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5th Sunday of the year 5 February 2012

1st reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

In spite of his many sufferings, Job will not turn against God.

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Paul did not spare himself for the sake of the Gospel.

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Having spent himself in ministering to those in need, Jesus seeks a place of quiet to rest and pray.

The good life

The good life has two other distinct dimensions – it verges on eternal life, as God, who is generous with his grace communicates his love to us, in word, in sacrament, in pouring his love into our hearts. Also the good life cares for the emergence and support of life itself, of children, of young people needing to find their feet.

The good life has its horizontal dimension in friendship, love, art, history, economy and so forth but to be a good life it needs to remain open to life emerging and eternal life.

Sometimes our understanding needs to develop. So I was shocked to read that something like half the Spanish young people, under 24, are unemployed. I don't know why this has happened or what the solution should be. I know that GK Chesterton thought the ideal was more to use your own property and achieve something with it, rather than working for a megacorporation which told you what to do and where to go. I read elsewhere that a lot of people feel alienated about the way the world controls their lives so there is perhaps a hatred of Monday to Friday, of 9 to 5, of traffic wardens and speed traps. It would be great to love one's life for its creative and well done labour, for its fruitfulness and happiness. Seeing the corporation taking over from personal property Chesterton predicted an increase in prison population, a growth industry! How right – in 1950 there were about 4,000 in prison, now about 80,000. If you do not make a personal living you can take one.

Arnold Toynbee saw the importance of a creative elite who won the support of the majority when things had broken down somehow. He also saw religion as a new factor helping the mass in their distress. I think the "elite" to help our economic misery needs to be interdisciplinary, so having economists, sociologists, followers of Chesterton maybe, engaging the Church's parish councils maybe. *Vox populi, vox dei*, (the voice of the people is the voice of God) but maybe that voice has got to grow wise, constructive, articulate, communicative, encouraging.

I was distressed too to read that about 1 in 5 of those conceived in Britain are aborted. Part of the good life is purity which is a personal plus. It needs to be encouraged for all are frail. For the last few years we have had three second collections to address this problem and to show concern for life as part of the good life. Each Spring we have had a collection for SPUC (so we will have that this weekend). In the Summer the Bishops have a collection around the broad theme that life needs protecting this way and that. In the Autumn we have a collection for Professor Scarisbrick's "Life" organisation which is skilled in counselling. This Autumn we failed to take a collection for "Life", distracted a bit by "Forward in Faith" and the new Englishing of the Liturgy. I hope this year we return to our regular pattern. It is "something", given the situation but what would "enough" be?!

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Sunday Tea and Coffee

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

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

Parish News

First Communion

Please welcome the children being prepared for First Holy Communion as they are enrolled at the 11 am Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary today.

Confirmation

Please pray for safe journeys and a great weekend for young people from throughout the Diocese at the lux.halo weekend which most of our Confirmation group are attending. Joanna Hale

Anchor Your Faith

Come and find out about this new programme at the Catechists Assembly 10-3 on Saturday 25 February in Luton. It's a great day for people from throughout the Diocese. We'll be led by two Dominican Sisters of St Joseph who wrote and have implemented it. More information from Joanna or from <http://www.nores.org.uk>

Prayer Intentions

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

At IHM Lyster Hocknell, Violet Stevenson, Jeff Curtis, Nora Clark, Doris Cheney.

At St Anne's Stella Smith, Doris Cheney, Hilda Cullen, Neil McConnell, Iris and Patrick Smythe, Molly Kinchin, Francis Timoney.

Seasonal Intentions: During this period of Ordinary Time, we are asked to pray for these intentions.

Peace on Earth; Christian unity;

Children, students and teachers, esp on Sunday 5 February;

The unemployed, esp on Sunday 19 February;

The sick and their carers, esp on 11 February.

Enrichment in Faith

The Wednesday night Old Testament DVD lectures continue in Damien Hall, 8–9 pm.

Upcoming dates are:

8 Feb King David

15 Feb From King Solomon to Pre-classical Prophecy

29 Feb The Prophets and the Fall of the North

More in March & April.

Lighthouse - 23 to 27 July 2012

The answers to the Cryptic Quiz are pinned on the notice board in Damien Hall together with a list of winners.

An evening of music in aid of Lighthouse funds at the Baptist Church, Great Missenden. 8 pm on Friday 9 March. Tickets £10/£5. See poster for more details.

The Craft team would like to ask for acrylic boxes (from shirt/cracker boxes); wooden cheese boxes etc; Dairylea cheese boxes; thick wool, DK or chunky; squares of corrugated card 8"x8" (20cm x 20cm), large cereal boxes (flattened); shells.

For offers of help or more information please contact Anna Fulford. More information can be found on the website www.lighthousemissenden.org.uk

Lighthouse relies on fundraising & donations. If anyone would like to make a donation please contact Anna Fulford or Diana Dove.

Newsletter Items

✉ leave at the Presbytery (address on front cover)

Please note deadline 12 noon Thursdays

Justice and Peace lunch at St Anne's

Tuesday 7 February in Wendover Christian Centre from 12.30 pm. A bowl of homemade soup with a piece of delicious bread. A simple lunch in good company. This is the recipe for the monthly Justice and Peace lunch. The small donation requested of £3 goes to a good cause which is agreed by those who attend. All are welcome. Win Woods

Lent meetings in Wendover

6 Tuesday evenings from 21 February, 7.30 pm, Wendover Christian Centre

Perhaps you would like to pray, but are not sure how to begin. Perhaps you want to develop your spirituality and would like to explore this with others. This year the Churches Together Lent Meetings will explore ways to pray, meditate and contemplate. Drawing on a range of spirituality, both ancient and modern, we will learn different ways to meet with God. Join the Wendover Churches Together at the Christian Centre for six Tuesday meetings from 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start, finishing at 9pm. The opening session is on Shrove Tuesday 21 February when you can also enjoy pancakes with coffee at 7.30pm.

Wendover celebrates Monday 4 June

As part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee weekend, there will be a Festive Day in Wendover starting with a parade up the High Street at lunchtime, going on to a Carnival in the afternoon at Wendover House School ending up with musical entertainment in the same place in the evening. Do you have or could you sew an appropriate banner we could use in the parade as part of the Churches Together group? Churches Together in Wendover has volunteered to run the tea tent, organised by Carol Crockett of St Mary's. St Anne's could also run a stall to raise money for one of our charities. There is an opportunity for teams of up to 10 people (over 18) to participate in an "It's a Knockout" competition. There is the opportunity for local groups or individuals to offer short entertainment slots on the stage during the afternoon. Please let me know if you would like to help with any of these activities. Jane Larkham

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We are enormously grateful to the parish for the generous Christmas Fayre donation. It is always welcome and it is always needed.

This year we have directed it towards the replacement of an ancient and increasingly unreliable 4x4 used by our mobile clinic. By definition without a reliable vehicle the clinic cannot function.

The current cost of a purpose built vehicle is £27,000. With your donation our replacement fund has reached £8,000. A long way to go and time is not on our side! More detail next week.

Mike Spain BkB Treasurer

Dates for your diary

Date	Time	Event
Wed evgs as listed	8 pm	Enrichment in Faith – DVD lectures Damien Hall
Tuesdays from 21 Feb	7.30 pm	Lent meetings in Wendover Christian Centre

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
Mon 6 Feb SS Paul Miki & companions mem	8 am MASS (Polish) 9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am MASS	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer 10.15am Service of Word & Communion & Rosary
Tue 7 Feb	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am MASS	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer 10.15am Service of Word & Communion & Rosary
Wed 8 Feb St Josephine Bakhita op mem	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am MASS 6.30 pm Prayer and Benediction	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer
Thu 9 Feb	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am Service of Word & Communion	10.15am MASS & Rosary
Fri 10 Feb St Scholastica mem	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am Service of Word & Communion	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer 10.15am MASS & Rosary 7 pm Vespers & Benediction
Sat 11 Feb Our Lady of Lourdes op mem	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am Service of Word & Communion 10 am Confession 6 pm MASS	11 am Confession
Sun 12 Feb 6th Sunday of the year	11 am MASS 12.30 pm MASS (Polish)	9.15 am MASS