

1 <sup>st</sup> October		16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity
St Mary's	8.00am	Holy Communion
St James, South Leigh	9.30am	Morning Prayer
St Mary's	11.00am	Morning Worship
St. Mary's	6:00 pm	Evening Prayer
8 <sup>th</sup> October		17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity
St Mary's	8.00am	Holy Communion
St James, South Leigh	9.30am	Holy Communion
St Mary's	11.00am	Confirmation and Re-dedication
St Mary's	6.00pm	Celebration
15 <sup>th</sup> October		18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity
St Mary's	8.00am	Holy Communion
St James, South Leigh	9.30am	Family Service
St Mary's	11.00am	Family Worship & Baptism
High Street Methodist Church	6.00pm	Joint Service
22 <sup>nd</sup> October		19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity
St Mary's	8.00am	Holy Communion
St James, South Leigh	9.30am	Family Communion
St Mary's	11.00am	Morning Worship
St Mary's	7:30 pm	Compline
29 <sup>th</sup> October		Last Sunday after Trinity
St Mary's	8.00am	Holy Communion
St James, South Leigh	9.30am	Morning Prayer
St Mary's @ The Blake School	11.00am	Morning Worship
5 <sup>th</sup> November		4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent
St Mary's	8.00am	Holy Communion
St James, South Leigh	9.30am	Morning Prayer
St Mary's	11.00am	Morning Worship
St Mary's	6:00 pm	Evening Prayer
12 <sup>th</sup> November		3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent
St Mary's	8.00am	Holy Communion
St James, South Leigh	9.30am	Holy Com / Act of Remembrance
St Mary's	11.00am	Holy Communion
St Mary's	4:00 pm	Service of Remembrance
19 <sup>th</sup> November		2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent
St Mary's	8.00am	Holy Communion
St James, South Leigh	9.30am	Family Service
St Mary's	11.00am	Family Worship & Baptism
Holy Trinity	6:00 pm	Joint Service
26 <sup>th</sup> November		Sunday next before Advent
St Mary's	8.00am	Holy Communion
St James, South Leigh	9.30am	Family Communion

St Mary's	11.00am	Morning Worship
St Mary's	7:30 pm	Advent Carols & Poems
3 <sup>rd</sup> December		Advent Sunday
St Mary's	8.00am	Holy Communion
St James, South Leigh	9.30am	Morning Prayer
St Mary's	11.00am	Morning Worship & Baptism
Cogges Farm Museum	2:30pm	Nativity Tableau
St Mary's	6:00 pm	Evening Prayer
5 <sup>th</sup> December		
St. Mary's	9:00 pm	Taize
10 <sup>th</sup> December		2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent
St Mary's	8.00am	Holy Communion
St James, South Leigh	9.30am	Holy Communion
St Mary's	11.00am	Holy Communion & Baptism
St. Mary's	4:00 pm	Christingle
12 <sup>th</sup> December		
St. Mary's	9:00 pm	Taize
14 <sup>th</sup> December		
St. Mary's	7:00 pm	Carols by Candlelight
15 <sup>th</sup> December		
Cogges Farm Museum	7:00 pm	Carols in the Barn
16 <sup>th</sup> December		
St. James, South Leigh	4:00 pm	Christingle
17 <sup>th</sup> December		3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent
St Mary's	8.00am	Holy Communion
St James, South Leigh	9.30am	Family Service
St Mary's	11.00am	Family Worship & Nativity Tableau
Christingle at Madley Park with Jigsaw	4:00 pm	Jigsaw at Christmas
St James, South Leigh	6:00 pm	Lessons and Carols
24 <sup>th</sup> December		4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
St. James, South Leigh	10:15 am	All Age Joint Benefice Service
St. Mary's	4:00 pm	Crib Service
St. Mary's	7:00 pm	Carol Service
St. Mary's	11:00 pm	First Communion of Christmas
25 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas Day
St Mary's	8.00am	Holy Communion
St. James, South Leigh	9:30 am	Family Holy Communion
St Mary's	11.00am	Family Worship
31 <sup>st</sup> December		
St Mary's	8.00am	Holy Communion
St. James, South Leigh	9:30 am	Morning Prayer
St Mary's	11.00am	Morning Worship

### River Baptisms...

I moved to Witney in 2005 and began to attend St Mary's Church Cogges shortly afterwards. It was during one of the services here that God came to me and asked me to be baptised and confirmed. When I heard about the river baptism I was thrilled – it would be an unforgettable experience for anyone but for me it would have an extra special meaning.

When I was 18 and trying to decide what to do with my life, God came to me in a dream and called me to do environmental work. Just days after I finished studying environmental science and wildlife management at University, God provided me with my ideal job and I now work to protect the rivers and floodplains of West Oxfordshire including the beautiful Windrush where I was baptised on 18th June.

Anne Newson



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## God won't let go...

It's funny how life is governed by terms when you have school age children, and as I prepare for this new term I do so with a sense of anticipation.

What challenges will I face? What will test my faith? What projects will I complete and which ones will lie unfinished?

I'm sure, for most of us, life is little different – there are mountains to climb, important projects to complete.

There's a wonderful passage of scripture that I turn back to again and again when I'm finding

life a struggle and yet I know I must push on:

Even youths will faint and be weary,

And the young will fall exhausted;

But those who wait for the LORD

Shall renew their strength, They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:30-31

Those words, 'soaring, running, walking' hold great promise for us. Isaiah is saying that those who wait on the Lord will sometimes 'soar' – they will know of His strength enabling them to achieve great things. Sometimes we will be able to 'run' and not grow weary – even when times are hard, if we persist with great

### The Clergy Team



**Vicar:**  
Revd  
Andrew Sweeney



**Curate:**  
Revd  
Miriam Keen



**NSM:**  
Revd  
Tim Edge



**Associate Minister:**  
Revd  
Penny Joyce



## Madley Park 5th Birthday...

When people in Witney think of Madley Park they refer to it as the 'new estate'. But in fact people have been in residence on the estate since June 2001!! We couldn't let the date slip by without a celebration, and so the Residents Association spearheaded by David Bates, ran a 5th birthday party event on the square outside the Co Op in the middle of the estate.

It was a beautiful sunny day and people sat round drinking cold drinks provided by Wimpey and Persimmon builders, and eating ice creams, or burgers from the barbeque. A local band played and there were stalls, bouncy castle and games for all the family.

There was a design a cake competition won by Sebastian Zanre and cut by him, ably assisted by the White daughters Holly and Evelyn. The White family moved into Campion Way as the first residents back in June 2001, and can remember having their electricity cut off at the end of the working day as builders left, forgetting that there were people in residence! There were funny noises on windy nights, but they settled well through the next 5 years and now join 940 other households who enjoy living on the estate.

The Madley Brook and Springfield Schools as well as a playground, Co Op convenience store, Peking Chinese Takeaway, Dominoes Pizza and a ground level build of a Bistro/Wine Bar are all facilities now available on the estate. The next need is a Post Box and then a Community Centre to serve North East Witney!! Madley Park is a great place to live!

**Penny Joyce**  
Discovery Days Community Project



determination, we will complete the task or finish the project and rest confident in a job well done.

Some days though we will not be soaring, and we cannot run. In those times all we can do is walk and not faint. All we can say is, "God, I'll hang on. I won't let go. I'll wait for your strength. I'll just keep on walking".

Experience tells me that we must keep walking. What we wait for is not more important than what happens to us while we are waiting. It is just a matter of time.

I pray that whatever Autumn holds for you, you'll be able to hold on

to this great promise from God. Let me leave you with one final promise from Psalm 27:

Wait for the LORD;

Be strong, and let your heart take courage;

Wait for the LORD!

*Andrew Sweeney*



## Fond Farewell...

At the end of the summer term Cogges Playgroup said goodbye to their supervisor, Linda Moore, who has worked at the Playgroup for more than 20 years. She can't remember exactly when she started but got involved when her son, Daniel, now 24, started there. The playgroup opened on 20 September 1983, it was originally set up for special needs children with Western Corner, part of the Children's Society.

At the end of term service, St Mary's Cogges presented Linda with a framed picture of the locality of the playgroup in recognition for all her hard work with the children, which she was very pleased with. After going off on a cruise Linda will start work at the other end of the spectrum as Activities Coordinator at an old people's home.

She said she will be sad to leave but excessive paperwork means that she now spends very little time with the children. She wishes to thank everyone who has supported her at playgroup over the years and she was very touched by all the gifts she received. We wish Linda all the best in her new endeavours.

**Cogges Playgroup**, for children aged 2 plus, meets at Cogges Church Centre on Mondays – Thursday (except Tues pm when Toddler Group meets) and can be contacted on 01993 774594.



## Save Our Shoeboxes (SOS)...

Together with this edition of Crosstalk, you should have received the official **Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal** leaflet for 2006.

Many of you will remember a similar leaflet from last year and the campaign to fill as many shoeboxes as possible for children to receive who would otherwise have nothing at Christmas. Indeed, most of them have never received a gift in their life before – a situation that is so far away from us in Witney. That is why we want to help make a difference for as many children as possible. Some are orphans, many are sick or suffering from the results of war, homelessness, conflict and dire poverty – all through no fault of their own.

Last year in the parish, we managed to collect over 500 filled boxes which was amazing and, in the Witney area as a whole, the total was over 2000. However, for every one child who receives a box there are 10 more going without. Can we help to reach those children this year? Having seen video clips, I have no doubt of the difference that a box can make, bringing a smile to the face of a child who, literally, has never smiled before.

Please join with us in helping to make the difference. Just follow the instructions in the enclosed leaflet. Then between **Tuesday 31st October** and **Sunday 19th November**, take your box(es) to one of the Collecting Points below:

The Blake Church of England (A) Primary School – Tuesday 31st October to Friday 17th November 9.15am – 3.15pm

Madley Brook and Springfield School @ The Bronze Barrow – Tuesday 31st October to Friday 17th November

St Mary's Church, Cogges - Sunday 19th November 11.00am Family Service. Part of the service will be focusing on National Shoebox Sunday and we would very much like to invite you to join with us at the service.

Any queries, please do not hesitate to phone **01993 773615**.

Thank you so much for your support and for joining with us to make a difference.

**Ali Laithwaite**

## Advent Nativity...

**NATIVITY** in the Barn at Cogges Farm Museum  
Sunday 3rd December 2.30 and 3.30pm

## No tricks... All treats...

**At the alternative to Halloween Party!**  
For those eight and under, disco, games from 5 - 7pm.  
**Cool activities for cool kids.**

Nines and upwards, games, assault course, quizzes.

Food at 7pm party 7.30 - 9pm - **£1 entrance**  
**Tuesday 31st October - Madley Brook & Springfield Schhol Hall, Madley Park**

**Tel: Tessa Cox 703332** (if you go to Blake School).  
**Or Penny 772544** (for Madley Brook & Springfield).

## Carol Singing...

The community of Cogges are invited to join the Key Stage two children in their outside around the tree **Carols at Christmas** at the **Blake School**.

We will be serving mince pies, mulled wine and squash.  
**Wednesday 13th December 7.00pm**



**Sundays 4 - 5pm followed by tea**

**Games, puppets, crafts and songs as well as stories with a Christian theme**

**All** ages welcome from Tots to Teens when accompanied by mums and dads. You don't have to come each week, so pop in and try us out!

**Madley Brook and Springfield School Hall**

Contact **772544** for further information.

## Weddings

**August 26**  
**Sept 8**  
**Sept 9**

Hannah Messenger and Michael Cox  
Nicola Davis and William Gasson  
Kathryn Elson & Jonathan Sydney Smith (S.Leigh)

**Sept 22**  
**Sept 23**  
**Sept 30**

Nicola Bowes and Matthew Bamford  
Ann Mobey and Christopher Souch  
Samantha Saddler and Richard Talbot

## Baptisms

**June 18**  
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Annabel Collins  
(river baptisms) Anne Newson, Matthew Keen, Liam Smith, Joel Thomas,

**June 25**

Katy Kneller, Sarah Dimond  
Matthew Sellick (S. Leigh)

**July 23**  
**July 30**  
**August 20**  
**September 17**

Abby and Ben Carlisle, Lucy Dyson (S. Leigh)  
Archie Patmore and Amy Dunkley (S. Leigh)  
Cody Brown and Jaimie Matthews  
George and Lauren Mungall, Joshua and Dylan John

## Funerals

**July 14**  
**July 20**  
**Sept. 15**

Julia Speare  
Norah Simpson  
Jessie Bartlett