

Open Gardens 2008

South Wootton
Saturday and Sunday June 7 & 8
2 to 5pm

Full details in the enclosed flyer and Parish Magazine

New to our services?

- * WELCOME: We provide a variety of worship:
 - Traditional at 8am alternating St Mary's & All Saints.
 - Informal weekly worship at 10am at All Saints, N. Wootton.
 - Traditional weekly worship at 10am at St Mary's, S. Wootton.
 - Informal Café Church 1st & 3rd Sundays in S Wootton Village Hall.
- * After our 10am services you are warmly invited to stay for a cup of tea or coffee.
- * Take a free copy of "News & Views", or "Saints Alive" or "Contact" magazine from the porch to find out more about the church.

About Communion

- * We welcome to take Communion communicant members of all denominations.
- * *If you do not wish to take the bread and wine* you are welcome to come to the rail and receive a blessing. Simply keep your hands down.
- * *If you have an infection* you are invited to take Communion by intinction, namely to keep the wafer until the wine reaches you then to dip it in the wine before eating it, so taking the bread and wine together.

New to the Church of England?

- * Take a free copy of "Understanding the Church of England" from the porch.

Want to know more about the Faith?

- * Take a free copy of "What is a Christian Anyway?" from the porch.
 - * Ask the service leader about the Alpha Course - an excellent introduction to the real meaning of Christianity.
 - * Ask about joining a house group.
- ### Need facilities for children?
- * We provide groups and other activities for children at All Saints (North Wootton) and in South Wootton Village Hall (opposite St Mary's).
- ### Need prayer (including for healing)?
- * Ask the service leader.
 - * Pin a request on the Prayer Board.
 - * Phone the Rector to go on the Confidential Prayer Chain list.
- ### Surfing the Net?
- * See churchinthewoottons.net - the church website, for a wide range of information and have your say on the Rector's Blog.
- ### Deaf or Hard of Hearing?
- * Special service 2.30pm St Mary's 4th Sunday of the month.
- ### Need pastoral help?
- * Phone 671381.
- ### Want a christening/confirmation/wedding?
- * Ring 671381 for information about preparation, including our Marriage Preparation Course.

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Parish website: www.churchinthewoottons.net;

Rector's Holy Land Conflict website: www.prayerforpeace.org.uk

The Church in the Woottons: One Church – Five Congregations

PEWS NEWS

Sunday 1st June 2008 – Trinity 2

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: THANK GOD FOR MARY WHITEHOUSE!

Mary Whitehouse once invited me to her home. This was when I was still involved nationally in a high profile campaigns within the General Synod and the media calling the church back to orthodox, traditional, biblical beliefs and morality. Clearly the issue of sexual morality overlapped with Mary's campaign.

She was a very warm, hospitable and "ordinary" person and I had a good chat with her and her husband over tea and cakes. We wouldn't necessarily have agreed over every detail but I had always admired her.

Obviously, she was easy to caricature (easier than I was!) – a middle-aged, middle-class, retired woman teacher campaigning about naughty sex.

When I heard that BBC2 were screening a drama documentary about her life, last Wednesday, I wasn't looking forward to it. I imagined it would be a send-up and that the naughty boys and girls in the media would show just how naughty they could be by cursing, swearing and making explicit sexual remarks. (I am reminded of the member of General Synod who was prominent in TV and in a bolshie speech used the F-word for the first time in synod. He obviously thought he was clever. I think the rest of us thought he was a twerp).

I was pleasantly surprised. Mary came out pretty well, I think. Her sincerity, humanity and tenacity were well-portrayed. Hugh Green, the then Director General of the BBC, was portrayed as a rather pathetic, immature and somewhat amoral guy. (I'm not sure how accurate that was, but it was a BBC film).

I was interested in the comments made outside the film, including on *Newsnight*. Even the guy who was critical of her stance on sex, said she was right about violence. I was pleased to see that, although vilified during her life, she is being treated with respect now.

We should thank God for these heroes who stuck to their guns, despite hate campaigns, anonymous letters and ridicule. Mary is proving prophetic (and I'll have more to say on that!) and she achieved a great deal for good. God will have noticed.

Tony Higton

Church Meeting about the Diocesan "Committed to Growth" Initiative

Wednesday July 16th at 7.00pm
In St Mary's

This Week (1st to 7th June)

Mon	2nd	7.30 pm	51 The Birches	Housegroup 1
Tues	3rd	10.30 am	36 The Birches	Housegroup 2
Wed	4th	7.30 pm	Rectory	Alpha Course
Thurs	5th	7.30 pm	Half Acre	Housegroup 3
Sat	7th	11.30 am	St Mary's	Wedding

TOPICS FOR PRIVATE PRAYER THIS WEEK

Give Thanks

- For God's blessings on our Sunday services last week and on the Alpha Course.
- For the ITV programme about the ministry and witness of Andrew White in Baghdad
- For some improvement in the attitudes of the Burmese government towards aid workers.
- That Sue Wealthall was able to come home so quickly and that Margaret Sturgeon is back with us.

Special Prayer Topics

- For the Rector taking assemblies at North Wootton school on Tuesday.
- For the clergy meeting on Tuesday.
- For the Rector attending an Incumbents and Ordinands day at Trinity College, Bristol on Wednesday.
- For the decoration of the Curate's House (requiring unplanned work because of a water leak) to be completed for Neil to move in next Sunday (June 8th).
- For the Alpha group on Wednesday.
- For Patricia Higton's sister Rosemary being inducted into her first parish on Thursday
- For the MU Wave of Prayer on Friday.
- For the people of Burma and the earthquake victims in China.
- For peace with justice in the Holy land, Congo, Zimbabwe, Iraq, Afghanistan and Darfur.
- For God's healing for Lou and Eileen Capollarello, Betty Randle and Sue Wealthall, for Margaret Sturgeon still making regular trips to Addenbrooks, for Mary Moorcroft and for Norman Seal in hospital.

Lizzie Shipp –Ordination

Lizzie will be ordained priest on **Saturday 28 June at 3pm. in Norwich Cathedral**. Her first Mass will be held at Wymondham Abbey on Friday 4 July at 8pm. Barry will be preaching at this service.

Please could you let me know how many would like to attend either or both services so that I can let Lizzie know. Tickets apparently are in short supply this year for some reason but I am sure we will all be welcomed, as last year. *Daphne Shipp (631664)*

NEXT SUNDAY (8th June)

Trinity 3

8.00 am	All Saints'	Said Eucharist (BCP)
10.00 am	St Mary's	Sung Eucharist
10.00 am	All Saints'	Sunday at 10: Morning Worship
12 noon	All Saints'	Baptism
2 to 5pm	South Wootton	Open Gardens
3.00 pm	St Mary's	Baptism

Our curate, Neil Mcleod, is arriving this month

Can you help prepare for his arrival in one of the following ways?

- If you can contribute to a welcome box of non-perishable basic groceries, please sign the list in the porch or tell Marian Smith.
- If you can contribute food to the Welcome Buffet to be held after a united evening service on June 29th, please sign the list in the porch or tell Liz Housden or Margaret Murray.
- If you want to attend Neil's ordination in Norwich Cathedral, **(11am Saturday June 28)** please make your own travel arrangements. We have been assured there are plenty of non-reserved seats towards the rear of the Nave or elsewhere.

All Saint's - Very Urgent

There is an urgent need for sidespersons and for helpers with tea/coffee after 10 am services. If you are able to help, on a rota basis, please contact Tony Kendall (631539) or Mike Calver (01485 600631).

June Parish Amble TODAY 1st June – Holkham Beach

Please park in Holkham Beach car park – known as Lady Anne's Drive - on the left opposite the entrance to Holkham Hall. The car park charge is £3.50 per car or, if you want to bring your horsebox, £10!!

We will meet at 12.45 at the entrance gate to the beach. The walk (weather permitting) is through woodland, sand dunes and the beach, and is about 3.5 miles. Dogs are not allowed on the beach. Please bring a picnic as usual (there are lots of places where we can stop). There will be a chance for a second break halfway for tea, ice cream and toilets. *Joy Dunham 672139*