

The Parish of St Michaels & All Angels Tenbury Wells

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SERVICE SCHEDULE

Date	Service/Officiant	Readings	Readers	Sidesmen
Sunday 3 rd Feb 10am	Family Service	Matthew 4. 1 - 11 Matthew 6. 16 - 21	Mr G Pitt Mrs C Wright	Mr & Mrs G. Pitt
Wednesday 6 th Feb 7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Team Service at Hope Bagot			
Sunday 10 th Feb 10.00am <i>Lent 1</i>	Parish Communion: CW	Genesis 2. 15-17, 3. 1-7 Romans 5. 12 - 19 Matthew 4. 1 - 11	Mr I MacDonald Mrs P Winton Revd	Mr I MacDonald Mr D Grosvenor
Sunday 17 th Feb 10.00am <i>Lent 2</i>	Parish Communion: BCP <i>Revd T Surtees</i>	1 Thessalonians 4. 1 - 8 Matthew 15. 21 - 28	Mrs L Surtees Revd T Surtees	Mr & Mrs A Gough
Sunday 24 th Feb 10.00am <i>Lent 3</i>	Parish Communion: CW	Exodus 17. 1 - 7 Romans 5. 1 - 11 John 4. 5 - 42	Mrs R Pledsted Mrs A Young Revd	Mrs R Pledsted Mrs J Cook
Sunday 2 nd March 10.00am <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Family Service		Mr M Jordan Mrs L Surtees	Mr & Mrs M Jordan

Dear Friends,

One of the greatest luxuries I enjoy is being able to sit down at some point over the weekend and read the *Saturday Guardian*. These days though there is so much in it that I never manage to read the whole thing. There are normally interesting articles and supplements to get through as well as the everyday news. However, at the beginning of January I was shocked to discover included with the paper, 'The Official British Army Fitness Programme'. This comprehensive programme is supposed to enable you to get rid of any Christmas excesses and to feel much healthier and fitter. The supplement even went as far to say that if you made it to the end of level 4 (in one piece!) you will have achieved the basic level of fitness required of a trained soldier. Feeling slightly out of my depth I have put this supplement to one side.

The fitness programme and health regimes like it all stress the importance of going through a process in preparation for something else, in this case a super fit body. Every year many people start on such courses in the hope of getting somewhere physically and mentally. In the Church we don't insist on fitness programmes, but we do share in a Lent Course every year, as part of our preparation for Easter. Over the past five years we have looked at all sorts of issues and topics. These have been essential in our preparation for Easter, but they have also been a time of fellowship and have given us the opportunity to move forward as individuals, as church communities and as a Team.

This year our Lent Course is called 'Stop, Look and Listen Together - Sat Nav for Today's Searchers'. It is hoped that this course will enable us to explore some key issues that are important to us as we travel on our journey of faith. Over the five Tuesdays in Lent we will think about creation, Jesus, the Spirit and the Church, the world and the local community. On our final Tuesday we will consider what our response to all of this is. We may well have thought about these issues already but a Lent Course offers us all the opportunity to do some thinking and reflecting together so we can, in our small way, prepare for Easter and help to move the Team forward. The Lent Course starts on **12th February 7.30pm at Cornwall Gardens Community Room**. It would be lovely to see you there.

Claire

Tenbury Team - Maramba Deanery Link

This year the Diocesan Conference will be held in Swanwick, and there is a tradition within the diocese of a few Tanzanian priests being invited to share in the Conference. We are very fortunate that one of the priests to be invited from the Tanga Diocese is Revd William Mbuji, the parish priest of Maramba Deanery. William will arrive at the end of May, just before the Swanwick Conference, and stay for nearly three weeks. We hope that William, and possibly a priest companion, will be able to spend as much time in the Team as possible. This is a great opportunity for developing our Link and our friendship with William and everybody in the Maramba Deanery. If you would like to be involved with William's visit by offering accommodation or trips out or just bright ideas then please come along to a planning meeting for William's visit to be held at **The Vicarage on 13th February at 3pm**.

Claire

Ash Wednesday 6th February

This year our **Ash Wednesday Team Eucharist will be held at Hope Bagot at 7.30pm**. This service marks the start of Lent and everyone is invited to come forward and have a cross made out of ash marked on their forehead, as a sign of our penitence and God's forgiveness. The ash comes from the palm crosses that we distributed at Palm Sunday last year. Please leave any palm crosses that we can use for this service at The Vicarage or with Julie in the Team Office.

Letter from the Bishop of Hereford

2008 will be the year of the Conference, among other things. The Archbishop of Canterbury has already sent out invitations to the bishops of the Anglican Communion to join him in Canterbury later in the year for the Lambeth Conference, an event held every ten years.

Before the Lambeth Conference will be a "pre-Lambeth" event here in our own diocese, involving our companion link bishops as well as some from other parts of the world, who will be here as our guests, sharing our life and their stories.

"**Sharing the Story**" is the theme for our major diocesan event of the year, our own **Swanwick Conference**, which is being held at the conference Centre in Derbyshire from **3rd - 6th June**. This provides an exciting opportunity for some hundreds of us to gather together to pray, think, learn and laugh. There will be the usual mix of clergy, Readers, churchwardens, PCC members, congregational members and Local Ministry Development Group members: a complete cross-section of the parishes of the diocese.

The conference has a "diocesan family" feel to it, easy to take part in and very enjoyable. We hope and expect it will inspire all of us on our journeys of faith, whoever we are and however far along that journey we have travelled and by whatever route.

The principal guest speaker will be the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd. Dr. Rowan Williams. This is the first time that Archbishop Rowan will have done anything with us in this diocese since moving from neighbouring Monmouth diocese six years ago. He will not only be speaking but also with us all for one of the days, so this is a great opportunity to hear and meet him.

It is also an opportunity to hear the other speakers and take part in the workshops, and of course the worship which will be central to our time together. We want the experience to further our ability to be able to share our stories, above all the story of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ. We shall explore this in art, poetry, craft, drama and many other ways, easy to join in and enjoy.

Details of the Conference are in every parish and on the diocesan web-site.

We need you please to come and take part. There will be plenty to take back to your own church and wider community. It promises to be a real enrichment for us all. Please come. Please enjoy it. Please pray for it.

+Anthony Hereford

DIOCESE OF HEREFORD SWANWICK CONFERENCE

"Sharing the Story" 3rd - 6th June 2008

Exploring different ways of sharing our common story through scripture, worship & word, art, music & poetry, drama, clowning and just living.

Principle speakers include Archbishop Rowan Williams

If you are interested, further information is available at the office or from Claire.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

See separate page delivered with the magazine. Junior side with colour competition + Senior page for older youngsters and adults.

THE WINNER of the John Gray Cup, for most points in 2007, was Melissa Powis. Congratulations Melissa - & come on kids, lets have more competitors in 2008.

December/January competition winners were 1st Melissa, 2nd Stacey Powis.

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following youngsters in the parish:

Matthew Hamer who will be 16 years old on 23rd February

Special Congratulations to

.... Gareth Deakin ... **18** years old on 22nd February

.... Charlotte Pitt ... **21** years old on 1st February

.... George Fielder ... **21** years old on 28th February



NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

A very special thank you to
GWEN ARNOLD

who, for the last 16 years, has dealt with
distribution of The Sword, including collecting in subscriptions,
attaching extra notes, collecting Christian Aid envelopes, and more.

Many thanks to Janet Penn who has offered to take on this role.

Apologies Sorry it was Jane Yardley, not Jane Newton, whose 60th birthday was reported last edition.

Belated congratulations to

... **Denis & Margaret Boyling**

who also celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary on 8th January

..... to **Nikki Murray** whose 40th birthday was on 2nd January

2 Violins looking for a home

Two violins found in a cupboard in the church are now looking for a home. They are both student violins. If you are interested in owning one in exchange for a donation to church funds, please contact Julie 01584 810291.

Family Service



Sunday 3rd February at 10.00am

"The days of Lent"

Everyone welcome. Refreshments afterwards.



N.B. Next Family Service, Sunday 2nd March, is Mothering Sunday

Christmas Eve Crib Service

Many thanks to all the youngsters who participated in the Crib Service, either reading, singing or acting out the nativity story; also thanks to the 'band' who played for the carols. Once again there was a full church for this popular service.

The collection was sent to CHICKS (Camping Holidays for Inner City Kids) who write ...

... " Thank you so much for the £147.59 donation which was received with great delight from St Michaels PCC. Supporting CHICKS with donations such as yours, allows us to continue our much needed work with disadvantaged children from across the whole UK.

Your donations gets us off to a fantastic start to the year. Please pass on my thanks to all those involved in the collection at your crib service on Christmas Eve - your kindness is greatly appreciated."

Music Notes

1) Thanks to the Church Choir and friends for the singing on Christmas Day Morning. Also, to the members of the congregation who were able to stay and listen to the Rutter and Murray settings proposed for Common Worship services on January 13th. Of those present, there was unanimity in wanting to sing parts of the Communion Service but the vote on which version was split. As a trial therefore, the Murray and Rutter settings will be used on alternate second and fourth Sundays, when no visiting choir is present, from Easter Sunday onwards. This will be reviewed by the PCC in due course.

In order for the congregation to learn the music, there will be a **congregational practice** on Sunday February 24th immediately after the morning service. This will last 45 minutes and the church choir will be present to give a lead. Tea and coffee will be available after the service as added incentive to stay and practice!

2) Church Choir Diary:

February 10th: Choir Practice 11.15-12.30

February 17th: Choir sing Purcell "Thou Knowest Lord" in morning service followed by practice until 12.15

February 24th: Choir contributes to Congregational Rehearsal on Rutter & Murray settings (11.05am) followed by short practice until 12.30

March 23rd: Easter Day: Choir arrive at 9.30am for short pre-service practice. Choir sings "Thou Visitest the Earth" by Greene. Murray Communion Setting.

John Swindells

Christmas 2007 - Visit of the Birmingham University Singers

This was the 21st annual visit of the choir which has very much become a firm favourite in the parish's calendar. It has also become well known within a 50 mile radius of St Michael's and I receive countless phone calls during the weeks leading up to their visit from people who regularly attend the carol service and who just want to check the date.

As usual it was a most happy and successful weekend - I am told by John Whenham that as far as the students are concerned their visit to St Michaels is the highlight of the choir's year. A lot of work goes into organizing this weekend and first of all we must thank all the host families who so generously gave bed and breakfast to the students. This link between parishioners and students results in friendships being formed and often they ask to go the families they were with last year. Inally Muriel Lanman and her army of ladies prepare and serve a superb buffet lunch on the Saturday and a sumptuous team after Sunday Evensong. They even give the students "doggy bags" to take the leftovers home! To these ladies and all the others in the village who make cakes, mincepies and sandwiches, etc, a very big THANK YOU.

We look forward to the choir's next visit to St Michaels on the 13th/14th December.

Michael Hart

Many many thanks again to everyone who provided sandwiches, savoury bits, crisps, mincepies and cakes of every kind to feed the Birmingham University Singers. They thoroughly enjoyed every mouthful and not a crumb was wasted.

Their singing was so beautiful. Each year I'm amazed at the lovely voices these young students have.

Sincere thanks again from

Anne, Roz, Jean, Jenny, Mary and Muriel

Humpty Dumpty is Safe

Church warden Arthur Gough has done it again. His resourcefulness and enthusiasm have led to another major achievement in maintaining the fabric of our church.

It's also meant that his wife Pat has had a quieter time at home with something to keep him occupied!



This time it's the church wall. Arthur and his merry men (pictured) have put in many hours of hard work and not in the best of weather. They have rebuilt and re-pointed the entire length of this structure which was becoming un-stable and a possible danger to people using the footpath.

Arthur, together with Geoff Jordan, expert, and henchmen David Grosvenor and George Dicken, are to be congratulated on this magnificent effort and the money saved had we had to foot the bill for this necessary work.

As a consequence we have been able to put into practice another of Arthur's proposals. This was to provide lighting to the footpath on the road side of the church which was all up and running in time for last year's Carol Concert.

Tony Penn

Lent Course 2008

Stop, Look & Listen Together - Sat Nav for Today's Searchers

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Tuesdays in Lent, 7.30pm, Cornwall Gardens Community Room, Tenbury
12th February - Creation,
19th February - Jesus,
26th February - The Spirit and the Church,
4th March - the world and the local community,
11th March - our response.

Bonus Ball Lottery

The winners from 24 November to 19 January were Gwen Arnold, Jane Yardley, Jackie Bunn, Sue Summers, Pat Gough, Michael Hart (twice) Mary Thorpe and Geoff Mutton. The cheques will be sent out by the middle of February.

Thank you to all those who are participating.

Jane Jenner

Did you see 'Frogs' last year?

The same production crew (Tenbury Teme Valley Band) are putting on another Ancient Greek play this Easter, this time Euripides' "Alcestris" & once again adapted by Paul Tandler - another all singing, all dancing production. The theatre will be St Michaels Church, the dates 3rd & 4th April. More details next month.

Julie Cook

Around the Tenbury Team

ISHMAEL @ VALLEY WORSHIP

Saturday 2nd February
Burford Village Hall 7.00pm
ALL WELCOME
www.Valleyworship.co.uk

Workshop for Children's Workers

"Children in the Church"

With Ishmael
(international children's worker)
Saturday 2nd February,
3 - 5 pm
Burford Village Hall

"LIFE IN WEIHAI"

*A talk by Peter & Maggie Cooper
about their life & mission work in
Weihai City China.*

**Methodist Church Hall
Thursday 14th February
7.30pm Free Entry**

OPEN DOOR

Thursday 14th February
2.30pm
Cornwall Gardens
Centre, Tenbury
Speaker: Don Hearn
on photography

C.A.B. EMERGENCY FOOD RELIEF

Tenbury's CAB are collecting items of non-perishable goods for emergency food relief to help locally, those in genuine need, in times of crisis.

PLEASE HELP by leaving contributions in box at St Mary's Church, Tenbury, at the CAB office in Teme St. or in trolley at Bowketts.

LISTENING EAR

In times of loneliness, bereavement, suffering, uncertainty, everyone benefits from someone to listen. There are caring individuals locally who can meet with you. Tel: 07804 928484 or contact one of clergy.

ST MICHAEL'S VILLAGE HALL -

Village Hall Report

After a three year break from the village hall committee, I am very pleased to be back in the chair and would like to take this opportunity to thank the resigning members, Geoff, Helen, Nigel and Deborah for their valuable contribution to the committee over many years. Although they are no longer involved in the day to day management of the village hall, I know that we can count on their continued support and help with the village hall, and for that we are most grateful.

The village hall committee now consists of Dick Fox, Stephen and Di Gough, Clair Wright, Anne Dicken, Katie Powis, Nicky Griffiths, Tony Penn and Iain Macdonald.

Looking forward there is much to do, and with such an enthusiastic team I am sure that we will achieve our objectives this year. High on the list of priorities is to get the social side of the village up and running again. Anne Fox will head the entertainment committee which, although not part of the management committee, will be responsible for the planning and execution of social events at the village hall. Anne is looking for enthusiastic volunteers for the committee, so if she doesn't approach you soon, please contact her on 819845 if you would like to be involved.

You will be aware that we are considering an extension to the village hall. Presently, the village hall offers excellent facilities for larger groups, such as the St Michael's Singers, WI, Tenbury Floral Art and St Michael's Playgroup. We also have regular events that attract large numbers, such as the Christmas dinner, the Floor and Shindig events, which the hall accommodates very well. However, the hall fails to offer a more intimate, cosy and comfortable environment, particularly in the winter, as it lacks a smaller room that would be comfortable to accommodate smaller groups. Also, now that the village hall is fully licensed to sell alcohol, and has a permanent licensee (that's me with my other hat on!), there has been an increasing desire to provide more permanent bar facilities that could turn the village hall into a much more social environment for the village. Not quite the Old Dog House of days gone by, but it definitely has the prospect of offering a good social meeting place to enjoy a few drinks with friends and neighbours, and enjoy sporting events such as the rugby and football world cup tournaments. The committee is currently investigating two options. The first is extending the hall to provide an additional room and a permanent bar, whilst at the same time making better use of storage facilities and including a permanent stage area. The extension would have no impact on the current parking facilities, as parking spaces would be created at the front of the property to replace those lost towards the back. The second option, and one that is entirely reliant on a landowner offering to sell a plot of one or two acres, is to re-site and rebuild the village hall. A subcommittee has been formed to deal with the extension project, and currently consists of Steve Gough, Tony Penn, Rod Owens and Phil Baxter. If you are interested in becoming involved in this project, then please let us know. This is a major project that isn't going to happen overnight. We welcome any thoughts, ideas, suggestions, etc. Funding will be the greatest challenge, and we are researching all avenues, such as grants for eco friendly heating, etc. Anyone with experience in this area who can offer any suggestions would be greatly welcomed.

As you know, the future of the village hall isn't just the responsibility of the management committee. We rely on support from the local community to ensure that we continue to provide a wide and varied programme of events. Physical help is always needed and lots of people in the parish are more than happy to help out, without being actively involved on the management committee. We really appreciate that help and what we need to do is to make a more formal list of helpers, so that we can call on people when we need extra help. The bigger the list, the less often people will need to be called upon, so please volunteer if you can. Also, if you at an event at the village hall, at the end of the evening we always appreciate people stacking their chairs and bringing glasses back to the bar. Every little helps, as they say.

So watch this space for a regular update on what's going on in your village hall.

Finally, can I wish everyone a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Ria Baxter

PANCAKE NIGHT
Friday 1st February
in village hall from 7pm
All the family welcome.
£1 admission
Pancakes, syrup, ice cream included


The Floor
@ St Michaels Village Hall
FRIDAY 8th FEBRUARY
@ 8 pm


FEATURING: **SAM** *tremendous blues voice with congas thrown in.*
Very individual style from this interesting band.
DAY LEVEL *lovely harmonies from this duo*
JACKSON JONES *oh yes it's the banjo*
ENTRY £5 (£1 children)

with WELL ESTABLISHED BAR & THE FLOOR BROAD thrown in.

WHAT COULD BE BETTER ON A FRIDAY'S EVENING?
!!!! FLOOR CD is now available!!!!
from The Floor or call Andy & Julie - £5 with the best of The Floor 2006/7

Send-a-Cow Christmas Card

Many thanks to all who contributed to the "Send A Cow" Christmas greetings scheme (ie those named on the Sword Christmas Card) to help needy people to help themselves. £200 was sent to "Send-a-Cow" to purchase chickens, sheep, goats & apple trees. I'm sure they will be much appreciated.

The Royal British Legion

On behalf of the Royal British Legion, Chris and I would like to say a most sincere thank you for the generous amount of money we collected for the Poppy Appeal. It was £291.08, our best total as yet.

Happy New Year to you all
Sincerely,

Chris & Muriel

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells - Ad Infinitum

Well, Christmas comes but once a year, and again this year it brought us the cheer of another St Michaels Singers Christmas Concert. As usual with this talented group it was well up to standard with wonderful ensemble singing and excellent solo and duet performances.

Two innovations this year - the singers gave two concerts - Tuesday and Friday evenings. This was due to the overwhelming support they have received in the past, and so saved people being disappointed at not being able to reserve seats. Such is their following that both nights were complete sell-outs. Accordingly the experiment will be continued in 2008.

The other happening was that the conducting was split into two - Bryan Fisher of course, and in the first half by John Swindells - St Michaels Church organist and choirmaster. This ploy proved a great success, each conductor bringing their own personal style to the performances.

As always Musical Director Bryan Fisher had compiled a varied and interesting programme combining Christmas church music and traditional carols, all most beautifully sung by the choir. It is amazing how many lovely voices inhabit our parish and how well they respond to Bryan's coaching and rehearsing.

The soloists and duettists were very well presented and richly deserved the tremendous ovations they received. They began with Margaret and Christine singing a carol 'Angels' (John Rutter) a quite delightful duet. Then a more modern offering 'Christmas in New York' with Louise and Peter, who captured the mood changes extremely well. This was followed later in the evening with a humorous solo by Tony Penn 'Five Eyes' which came over very well indeed. Then came another duet with Janet and Jackie, Rossini's 'Cat Duet', the singers combining to give a vivid visual and musical effect of a cat duologue!

I am running out of space, but there were even more goodies to come, including a gospel style rendering of Silent Night with Sophie, Jackie and Rhiannon. Then young Jenny who was so good last year, captured all our hearts again singing 'I Saw Mommy kissing Santa Claus'. Quite a mature voice for one so young. The Barber Shop singers delighted us again this year and Peter surpassed himself and (very nearly) brought the house down with 'Great Balls of Fire'.

The evening of course would not have been complete without some wonderfully performed monologues and duologues from Chris and Mike. Actually if they don't come back next year I shan't buy any tickets!

Last but by no means least, the singers were given great support and backing by the very professional playing of Kath. Altogether it was an exceptional evening and I (and everyone else) thoroughly enjoyed every second of it. I can't wait until Xmas comes round again. Well done all of you.

However, between now and then, we can look forward to a performance of Faure's Requiem which the Singers are giving in St Michaels Church on 12th July, so do join them and give them your support, and yourselves a musical feast.

Tonie Downes

Tenbury Flood Relief Fund

The Tenbury Flood Relief Fund has received about £15,000 in donations over the four months since it was formed, We have paid out grants of about £4,300 to date in response to requests for help. These grants have been made, in the main, to private householders whose homes were badly affected and who needed more help than they had been able to secure from other sources, However the fund has also responded to requests from private businesses in the town and to a sports club.

The members of the TFRF committee have been delighted with the response to our appeals for support and have been very please to provide financial help wherever possible. We would like to do more, including perhaps extra help for some recipients helped at times when we had much smaller funds available. We also feel there are people in the town who could have sought help from us but who,

for various reasons, may have chosen not to do so, We look at each request purely on its own merits - we have not set any specific rules. But we cannot help unless we get an application in writing.. Request forms are available from the Town Clerk in the Town Council Office, the Library, or Lloyds Bank. Alternatively just write us a letter via the Town Clerk explaining your need.

Chris Dovey, Chairman TFRF

WHAT'S ON IN ST MICHAELS

FEBRUARY

Friday 1 st	7.00pm	Pancake Night
Sunday 3 rd	10.00am	Family Service
Thursday 7 th	7.30pm	W. I.
Friday 8 th	8.00pm	The Floor
Sunday 10 th	10.00am	Parish Communion
Sunday 17 th	10.00am	Parish Communion
Sunday 24 th	10.00am	Parish Communion

MARCH

Sunday 2 nd	10.00am	Family Service for Mothering Sunday
Thursday 6 th	7.30pm	W. I.
Sunday 9 th	10.00am	Parish Communion
Friday 14 th	8.00pm	The Floor
Sunday 16 th	10.00am	Team Service for Palm Sunday
Wednesday 19 th	6.30pm	Passover Supper in village hall
Friday 21 st	7.00pm	Good Friday Music Service
Sunday 23 rd	10.00am	Parish Communion for Easter Day
Sunday 30 th	10.00am	Parish Communion

PRESS DATE 20th February for the March edition of The Sword

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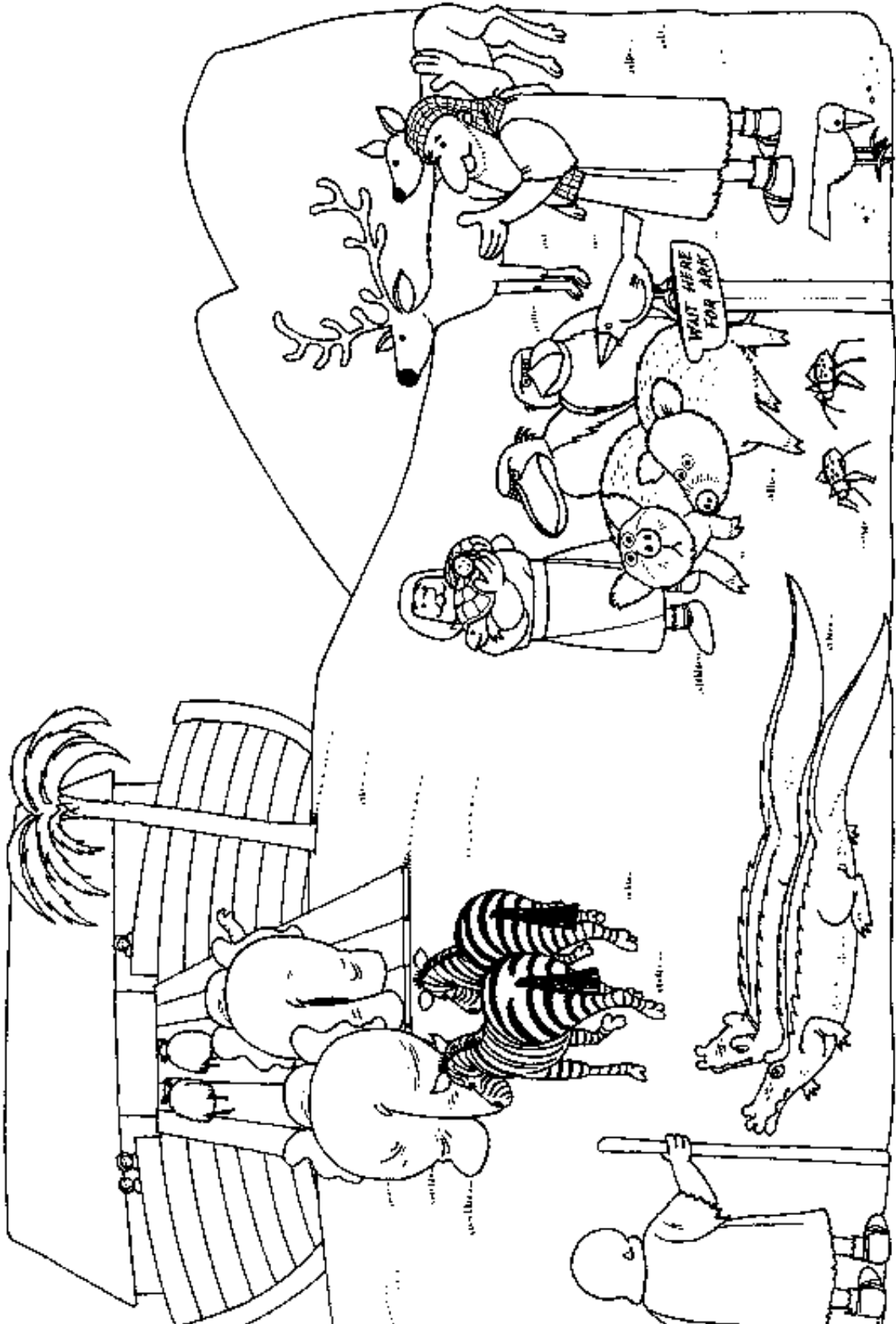
Junior Page

THE WINNER of the John Gray Cup, for most points in 2007, was Melissa Powis. Congratulations Melissa - & come on kids, lets have more competitors in 2008.

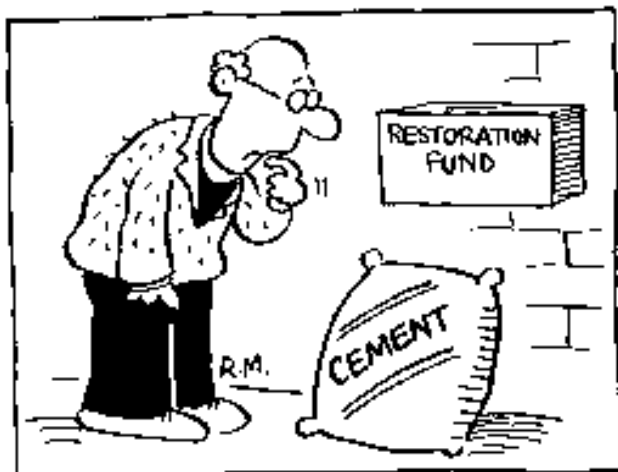
December/January competition winners were 1st Melissa, 2nd Stacey Powis.

Colour this picture of Noah and the animals going onto the ark.

This month's competition entries need to be with Clair Wright at The Cote, Upper Berrington, tel. 811017, by 24th February.



Senior's Page



Fun Quotes

"How September 11th affected plans for bus shelter"

"This rock salt is over 200 million years old, formed by ancient geological processes in the German mountain ranges. Best before 01 2003"

(Notice on rock salt packet)

"Paramedics attended the scene, and the injured man was thrown from his bike onto the road."

"Passengers to wait 10 years for fast trains"

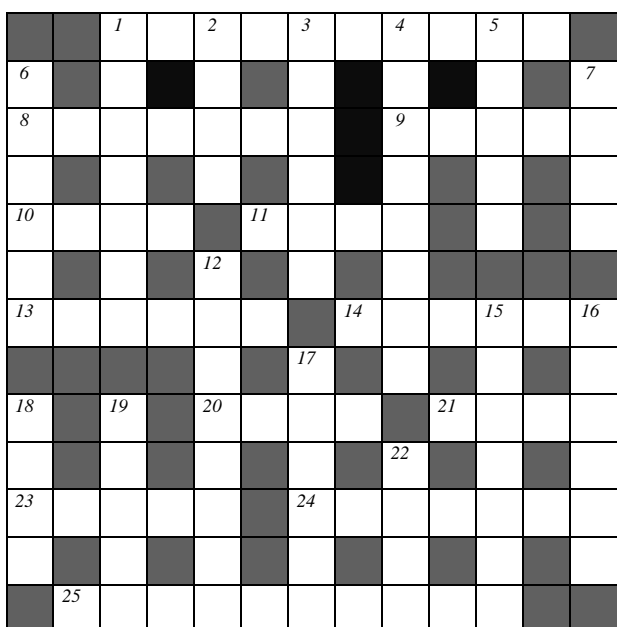
"A traveller with one arm and one leg is hopping mad about Bedford's zone bays"

"12 year wait for toilets ends"

"Hinton Park Woodland Burial Ground. The staff at Hinton Park wish all their clients a peaceful new year"

"Earth Summit offers no help to East Kent"

"Police chiefs said alcohol was to blame for dozens of drink related accidents"



ACROSS

- Place on the western shore of Lake Galilee
- In a hymn, an accompaniment sung above the tune
- Captivity of the Jews in Babylon
- The garden God made in the beginning
- Midianite king slain by Moses, Num,31.8
- "the master of the banquet ... the water that had been turned into wine" John 2.9
- Jewelled crown described in Isaiah 62.3
- Wading bird worshipped by the ancient Egyptians
- An angel foretold that Samson's strength was to be in this
- Steeple of a church
- Title of the kings of Egypt
- Sayings of Christ in Matthew 5

DOWN

- First four books of the New Testament
- Old Testament character saved from the flood
- Jewish girl who became queen of Persia
- Prayer to the Virgin Mary
- Elijah was also known by this name
- Period in the Christian calendar before Christmas
- Lament of wail over the dead
- One who sorrows for sin
- Members of the order of clergy under priests
- Sister of Mary and Lazarus
- Ecclesiastical scarf
- Celebration of the Eucharist in Roman Catholic churches
- Piece of white linen worn by a priest about the shoulders
- Archbishop of Canterbury executed in 1645.