

## GOOD NEWS

### THE SUMMER FAIR AND FLOWER FESTIVAL



Our Summer Fair and Flower Festival at the Parish Church was a very enjoyable event. Inside the church there was something for everyone. Denise Cuthbert, Linda Carswell, Pam Golding and others had created beautiful flower arrangements and displayed ecclesiastical robes. These looked wonderful and the church was filled with the scent of Summer. A varied programme of music and dance throughout the afternoon by local groups and schools had been arranged by Sue de Garis. A big thank-you to all the performers.

Outside plants and cakes were on sale. Upton Wives, Julia's House and the Sudan Project also had stalls. Tea and coffee were available in Willow Lodge and BBQs and ice cream were enjoyed outside. Younger people had fun with a bouncy castle, games and face painting. All prize winners have been contacted including those with winning bids for the auction of outings and auction of promises.

The fun did not end there, on Sunday cream teas were served in the vicarage garden under a beautiful blue sky. Howard produced wonderful scones. For the more energetic there was a trampoline and bouncy castle and some even tried juggling!

Our thanks to all who helped and supported this event: to Margaret Stevens and Catriona Smyth for organising it, to Margaret Tattersall for organising the raffle and to Paula Berry for arranging the Barclays match funding. It is likely that about £2500 was raised, half of which will be given to local charities.

### SNIPPETS FROM THE JUNE PCC

The meeting on 29th June was preceded by a coffee tasting. Later it was agreed to serve Fair Trade coffee, tea and sugar provided by the Indigo Valley Company.

The half year financial report showed an increase in expenditure. The good news was that the "Step Up" challenge had been very successful. Commitments so far indicated an average increase of 24% by 30 regular givers. With Gift Aid refunds added this might amount to an extra £6600 in a full year.

Part of the increase in costs is due to a larger Parish Share paid to the Diocese. Among many other things our Share contributes to Clergy stipends and housing. It is based on church membership and we were informed that each additional member of the church means another £340 per annum has to be paid. Currently we have 176 worshippers.

The PCC agreed to set up a working group to assess plans for a long term project to improve facilities at the Parish Church. Possibilities might include inside toilets, a refreshments serving area, a prayer and meeting room and better capacity for visiting schools and concerts.

Brief reports were received from the seven newly formed PCC Working Groups.

## EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

### JULY

Friday 15th	Llewellin Court Communion	2.00pm
Monday 18th	Men's Fellowship BBQ	TBC
Tuesday 19th	Messy Church	3.15pm
Wednesday 20th	Link - Howard Page-Clark	2.30pm
Wednesday 20th	Parish Visiting	5.30pm
Wednesday 27th	Lay Pastoral Assistants Meeting	11.00am
Thursday 28th	Volunteering in Peru -talk by Jude Holt	7.00pm

### AUGUST

Sunday 14th	Tour of Canford School by Mark Rathbone	3.00pm
	(£5 donation to LMPC) Details: Margaret Stevens	
Wednesday 17th	Link Group Summer Picnic Tea	TBC

### CONNECT AT HOLTON LEE

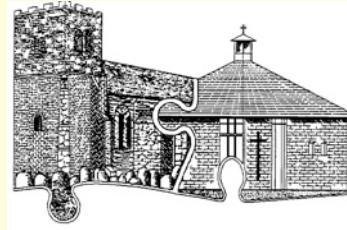
On Sunday 17th July no services will be held at of our churches. MORNING WORSHIP in the Main Tent at Holton Lee will be led by Andy Bowerman and Jean de Garis. (Speak to Jean Alexander if you need a lift)

We want to encourage everyone to share in this wonderful event for all local churches. Information including details about camping can be found at [www.connect2011.org.uk](http://www.connect2011.org.uk)

There will be internationally recognised speakers at the mid-week events whose teaching could equip and inspire our Churches.

There will be no children and youth groups meeting in August. The Parish Office will be closed from Friday 5th August and will reopen on Monday 15th August

To order What's Up by email or to get your event into the Church Calendar email to [churchoffice.1@btconnect.com](mailto:churchoffice.1@btconnect.com) or telephone 624622. Email news and photos to [eric.stevens2@virgin.net](mailto:eric.stevens2@virgin.net) or telephone 886473.



## WHAT'S UP in Upton and Lytchett Minster

News from Lytchett Minster Parish Church & St Dunstan's, Upton

### BAPTISM OF JASMINE FORSHAW

The words 'Grace like rain' took on a new meaning at a Baptism on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June. Jasmine (aged 8) is a regular at Messy Church and Flame, so we and her parents were really excited when she decided she wanted to be baptised.

As it was the middle of summer we inflated a 10 foot paddling pool so we could baptise her as she wished by 'full immersion'. After a LONG time filling the pool (helped by freezing cold torrential rain) Jasmine, Karen Neagle and I got into the pool where Jasmine was baptised in very cold water.

Despite the cold and rain we had a fantastic day. It was a real privilege to celebrate with Jasmine and her family. Please continue to pray for Jasmine as she is a fantastic young girl who is really excited about following Jesus.

Rev. Allie Kerr



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