

## GOOD NEWS

### THE CHURCH MANAGER REVIEWS HER FIRST YEAR

I cannot believe how fast time is flying by. I have now been Church Manager for a year and I am still very much enjoying my role and all the challenges it brings. I feel that this is definitely the place where I am meant to be.

Recently when I had my end of year review it gave me the opportunity to think about our many achievements during this last year. We have introduced Fair Trade coffee, the Summer Fair was a success. We have improved the church website and started producing What's Up?, to name but a few. What stands out more than anything to me, though, is the warmth and friendship of all the people I meet in our church and the support I have been given in this new role.

At the start of my second year we have just installed a colour laser printer. We are looking at developing evening opening of the Office on Wednesdays for an hour so that people can pop in for a coffee and chat with a member of the Clergy or a Lay Pastoral Assistant. There are also the exciting plans being formulated for the development of the Parish Church and the start of a Youth Cafe style Sunday service. Personally my faith has grown and I am looking forward to taking part in the prayer course this month. Who knows what I will be writing about at the end of my second year?

Catriona Smyth

### EMERGENCY PRAYER CHAIN

Amazing things can happen when God's people pray. If you have an emergency in your family or know of someone in distress who would appreciate back up with prayer, please phone either:

[Dorothy Williams 01929 555125](tel:01929555125) or [Joy Desborough 01202 622384](tel:01202622384)

Your request will then be passed around the Prayer Chain. Your message will be treated as confidential and only the details you wish to reveal will be passed on to those praying. Helpful information might include: Who is ill or in difficulty? What would you like us to pray for that person? Is the person at home or in hospital?

The Prayer Chain consists of church members who are committed to praying for members in need and those dear to us.

## WELL, I NEVER KNEW THAT

### WHAT HAPPENS AT HOME GROUPS?

You might be surprised to know!

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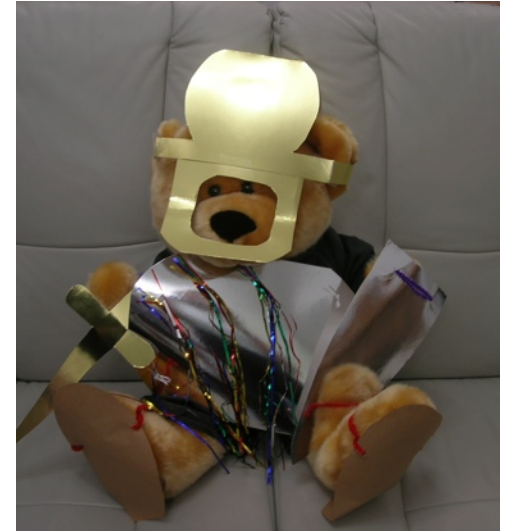
Where's the sellotape?....

How can I get this to fit round his fat tummy?....

Has anyone got the glue?....

These were comments and sounds heard at a recent bible study at Ray and Jean's home group. In the middle of a table was a large teddy bear surrounded by card, glue, scissors, pipe cleaners, tissue paper and other craft products. What was going on?

This was a bible study about the armour of God (Ephesians 6:10-20) and the group, in pairs, first made an item of the armour for Ted then shared with the group why that piece was important and how it helped them in their Christian life. By the end of the evening Ted went home with a new coat of armour (see photo) and everyone had thought about how this passage had applied to them.



Now is a good time to join a home group. There are nine to choose from meeting in homes at different times and on different days. Posters in both churches show who meets where. The groups are all different and devise their own programmes which often include a meal together. It is possible to ask to visit more than one as a guest to discover where you might feel most at home. Recently we have been co-ordinating the Sunday sermon series and activities in home groups giving a chance to ask questions and to discuss what has been heard. Howard Page-Clark (620239) co-ordinates the groups and would be pleased to give advice.

## EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

### OCTOBER

Saturday 1st	Prayer Course	9.30pm
Monday 3rd	Discussion Group	8.00pm
Tuesday 4th	Alpha Course	7.00pm
Saturday 8th	Prayer Course	9.30am
Tuesday 11th	Alpha Course	7.00pm
Sunday 16th	Youth Cafe	6.00pm
Monday 17th	Men's Fellowship - Poole Foodbank	7.30pm
Tuesday 18th	Messy Church- "Jesus invites everyone"	3.15pm
Tuesday 18th	Alpha Course	7.00pm
Wednesday 19th	Link Bereavement Group Jean de Garis	2.30pm
Thursday 20th	Teaching evening - "Feasting and fasting"	7.00 for 7.30pm
Friday 21st	Llewelin Court Communion	2.00pm
Tuesday 25th	Alpha Course	7.00pm

### NOVEMBER

Friday 4th	Bonfire Party at the Vicarage	6.00pm
Saturday 5th	Prayer Course	9.30am
Sunday 6th	All Souls' Service (see below)	3.00pm
Monday 7th	Discussion Group	8.00pm
Saturday 12th	Prayer Course	9.30am

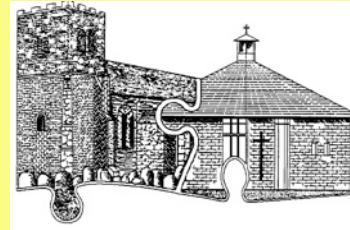
#### ALL SOULS' SERVICE

On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 3.00 pm at St Dunstan's Church Upton, there will be a quiet, simple, service of remembrance and thanksgiving. We shall name before God those whom we know who have died in the Parish of Lytchett Minster and Upton. If you would like your loved one - or any other person - included in our prayers or if you can join us for the service, please get in touch with the parish office.

Thanks for contributions and photographs this month from: Catriona Smyth, Dave and Sue Hunnings and Graham Hall.

If you have good news for What's Up? please email before 24th November to [eric.stevens2@virgin.net](mailto:eric.stevens2@virgin.net)

Please send dates and events for the calendar to [churchoffice.1@btconnect.com](mailto:churchoffice.1@btconnect.com) or telephone 624622



## WHAT'S UP in Upton and Lytchett Minster

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

### FAIR TRADE COFFEE IS A GREAT SUCCESS

It has been a few months since the PCC made the decision to purchase Fair Trade tea and coffee. The response to the freshly brewed coffee at St Dunstan's has been very positive and it is also proving financially beneficial. If you have any suggestions or ideas about the coffee, please speak to Catriona. If you would like to try a different blend of coffee this is something that we can arrange. The company who supply the coffee have nine different blends as well as other beverages. If you would like to find more information about Fair Trade -and why we consider backing it is important- please take one of the leaflets displayed in both churches or go to [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk).



"What do you think of that one?" - "Well, they are all so nice!"

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