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## **THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

### **6 June 2010**

This is my body

#### **1st reading: Genesis 14:18-20**

Abraham is greeted by Melchizedek and receives a blessing.

#### **2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

Paul reminds a divided community that the Eucharist is a sacrament of unity.

#### **Gospel: Luke 9:11-17**

Jesus welcomes all, teaches all and feeds all.

#### **11 am Sunday Mass Settings**

Gloria 406 Sanctus 428 Communion Acclamation 446  
Agnus Dei 453

# In a glass darkly

God in his providence allows evils to mount up so that the issue becomes clear. The book of poor Job illustrates the problem, the crucifixion is the supreme instance, and history carries the matter forward one way or another.

The sociologist Reisman has it that in the modern world things are all changing so that we face old problems in a new situation or perhaps new ones. So suburbs are something different from the old village or township.

Gibbon has a description of certain Arab children growing up with horses so that they were more or less continuously together and, if someone fell off, the horse would instinctively stop until they remounted. I found a little ache of envy going in my heart for this almost wild way of life! I don't suppose a computer, a walkman or even a mobile telephone with facebook is quite the same as an Arab horse!

Whatever the situation one finds oneself in or makes, the important thing is happiness. I think people in every age, in East and West, have realised that God is necessary for our happiness. From St Augustine we have "You have made us for yourself dear Lord and our hearts are restless till they rest in thee", and, better, from Our Lord, we have "Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest .. I am gentle and humble of heart".

We are into an age where though you can press a button and get an image God has nearly been banned from thought and discourse. There is one's career instead and of course the World Cup for football. Sartre described man as "thrown into the world" – I think he meant we do not choose to exist – but for many the world into which we are thrown is without God and without hope.

God has been banned by science which shows the world is much older and the Bible is wrong. Evolution means he did not create the world. Instead of God and creation we have a big bang and perhaps an ultimate destiny in an inglorious and somewhat compressed black hole.

At the end of the flash of life we cease to exist, so that, if we have lost the prospect of heaven we have, by a mercy of nothingness, lost hell.

Also history shows that religion, instead of creating brotherhood, made for hatred, religious wars and persecutions.

Since there is no God there is no morality except what you decide for yourself. Actions have consequences of course but there is no judge to face. What matters is to stay healthy and get rich.

Such is the horizon of many today. It shows the need for development of doctrine on the part of the Church. It reminds those who do believe that we need to support each other. It reminds me how wonderful is the strength and joy and closeness that God gives in prayer.

I take communion regularly to two people who sit in the same place each week. When we say the Our Father the two ladies on either side join in sotto voce and are glad to get a special blessing at the end. I conclude that, even in this difficult age, the Church by practising the faith spreads it.

TVR

### **Sunday Tea and Coffee**

Wendover Christian Centre after 9.15am Mass at Wendover  
Damien Hall after 11am Mass in Great Missenden

Do come along and meet your fellow parishioners  
Visitors are most welcome

# Parish News

## Philosophy

We will start again this Tuesday at 8 pm in Damien House. TVR

## Feasts and Saints

There's a pink calendar with Feasts and Saints for the weeks after Pentecost available from the churches and on the website. It's new for this year to help us focus on the end of the Year of the Priest on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus; the Patronal feast of Immaculate Heart of Mary; the Anniversary of Canon Timothy's ordination on 21 June; and all the other wonderful celebrations we're offered at this time of year. Joanna Hale

## First Communion

Please welcome the children who will celebrate First Holy Communion at Mass at 9.15 at St Anne's and 11 at Immaculate Heart of Mary this week-end on the great feast of Corpus Christi, The Body and Blood of Christ.

**London to Bruges bike ride** in aid of Friends of the Belarusian Children's Hospice. We have a place on a fully serviced bike ride, London to Bruges, 4-7 September. We can help you set up a Justgiving page for sponsorship and give you our sponsorship forms. If you might like to take part or for more details please contact Daryl Ann Hardman

## Prayer Intentions

**Anniversaries:** In the coming week we remember the following who have died.

**At IHM** Harald Creutzfeldt, Jean Bacon, Harry Gaunt, Margaret Wright, Francis Charles Gentle, Cathy Waters, Helen Wilson, Paul Stevenson.

**At St Anne's** William Hughes, Gabrielle Kearney, Agnes Gornall, Betty Crump, Jonathan Coles.

**Seasonal Intentions:** During this season we are asked to pray for the following intentions.

Christian/Jewish relations, esp on 9 August (St Benedicta);

Victims of Persecution/Oppression, esp on 22 June;

Europe, esp on 11, 23 July, 9 August;

Human life, esp on 25 July;

Seafarers, esp on 11 July.

## **Evangelisation**

Evangelisation is one of the marks of a Thriving Catholic Community that we want to do better. There are some great opportunities for inspiration:

- NORES lecture at 7.30 pm on Friday 9 July will be given by Fr Gerard Kelly, President of the Sion Community, 'The Church exists to evangelise.'
- Diocesan Summer School 'The Missionary Church' at Milton Keynes from 27-30 July. You could attend every day or just some days. More details on this and other events: <http://www.nores.org.uk> or from Joanna

## **Permanent Diaconate**

The final session for this year's formation which we share with 8 other dioceses and archdioceses is on Sunday. Please pray for: the three men of our diocese (and 10 others) to be ordained soon; those completing their first or second year of formation; the men who will be joining the programme in July; all those discerning their vocation; and for the continuing loving support of their wives, families and parish communities. More information available from Joanna.

## **Service for the Sick**

There will be a Service for the Sick to be held at IHM Great Missenden at 3 pm on Sunday 13 June. The Service will be followed by afternoon tea. If you would like to attend and require a lift, please contact Diana Dove, Keyna Godward or any other member of the SVP.

## **Decorating St Anne's - starts Tuesday 8 June**

Please note that St Anne's will be full of scaffolding from Tuesday coming as the inside is being repainted. This means that from this week services will happen in the side chapel room or Wendover Christian Centre. Please watch out for notices.

## **St Anne's Pastoral Council**

Thursday 10 June

A well as our usual agenda items of Pastoral, Liturgical and Social events or needs, we will also discuss the 10th anniversary of the Churches Together in Wendover Covenant and the work of the new Pastoral Area Steering Group. Agenda items to Marguerite Spain.

## **Newsletter Items**

✉ leave at the Presbytery (address on front cover)

**Please note deadline 12 noon Thursdays**

## **Steam rally requests for Lighthouse**

Again, this year, we will be holding a stall for Lighthouse at the Prestwood Steam Rally on Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 July. This event proved very successful last year and we are hoping for a repeat (or even better) performance this year. In order for this to happen we need your HELP!

**HELP** – with ‘manning’ the stall on both days. If you are able to help and give an hour or two please will you e-mail me with the time that you are available? – this will enable me to make a rota – the more helpers we have the less there will be for any one person to do. We usually try to work in two’s – and it can be real fun!

**HELP** – in providing the produce. Without saleable goods we cannot run the stall and we need supplies for two days. If you can offer to provide cakes- any type – large or small – biscuits – scones – cookies – sweets – jam – marmalade – chutney – please also e-mail me telling me when the produce will be available - this will enable me to arrange collection/delivery.

**HELP** – in setting up on Friday afternoon and taking down on Sunday afternoon. If you can spare time on these two days please also let me know by e-mail.

**THANK YOU** – in advance for what, I know, you are going to do to help this event be a success for Lighthouse Fund Raising.

Pam Sitford

## **Lighthouse 2010**

*Help still required:*

Age Group Leader for Toddler Lighthouse - Leader for ‘Helper’s Children’ -Lifeboat Team leader - Lighthouse Café Co-ordinator - Photographer -

Lighthouse Keeper for 12s - Site Manager - Special Needs helper - Teachers for 9s and 12s - Craft Helpers - Toy Sale organizer -

Evening Organizer - Setting up and taking down before and after L/H

Do you have a 4x4 or Towing vehicle? Could you help with set-up from Wednesday 21 July?

*Craft materials for collection*

China plates, any size/colour; used stamps; dried & artificial flowers; Pringles tubs with lids; plastic ice-cream tub lids 2L & 4L size; Round Muller yogurt pots & corner yogurt pots; round clean yogurt pots; wrapping paper preferably small pattern; small wooden boxes; kitchen roll tubes flattened; large cereal boxes; small clean yogurt pots; bright coloured wool; ribbon; Dairylea triangle boxes or similar.

*Lighthouse training* (important for leaders, especially Lighthouse Keepers, Age Group Leaders & Lamplighters - Sunday 25 July at 4 pm on the Lighthouse site.

*Lighthouse services:*

Commissioning Service - Sunday 25 July, 6 pm in Main Marquee. Final service - Sunday 1 August 10-30 am in Main Marquee.

**Wendover Support Group:** A second launch meeting of the Wendover Support Group is being held at the Christian Centre at 7.30 pm on Monday 7 June (refreshments from 7.15 pm). This is for those that were not able to attend the successful initial launch meeting on 22 May. The group is being established to provide support to those affected by the recession following the "coping in a crisis" meetings held earlier in the year. The launch meeting will cover how to access the support that is available and identifying how to raise awareness of the group. All are welcome and you don't need to have been to any of the previous meetings.

### **Dates for your diary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Mon 7 June	7.30 pm	Wendover Support Group launch meeting— Christian Centre
Thurs 10 June		St Anne's Pastoral Council
Mon 28 June	8 pm	IHM Pastoral Council

### **Hall Bookings**

Damien Hall      Keyna Godward

W Christian Centre      Sue Abbott

# This week's services

	Immaculate Heart of Mary Great Missenden	St Anne's Wendover
<b>Mon 7 June</b>	<b>8 am MASS (Polish)</b> 9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer <b>9.30 am MASS</b>	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer 10.15am Service of Word & Communion & Rosary
<b>Tue 8 June</b>	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer <b>9.30 am MASS</b>	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer 10.15am Service of Word & Communion & Rosary
<b>Wed 9 June St Columba</b>	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer <b>9.30 am MASS</b>	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer
<b>Thu 10 June</b>	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am Service of Word & Communion 7.30 pm Prayer and Benediction	<b>10.15am MASS &amp; Rosary</b>
<b>Fri 11 June THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS</b>	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am Service of Word & Communion	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer <b>10.15am MASS &amp; Rosary</b> 7 pm Vespers & Benediction
<b>Sat 12 June Immaculate Heart of Mary</b>	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer <b>9.30 am MASS</b> 10 am Confession <b>6 pm MASS</b>	11 am Confession
<b>Sun 13 June 11th Sunday of the year</b>	<b>11 am MASS</b> <b>12.30 pm MASS (Polish)</b>	<b>9.15 am MASS</b>