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Liz Atlay
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The Programme for June – August is as follows:-

June 21st Growing up in Japan. Mrs Hillwall-Smith.

July 20th Summer Social. Always a jolly evening.

August 16th No Meeting.

On April 26th we celebrated our 35th Anniversary with a splendid lunch at the Villa Marina in Henley.

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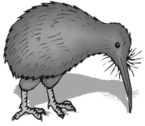
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LETTER FROM NEW ZEALAND

Changes



I suppose it has been the case here in New Zealand for so long that I have taken it for granted. I do know that whenever we have visitors from abroad we always are at great pains to make sure that they know. And when we tell them and explain the ramifications, they always used to ask “Why?”, “Why does New Zealand do it that way?” Now that has always been a very difficult question to answer. Sometimes we say things like, “Well . . . they do it that way in parts of Australia” but that answer is no longer true because they have changed. And now, at long last, so have we. This means you can very safely come and visit us and we won’t have to warn you about it!

Until a few weeks ago we had a road rule which made no sense to visitors. Basically, you had to give way to the right, yes, if you were approaching a junction with the aim of turning left you had to give way to all traffic coming from the opposite direction which was indicating the desire to turn right. For the sanity of all of us, that rule has been abolished and left turning traffic has the right of way in the same way as the UK Highway Code.

So we still have rules but hopefully they are better and will make driving safer. Now I know that some people, and not just young people, think that any rules are there just to restrict some aspect of their lives. Wiser heads realise that good rules are set to make our lives easier and safer. But each of us knows that we are simply incapable of keeping rules. I suppose that if we could there would be mass unemployment amongst law makers, politicians, judges, and the police and prison authorities!

Does that sound like heaven? Perhaps so. I’d like to discuss just why it is that we cannot consistently keep the rules. If you are at all familiar with the Old Testament, you will know that God gave Moses rules, on tablets of stone, which the Israelites were to observe every day of their lives. God also told them that so long as they remained true to him, he would protect them and make them prosperous.

We all know how they did! Eventually God gave up on them and foreign kings invaded parts of Israel and took most of the inhabitants away to captivity.

In fact, until very recent times, there has been no state of Israel although the Jews have always maintained their nationality. In the time of Jesus it was the Romans in control and since then many different nations have ruled that territory. But despite that, something HAS changed. You see, in those Old Testament times, God's rules applied only to the children of Israel. But since the time of Christ God makes a new promise to the world – the whole world not just the Jews. And the new promise doesn't say "if you obey me then I will bless you", it is totally one sided. God says that because Jesus died and rose again, he has paid the penalty for our law breaking. It means we can be set free. It means we "may receive the promised eternal inheritance" which means that we will inherit everything God has promised, heirs with Christ who lives forever and will never die. Thus we too are heirs of eternal life.

Now forgive me, but if you have persevered and read up to this point, may I assume that you don't simply ignore Christian things, don't just say, "So what". For me and for many who read this, it is real. Existence does not end with death but death is the gateway to that new life with God which never ends . . . but (and there just has to be a 'but'!) Paul wrote to his friend Titus, that all of this is for "those who have trusted in God".

My sincere desire as I sit here in our autumn sunshine is that everyone who reads the magazine does trust God, has committed their life to him. Have you? If not, will you?

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She said that it was an amazing experience for her. The crowds were brilliant and the marshals along the way were very helpful. It was great to see the Royal British Legion at the 13 mile mark.

It was so nice to see so much of London on foot and she saw iconic views such as the Cutty Sark, London Bridge, Billingsgate Market, Canary Wharf, The Embankment and London Eye, Parliament, Big Ben and not forgetting of course the finish line!!! But best of all was seeing her husband Simon at the end to meet her.

On the way round it did rain but Lesley kept going and thankfully there were some marshals who had plastic ponchos and space blankets to put on people who were getting wet, or in Lesley's case had got wet!!

The worst thing that Lesley remembers was seeing stairs on the way home. An escalator or lift was such a welcoming sight!!

Her drive and determination kept her going and knowing the reason why she was doing the Marathon was for personal achievement and raising money for those who are in need of help from the Royal British Legion.

You may still sponsor Lesley by going online at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/LesleyGraves> or if you would rather do your sponsoring via paper version, contact Lesley, as her name is in the back of the Parish Magazine.

Simon only managed to do 9 miles as he ended up with a big blood blister on his little toe. He spent most of the day on a sweep up coach being fed and watered, whilst Lesley was just drinking energy drinks and water on the way round totally unaware of Simon feasting away for the 17 miles!!!

Lesley is still taking things easy at the moment. She is going to give it about a month, but she hopes to get back to the gym as soon as possible.

Lesley and Simon can both say that at the time of writing this article they have at least raised about over £500 to date with still some money to collect.

Many thanks for your support.

Lesley and Simon Graves



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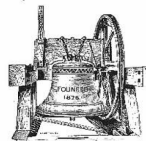
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Tales from the Bells



Summer is on the way. Though who would have thought it, after the hot weather we had just before Easter then during April we have been having continuous downpours.

At White Waltham church we rang a quarter peal at Easter in praise of Jesus' resurrection. Although the quarter peal was dedicated for this special event, quarter peals can also have other dedications as you will see below. You will also see that we rang two different methods as well.

Sunday 8 April 2012

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| 1. Roger Martin | 4. Derek Smith |
| 2. Lesley Graves | 5. Caroline Andrew (c) |
| 3. Simon Smith | 6. Derek Brayne |

To The Glory of God on Easter Sunday.

Also a belated birthday compliment to the Treble Ringer on his 60th Birthday and Retirement.

The season for weddings has begun and although there are not many at White Waltham some of the ringers at White Waltham and Shottesbrooke are asked to ring at other churches either due to low numbers or if other ringers are away.

In the next month or so I will be asking the Tower and Belfries committee of the Guild to send out someone to inspect our bells. We had had quite a lot of work done to them in the last two years.

Before they come to inspect the bells I'm hoping that one of my ringers, Thomas, will be able to help me by vacuuming down the stairs. Something I'm unable to do at the moment. It is a spiral staircase of at least 88 steps so it will keep him busy for a while. Then I will vacuum the ringing chamber. After that it will be "Wipe your feet please!!" as people attend for ringing.

Some of you might remember that we had this done some years ago and we were awarded a bronze. I hope with all the work that is done we will improve on this.

Hopefully we will be ringing something to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics.

Lesley Graves.

Tower Captain, White Waltham

White Waltham Village Association

Forthcoming Events.....

Sunday 3rd June

3 p.m. Onwards

Queen's Jubilee Street Party

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Recent events....

The **Concert "Waiting at the Crossroads"** that took place on Saturday 31 March raised £158.50 for Project Rainbow. It was a great concert with music from some very talented young men and from professional musicians Peter Dodsworth and Neil Pennock.



Happening around about now....



Waltham St Lawrence Silver Band are giving a Concert for Project Rainbow on **Wednesday 30th May** at White Waltham Church at **7.30pm**. Don't miss this opportunity to hear them play music from their very broad repertoire. Licensed Bar and refreshments. Entry - £5 in advance from The Beehive or from Steve on 01628 825553, or £6 on the door.

For news of the amount raised at this concert please see the August September edition of this magazine.

Coming up....

Summer Musical Soiree hosted by Pippa Eden, Elizabeth Slade and their pupils on ***Saturday 30th June*** at White Waltham Church at ***5pm***. This short concert is suitable for all the family. Refreshments served after the concert. Entry by donation on the door.

Project Rainbow Stall at the Church's Summer Fete. This year's fete is on ***Saturday 14th July*** on White Waltham Cricket Field from ***12 noon to 3pm***. Do come along to join in the fun and pay a visit to the Project Rainbow Stall while you are there.

Plans are afoot for a **sponsored 100 mile run** in September for Project Rainbow. The runners in question are Bob Crittenden and Andy Eden. Watch this space for more information nearer the time and for news of how you can join in!



To keep up to date with all Project Rainbow events, check out our website or see future editions of this Magazine.

Project Rainbow progress....

Since launching Project Rainbow on 16 May 2010, we have raised over a third of the £497,200 total needed for the project. To make a gift to Project Rainbow you can either complete the form in the giving packs available from the Church and The Vicarage, or give online via our website.

For more information visit the Project Rainbow website:

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Did Noah fish?

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St Mary's Flower Guild White Waltham



By the time you read this the Flower Guild will have decorated the Church in celebration of the Queen's jubilee.

The church was opened on the afternoon of Sunday 27 May so that everyone had a chance to see the floral displays, to have had afternoon tea and listened to some musical entertainment. The flowers will stay in the Church for a few weeks so if you would like to see them please come along to one of our Sunday services or contact me and I can show you around.

A fund raising tea party with plant sale and raffle will take place in Carolyn Thompson's garden in White Waltham on the afternoon of Sunday 24 June. All are welcome. Please ring Julia or myself nearer the date for more details.

Please also come and see us at the Flower Guild stall at the Church Fete on the 14 July.

If you would like to join us in any of the Flower Guild activities, please contact Liz Atlay (01628 778462) or Julia Hodgson (01628 821058). You will be very welcome.

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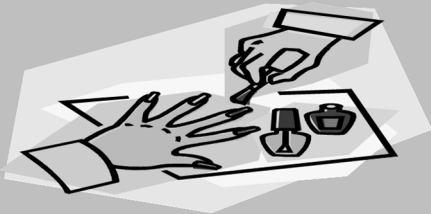
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- Last year 700 people who were in severe financial difficulty went to the Citizen's Advice Bureau. This is 700 individuals - behind these people there are husbands, wives, mothers, fathers and children.
- There are over 3000 children alone who do not have a meal everyday. The school holidays are the hardest time as they do not have access to school meals.

Maidenhead's Foodshare is a charity that supports people who are in crisis and need food. Working closely with the Citizen's Advice Bureau Foodshare is taking more food to more families each week; and each week more families are being put forward to receive supplies. Some of these families are awaiting benefits due to loss of jobs, some have lost partners and suddenly the main income has gone and some need food supplies for other reasons. ***All are in severe poverty and a couple are suffering from malnutrition because they are feeding their children rather than themselves and even then, there are times when the children are hungry as well.***

Foodshare urgently needs supplies of food. Could you give a tin of food a week? Please consider how you could by giving:

Breakfast cereal, tea bags/coffee, fruit juice, tinned meat/fish, rice/pasta, pasta sauces, soup, jam, UHT milk, sugar, tinned vegetables, tinned tomatoes, instant mash, tinned puddings, biscuits/snack bars.

You can take your food donations to Quench Bookshop in Queen Street, the Maidenhead Advertiser in Bell Street, and Co-op Funeral Directors on the High Street. Along with many other churches White Waltham Church is also a collecting point for Foodshare – the Church is open for Sunday services and, through the summer, on a Tuesday from 12 noon - 2pm. Simply bring your food donations along and put them in the Foodshare box at the back of the Church.

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White Waltham C.E. School



The summer term got off to a great start with our fayre on the 19th May, once again the PTA did an outstanding job organising and running the day. The children entertained us with a wide variety of dances. The staff and I are most grateful to our committed parents who gave up their time to come and work as well as support us to raise funds for our school.

Our year 3, 4 and 6 pupils have been on their annual residential trips. Year 6 spent 5 days doing adventure based activities in Bude. Pupils had the opportunity to take part in canoeing, wind surfing, archery and abseiling. Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a trip to Sayers Croft where they have taken part in team building activities where they had to support and work with each other on a variety of activities including 'the ropes', adventure playground. The children have also all had a visit to Windsor Castle to learn more about her Majesty the Queen and a day in her life.

We have been very busy on the musical front as well, with a musical evening planned for the 29th May to commemorate the Queens's Diamond Jubilee. Each class has chosen a decade to share a song and the highlights. We are also looking forward to working with the Cox Green musicians again as they form our supporting band. This is an open-air production where parents arrive with their own chairs and picnics, so please feel free to come and join us.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to any school visitors. If you would like any further information on our events in school, please telephone the school office on 01628 822533, or have a look at our website at: www.whitewalthamschool.co.uk

A reminder of our Community notice board just inside the school grounds on the right hand fence. Please feel free to look at it any time within the school day, or indeed if you would like to place an item inside it visit the school office and they will organise for you.

Isabel Cooke
Headteacher



Neighbourhood Watch



First of all, just a tip for everyone. Make sure that your mail is pushed right through the door because if it is left sticking out:

1. It could be stolen and you could be subject to Identity theft.
2. An opportunist burglar may see it and could safely assume no one is home.

If your post is not being pushed right through your letterbox; contact Royal Mail and inform them of what is happening. They will then in turn speak to your delivery person.

Secondly, Neighbourhood and Home Watch week 2012 is due to take place between 16th and 24th June. This year the national campaign will mark the 30th anniversary of Neighbourhood and Home Watch across England and Wales for more information visit: - www.ourwatch.org.uk

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COUNCIL NEWS

We might be under the weather with so much needed rain but in the council things are clearly hotting up for the Jubilee Summer that lies ahead and the Olympics rowing at Eton and Dorney. For more information please go to the council's website @ www.rbwm.gov.uk.

Many of you may be interested in the **New DIY Shared Home Ownership Scheme for first time buyers.**

Up to 30 first time buyers will have a new opportunity to get on the housing ladder, through a shared ownership scheme to be launched through a partnership agreement between the Royal Borough and Housing Solutions Ltd.

The 'do-it-yourself' approach will allow first-time buyers to find a suitable affordable property on the open market. Then, if they are accepted into the scheme, Housing Solutions will buy the house or flat and sell a share of it to the would-be home-owners who will pay rent for the part they don't own.

The borough is investing £960,000 of Section 106 developers' contributions to get the scheme up and running with match funding from Housing Solutions, which will operate the shared ownership scheme for first time buyers living or working in the borough.

Housing Solutions will market the scheme to local people from later this month and if you are interested please contact them at:-
Crown House, Crown Square Maidenhead SL6 8BY.
Or telephone 0800 876 6060.

LOCAL NEWS

Number plates continue to be stolen and as I have previously informed you the police have organized for anti theft screws to be fitted to number plates - **COMPLETELY FREE OF CHARGE** at Littlewick Green Garage! It could not be simpler. If you have stick on number plates, they will simply add a non removable screw. Removing the number plate would mean breaking it, making it useless for thieves.

South East Water will be undergoing major works in **Sheepcote Lane** which will be closed throughout August and possibly early September.

The NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN for Hurley & the Walthams is moving forward and consultation leaflets will be going out this summer to every house in the Ward. Please do read these and respond. Information events on the Plan will also be held and all residents are invited. The dates and locations for these events will be in the leaflet. It is really important that you respond to the consultations and events as much as possible. This is your chance to have a say on what you want in your area - where you want houses etc.

It now remains for us to say we hope you will have a really good summer and enjoy all the local Village Jubilee Celebrations along with some sunshine and dry weather.

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Why become a member?

For those needing a little help to meet those unexpected bills or to get themselves back on a sound financial footing, members can get access to loans at very competitive rates with repayment plans that match their circumstances.

There is another side to the CSL – savings. Savers receive an annual bonus, get free life insurance cover and know that instead of boosting banks' profits they will be helping local people as they provide the funds which CSL lends out. The CSL only lends responsibly and investors' money is protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

CSL offers a personal service

At CSL you are treated as an individual. Every member gets the opportunity to have a face to face discussion of their financial needs – savings and loans – and will get the plan that suits their individual circumstances.

For those residents who find it difficult to get access to regular financial services in the high street because of their circumstances, who may feel that in times of difficulty their only source of money is the doorstep lender, a payday loan or one of the many 'no questions asked' instant loan products available on the internet.

CSL are aware that doorstep lenders are active in the area, putting pressure on tenants to take out loans with very high interest rates. Although operating within the law, these companies take advantage of those on low incomes.

They offer quick and easy access to money but the rates can be over 20 times those available through CSL.

There is no need to pay these very high rates of interest when there is a CSL nearby ready and willing to provide a loan that you can afford to pay back on terms that match your circumstances. It is a personal service.

Unsecured loans at competitive rates

In response to the tightening economic conditions, CSL now offers unsecured lending at a flat 18% APR. Not only is that almost half the rate that most credit card companies charge for running a balance, it also matches the rate you can get from the well known High Street Banks for amounts up to £3,000. A lot of banks won't even lend less than £1,000.

Helping volunteers into new employment

As a member run organization, CSL relies on a team of volunteers to help out where they can. CSL has a good track record of helping volunteers to gain new skills and then move on into paid employment. It's just another great way they have of helping the community.

Interested in finding out more?

A branch of Community Savings and Loans operates out of the Town Hall, RBWM in St Ives Road, Maidenhead. They are in the Reception area on Thursdays from 10.00 to 16.00. For more information, drop in or take a look at the website www.cslberks.org or contact the CSL customer centre on 0118 958 5803 and speak to a real person.



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- ~ a showcase for our beautiful country
- ~ a demonstration of our ability to provide a spectacular event
- ~ a focus on attracting tourists for a great holiday
- ~ a means of bringing extra business in these hard financial times
- ~ a boost in local interest around Dorney and Maidenhead
- ~ an increase in excitement here and in pleasure for the whole nation
- ~ a wonderful exhibition of sport and culture at its supreme best

Is that all idealistic? I went to the Barcelona Olympics in 1992 with some friends and we were able to mix with people from many different cultural backgrounds, visit beautiful historic places and of course be absolutely thrilled to watch events in all the major stadia, where we saw competitors of world class standard. And we saw GB win gold medals!

The Christian church was well represented there too, with chaplains supporting athletes in the good and tough times. The same is true this year as **MoreThanGold** pastors are providing many ways of assisting both the athletes and their supporters throughout the Games.

The **Torch Relay** has now set off! It will be in Maidenhead on 10th July from 10.50 to 11.30 and that will provide the first opportunity for us to get involved! The Churches Together in Maidenhead are linking up for this event and five of the churches are planning a special focus on the route that day with drinks and activities being provided.

The 'bases' will be St Peters Church at Furze Platt, then St Lukes Church at Belmont Road, the Jubilee Church, near the Crescent, the High Street Methodist Church and finally St Mary's in the High Street [where St Mary's White Waltham will also be involved]. The Salvation Army will be based near Maidenhead Bridge.

About an hour before the Torch comes, an open top bus with local Christian bands playing, will drive along part of the route, then the Relay 'bubble' arrives which will contain the flame, the special runners and security people.

This day will be a terrific taster for the Olympics, so do come and join us during the morning! It will be a very busy and exciting Maidenhead celebration as children and grown-ups alike salute the start of a few wonderful weeks of being the 'greatest show on earth'!

We hope to see you there as we all share in this marvellous community event.

Bob Crittenden

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St Mary's church is open for contemplation and prayer from 12 noon to 2pm every Tuesday from the 22nd May until the end of August. This includes one of the Jubilee Bank Holidays - Tuesday 5th June.

Children at St Mary's



Children and young people are welcome every Sunday at St Mary's Church

All ages meet together at Family Services. These are usually at 11.00 a.m. on the 1st Sunday of each month, but check the rota for current information.

On other Sundays there is a crèche in church for 0-4's at 11.00 a.m. while older children meet together at the Ormandy Centre, about ¼ mile from the church.



Parish Register



Funerals

Cremations

March 21st Stewart William Langley, aged 72 (Marlow)

Burial of Ashes at Shottesbrooke

March 27th Hilda Ivy Georgina Bennett

Burials of Ashes at White Waltham

April 26th Stewart William Langley

May 4th Violet May Frape



Church Service Rota

June & July



	8.00 am White Waltham	9.30 am Shottesbrooke	11.00 am White Waltham	Afternoon/ Evening
Sunday 3 June	Holy Communion BCP	Morning Prayer BCP	Family Service	
Sunday 10 June	Holy Communion BCP	Holy Communion BCP	Morning Prayer	
Sunday 17 June	Holy Communion BCP		Holy Communion	Shottesbrooke 6.30 pm Evensong BCP
Sunday 24 June	Holy Communion CW	Morning Prayer BCP	Morning Prayer	
Sunday 1 July	Holy Communion BCP	Holy Communion BCP	Family Service	
Sunday 8 July	Holy Communion BCP	Morning Prayer BCP	Morning Prayer	
Sunday 15 July	Holy Communion BCP	Holy Communion BCP	Holy Communion	
Sunday 22 July	Holy Communion CW	Morning Prayer BCP	Morning Prayer	
Sunday 29 July	Holy Communion BCP	Holy Communion BCP	Holy Communion	
Sunday 5 August	Holy Communion BCP	No services at Shottesbrooke in August	Family Service	



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