

St Michael & All Angels Church

All are welcome!

Sundays

8.00 am Holy Eucharist - a short service.

10.00 am Parish Eucharist - with choir and hymns.

Have a coffee and a chat after.

Children's Church - Meets in the church during 10.00 am Eucharist. We have a Godly Play session every 4th Sunday. On the 1st Sunday of the month the children participate in the All-Age Eucharist.

6.30 pm Taize Worship - A short candlelit service which includes chants and silent prayer.

3.30 pm 3rd Sunday of month: Messy Church
Cutteslowe Community Centre, Wren Road.

Weekdays

9.30 am Morning Prayer

10.15 am Tuesdays: Baby & Toddler Group
Play for children and chat for grown-ups!
Contact Juliet Field (see below for details)

8.00 pm Tuesdays: 20s/30s (Twenties Group)
For fellowship, fun and learning.
Contact Daisy and Yin at yinyaodong@yahoo.co.uk

10.00 am Thursdays: Holy Eucharist
Ministry of healing on the 1st Thurs of the month.

5.20 pm Thursdays: St Michael's Choristers 4+:
Term-time only. Contact Alice on 07791 328108

6.30 - 7.45 pm Thursdays: Adult Choir Practice
Contact Stephen on 07717 852020

9.00 am Saturdays: Men's Breakfast
An informal social on 1st Saturday of the month.
Contact Steve on 01865 552475

Contact details

Revd Gavin Knight (vicar)
01865 556079 / 07833 251939

"St Michael's has a lovely family atmosphere. We can be found just off the Banbury Road opposite BBC Oxford.

Come and join us!"



The upper & lower Church Halls (with kitchens) are available for hire. We advise early booking.

Contact Juliet Field
01865 311762 or email:

summertownchurchhall@tiscali.co.uk

Church gets messy



A different type of church is starting up in Cutteslowe. It's not like any sort of church that you might imagine. Everyone of any age is welcome, baby to grandparent; come on your own or with family or friend. The session starts with craft work; be prepared to experiment in messy, creative art and craft, whilst having fun and meeting new



people. This is followed by a short act of informal worship and then a meal taken together at tables before the end of the afternoon. The aims of Messy Church are that people find hospitality and explore their creativity in a spirit of celebration; a really different kind of church!

It takes place every 3rd Sunday of the month at 3.30 pm in Cutteslowe Community Centre, Wren Road, OX2 7SX (17th Mar, 21st Apr, 19th May, 16th June) You need bring nothing but yourselves; materials for craft and food for table are provided and we warmly invite you to join us. Contact Emma to book a place: emma@theracklyefts.co.uk or 07837 845420

Towards a home of their own

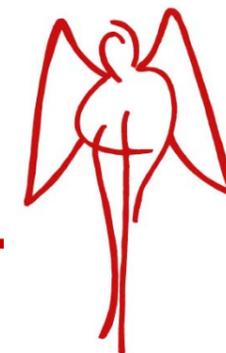
We may be lucky to have one, but how can we make a difference in the lives of homeless people? Mary Gurr, an associate priest at St Michael's, and chaplain to the homeless in Oxford knows how we can help. **Lucy Faithful House in Speedwell Street needs volunteers to assist with lunchtime meals.** This is residential, supported housing, where a good social atmosphere is key to motivation for independence for the residents. This is a direct involvement with homeless clients and if you are interested in becoming involved **Mary** is very keen to hear from you. Please **phone her for details** of the work and the support to be given on **01865 552010**. A Food Resources box is available for anyone to deposit non perishable items at St Michael's between 11 and 12 midday on Sundays, (an open, coffee time). There is a weekly delivery of the donations to Lucy Faithful House. Lastly, can anyone who works in the local supermarkets encourage a link with the Oxford Food Bank or tell us of initiatives already started?

St Michael's extends a welcome

When the architects of St Michael's & All Angels were designing the building at the beginning of the 20th century, they planned to seat up to 1,000 people, but only accommodated one toilet! The church has taken over 100 years to remedy the situation. Our congregation has risen and the church is now being used for community events, as well as worship, and so a new extension is planned with more cloakroom and toilet facilities, storage room and kitchen. Choirs and orchestras who record and perform here because of the incredible acoustics of our building will have better facilities for their large number of performers, as would drama or



dance groups. There are a number of interesting community events and talks in the church throughout the year and we are also planning other events such as film nights and art exhibitions. Hopefully in the future as many people as possible will have a reason to come into the very large and beautiful social space that is St Michael's.



Welcome to the first edition of a new quarterly, community publication produced by a team at St Michael & All Angels Parish Church, Lonsdale Road, Summertown. Enjoy!

Speak for Summertown

A major issue currently up for discussion is the planned Ewert House / Diamond Place development, which lies behind the Co-operative and Starbucks, and will include shops, housing and parking. A Neighbourhood Forum can allow local residents to have their say in how this large scale project will fit in to their community. One suggestion is to have a piazza that would provide the community with an exciting social space. Could the development also provide opportunity for any special community venues to be included along with retail?

Martin Roberts, former Head of the Cherwell School, is Chair of our local Forum - "We need to ensure that our local environment is good not just for ourselves, but for our children and grandchildren. The Ewert House/ Diamond Place development will be completed in 2020, but will be there for two generations, whereas local societies often just plan for 5-10 years ahead." Martin wants to encourage people of all ages and from every area of our patch to join the Forum and answer the question, "What sort of public places do we want for our future?"



All for change—the Diamond Place car park and Ewert house academic and administrative offices

The problems at HMV, Comet and Blockbuster show that the growth in online retailing has revolutionized our shopping habits. The Forum is interested in what sort of shops would suit Summertown in the future, and is particularly seeking advice from an expert in retailing. In order to have any influence the Forum needs a well-devised neighbourhood plan that meets with the approval of the local inspector, and is supported by a local referendum. To find out more please contact **Shirley McCready** at: sjmccready@brookes.ac.uk

The next Neighbourhood Forum meeting will be on 15 March at 7.30 pm at St Margaret's Institute, Polstead Road, OX2 6TN.

Clean Team United



Everyone united at the Cherwell School Launch of Oxclean 2013

On a chilly day in early March, members of our primary and senior school communities took to their school grounds and surrounding streets in a grand effort to clear litter as part of the city wide Oxclean Spring Clean event, a major voluntary, two day litter clean up organised by the Oxford Civic Society.

This year's Launch on February 22nd was at Cherwell School, Marston Ferry Road, where pupils welcomed the deputy Lord Mayor of Oxford, Councillor Mohammed Abbasi, who remarked in his speech that "the streets and parks of the city are the mirror of the people in it." Another distinguished guest, the Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, Tim Stevenson, stressed the need to have pride in our environment, and our City Works representatives, including Geoff Corps our Street Scene Manager, were also present to reinforce this message. Oxford United Youth Team footballers Josh Hill and Sam Humphries delighted the audience with their skills in a Bin the Ball contest, demonstrating an implicit message to bin all litter. Richard Barron, Year 13, spoke about the new recycling bins which pupils from the Earth Group (the school eco team) had designed, which had doubled the school recyclable waste collected in the last year. A video, made with fellow students Maisi Watson and Nye Rhys Potter, demonstrated the tricky business of deciding what rubbish goes into landfill and what into recycling bins.

This year a total of nine voluntary groups, including pupils from Cutteslowe Primary and Cherwell School helped to clear litter from North Oxford. To learn more, please contact **Vernon** at info@oxclean.org.uk



The Oxfam Connection

It is hard to imagine that only 9 years ago, the offices now above the present Co-op., Marks & Spencer and Sainsbury's, as well as Mayfield House, Milford House, Kirkley House and Prama House were all buzzing with activity for the world famous charity Oxfam. Around 600 Oxfam workers occupied these offices until 2005, when all work was then transferred to a purpose built centre in Cowley.

The offices in 274 Banbury Rd were Oxfam's first administrative headquarters office since 1962 (no blue plaque yet!). Local residents may remember daily queues of hungry workers outside the chippy on the corner of Mayfield Rd. With cramped office accommodation, many employees will recall the importance of working lunches in "Conference Room 5," that is, at the noble Dewdrop!

An Oxfam charity shop still remains busy today, and a green and white sign for one remaining office is the link to Oxfam's 40 year connection with Summertown. Can you spot this? Those days, which also saw great pavement charity giving for a variety of good causes, have changed to bring a vibrant street cafe culture. The generosity of people still continues in street collections, and in the charity support from the restaurants and coffee shops themselves.

Fun Spaces for Toddlers



Local Waterways mums Niki and Sarah, unable to find a Friday Mother and Toddler group, recently decided to set up the North Oxford Little Bears at the Baptist Church (198 Woodstock Road) on **Friday mornings between 10 –12;** there you'll find babies and toddlers enjoying toys, songs and games. Kelly from Waterways has a daughter nearly two, who loves getting messy with painting and Jane from Cutteslowe finds her grandson Peter loves the group interaction with other children. On **Tuesday mornings between 10-12** there is a fun group for babies and toddlers at St Michael's Church, Lonsdale Road. Here the huge interior space means the very active children can enjoy themselves with the larger mobile toys, whilst adults and babies can relax in peace in a quieter carpeted area.

Friday group: Contact Niki Dingle (07825 543325) or Sarah McNulty (07543 281589). **Tuesday group:** Contact Juliet Field (details page 4)

Proposed Outdoor Gym

A 2012 Community Led Planning survey by the Cutteslowe Community Association found that the strongest demand was a need for more physical and sporting activity in the neighbourhood. The great response from the Association was to propose a Community Outdoor Gym with a minimum of 9 items of equipment designed for those above 12 years. This would be sited close to the children's playground off Wren Road and include provision of integrated training classes.

The proposals went in last December to the Peoples' Health Trust, (a national charity) via the Active Communities Programme. This really is a winner - free, accessible and safe, fun, fresh air and you get fit too! Full funding has been applied for, but has yet to be secured. Any ideas for more fund raising towards this fabulous project, please email [Chris Bonfiglioli](mailto:Chris.Bonfiglioli@cutteslowe.co.uk) communitycentre@cutteslowe.co.uk Tel **01865 311172**

yours truly

Chris Bonfiglioli....., Community Development Officer at Cutteslowe Community Centre



Chris is a man on a mission for public health. His past 10 years work for Medecins sans Frontieres (Doctors without Borders) has included fieldwork in health care management in Central America, East Africa and Morocco, disaster risk projects with Medecins du Monde in Bangladesh, and water sanitation development work with Oxfam in Haiti.

An old boy of Bishop Kirk Primary and the Cherwell School, he has been in his present post since last May; here he sees public health as including the social and physical health of the community. His new look website for the Centre gives a tantalising array of activities including a new weekday Singing Group, a Cafe, and a proposed Outdoor Gym. "Now we have been inspired by the Olympics, let's all keep up the fitness drive" says Chris, who includes Tai Chi and Cuban Salsa in his own fitness regime.

<http://www.cutteslowecommunity.org.uk/>

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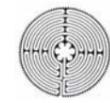
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Art in Summertown

Summertown has an extraordinary wealth of talent in the visual arts. Artists exhibit in their homes and studios at various times during the year. We have several exhibition venues and places where community based activities also take



Oxford Arts Week 2012 St Michael's

place – of which St Michael's church and the North Wall are examples, both of which will mount exhibitions during the Oxford Arts Week, in North Oxford this May 4th—12th. But could we have a bigger showcase in our locality?. Where is the public art? Perhaps we could have a plinth in Summertown modelled on the 4th plinth in Trafalgar Square. More art workshops might be welcomed. The role of art enriches our lives. Can we stimulate discussion on this page about the need and role of visual art for our community?

Red Envelopes 12th—8th MAY

Every May for the past 56 years a bright red envelope has come through our door from Christian Aid inviting us to give money to help the world's neediest. Started for the refugees of Europe after World War II, it now works in over 50 countries through around 500 local partner organisations who help and train those in desperate need of health, education and agricultural assistance, irrespective of nationality or religion. It also campaigns for measures to combat climate change, and to expose corporate tax evasion in the world's poorest countries. The May Week now raises around £13 million each year. Last year the residents of North Oxford raised over £7000. Despite the cutbacks everywhere, can we dig deep in our pockets to raise even more this year? *We'll report in the next edition.*



www.christianaid.org.uk

A Seat at Sainsbury's?

Sainsbury's of Summertown will kindly consider the idea of installing a seat or two for weary shoppers, provided enough customers request this. Please contact guardianangel.newsletter@gmail.com or manager.oxfordsummertownlocal@sainsburys.co.uk Telephone Sainsbury's **01865 441200**

OUR LOCAL TEXTILE BANK

Marston Ferry Leisure Centre, Ferry Pool Rd

You can put in unwanted clothes, towels, bedding, curtains, rugs, wearable shoes, gloves, scarves and accessories. Once sorted, the best quality and designer items are sold on to markets abroad. Unsaleable items are recycled to make other materials.

All this helps raise vital funds for the various charities operating the bank, and reduces waste to landfill.

cool for school

The Cherwell School is holding an **Awards Evening in April** to recognise students from the school who do good work in the community; perhaps you know someone who is a carer, someone who raises money for charity or someone who gives time to help others in need. Please send your nomination as soon as possible to awards@cherwell.oxon.sch.uk or contact the school directly by telephone 01865 558719.

Northern House School, now an Academy, takes pupils from the whole of Oxfordshire and last year completed its super new extension building on its site in South Parade. The extension achieved a well deserved **joint second prize in the Oxford Preservation Trust Award** for buildings in keeping with their surroundings.

Cutteslowe Primary School has made interesting links with Oxford University Ornithology department. In February this enabled all classes to research local birds with members of the department in Cutteslowe Park and included the measuring and ringing of birds.



A careful hold from Taylor, Year 3

This important work will contribute to on going work for Green Flag status for the school, the top level of award in the national Eco Schools programme.

St Edward's School - Congratulations to the school on this year's 150th Anniversary of its founding by the Rev Thomas Chamberlain in 1863, when its original home until 1873 was in New Inn Hall St, Oxford. Many thanks indeed to all those students from the school who have helped with the delivery of this newsletter in North Oxford.

**** Best wishes to all those taking GCSEs and A levels next term! ****

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Traidcraft and FAIRTRADE goods, including a variety of groceries and confectionery are for sale on the stall at St Michael's Church, Lonsdale Rd, every Sunday 11.15-12pm. This is their 25th year of support for Fair Trade!