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ST PETER'S PARISH CHURCH,
Church Street, Tempsford
Priest-in-charge : Rev Margaret Marshall
Phone 01234 870363

As I write the Benefice's third Holiday Club for school-aged children is just approaching completion at Great Barford. The children enjoyed some of the finest stories in the Bible, from both Old and New Testaments – some of which were stories they rarely hear in school! The idea was to give them a feel for the ever-unfolding story of God and his people on earth, and to help them see how much God loves his world and longs for us to live lives which honour him and our neighbours too. The organisation was, as ever, superb... and everyone seemed to have a good time (despite the rather inclement weather).

I felt enormously proud of the efforts of the Holiday Club team, its leader and all the supporting cast members. Each person recognised their part in the project and contributed their particular talents to great effect. There was real co-operation across the benefice, with people from our different churches working together enthusiastically: a parable of the kingdom of God if ever I saw one, as people set aside their own local priorities to contribute to the greater good. Children and carers were made welcome, their particular needs taken into account, in a very focussed way – it may not have been perfect, but we are making every effort to learn from our mistakes.

During the Autumn we shall continue, despite our often rather stretched resources, to focus on our more general intentions to be truly welcoming – open to the possibility of change, rather than admitting people only on our own terms. The church is a gathering of people who recognise the need to build relationships with God and with others. In our weekly Sunday readings we have been following the gospel of Luke. His words often call us to examine and challenge our own behaviour – not to assume that we get things right more often than not! Following encouragement in this regard from our new Bishop – who is challenging us to 'go deeper into God' we are going to run a course entitled 'Everybody Welcome' in which we try to see how our churches meet the needs of those we encounter – or fail to do so. It is just a five-week course, so not too demanding, but we hope it will help us be honest with ourselves and help us to set some priorities for the year ahead. Details will be published once we have agreed times and venues. It should be an interesting exercise. Perhaps we will be surprised by what we discover...? It seems like a good way to start a new academic year: to travel hopefully is sometimes thought better than to arrive!

Finally a big thank-you for the money raised during Feast Week. Once again Steve Cooney (and supporters!) has done an amazing job and we are hugely

grateful for everyone's help in keeping St Peter's going – we would not manage without your support.

Thanks also to the Tempsford Veterans and Relatives association for their generosity at their special service in July. It is a great pleasure to see you all and to share our thoughts on a fascinating aspect of Tempsford's past. We look forward to welcoming you again on Remembrance Sunday.

Good wishes also to Rev Tricia Williams, the new Methodist Minister in Tempsford. I hope we can work together on many shared occasions.

With love in Christ
Revd Margaret

Services at St Peter's in September and October

September 5th	Holy Communion at 9.30 am
September 12th	Holy Communion at 9.30 am
October 3rd	Holy Communion at 9.30 am
October 3rd	HARVEST FESTIVAL at 6.00 pm
October 10th	Holy Communion at 9.30 am
October 31st	Benefice All Age Eucharist at Gt Barford at 10.30 am
November 7th	Holy Communion at 9.30 am

Please Note: When there is no service at St Peter's there are services at Gt Barford at 9.30 am or Roxton at 11.00 am or Blunham at 11.15 am.

TOOLS FOR ZAMBIA

Many thanks to all who donated tools for use in Zambia. The container will be leaving in mid September, and I would be pleased to receive any further donations of tools to go with that shipment. The cut-off date is 2nd September. I am particularly interested in carpentry tools, hand sewing machines and gardening tools such as hoes. Age is not important as long as the tools are serviceable or can be re-furbished . Please give me call on 01767 640624.

Jeff Cloughton

FEAST WEEK!
FUN AND
FROLICS!
FÊTES!
FLOWER
FESTIVALS!

All these over the years - and probably our predecessors would be amazed to find sponsored knitting and ducks, nowadays also! The reason for the festivities, of course, was to celebrate the Patron Saint of our village church - St Peter. This year we went back to church on St Peter's Day, 29th June, for a special celebration of thanks

for two very special gifts: our organ has been refurbished as a gift from the family of Chris Wells who moved it to its present position in the church over fifty years ago while Rev. Margaret's daughter has designed and made a wonderful altar cloth for the nave altar. We were honoured by a visit by Bishop Richard Inwood who gave the sermon and hallowed these items to our use.

The unveiling of the altar-frontal brought forth gasps of delight. The service was concluded with a delightful piece played by our organist for the evening, Dr Roy Tipping which gave time to appreciate the new dynamics of the organ, to admire the flowers, to enjoy the warmth of the church on a meltingly-hot evening and just to reflect.

Then we feasted out in the churchyard until dusk fell at bed-time!



A black & white photo doesn't do justice to the colourful altar cloth



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Church Steward: Stephen Gosling,

Biggin Farm, Station Rd, Tempsford 01767 640289

September and October Services

Everybody is assured of a warm welcome at all our services

5 th September	6.00 pm	Section United Service Great Barford
12 th September	6.00 pm	Circuit United Service Berkley Street
19 th September	6.00 pm	Preacher: Mr. John Green
26 th September		Harvest Festival Service (see below) led by Rev. Tricia Williams
3 rd October	6.00 pm	Harvest Festival at Parish Church
10 th October	6.00 pm	Preacher: Mrs. Margaret Harris
17 th October	3.00 pm	Preacher: Mr. Brian Newell at 3.00 p.m.
24 th October		NO SERVICE
31 st October	6.00 pm	Preacher: Rev. Tricia Williams

Tempsford Methodist Church



Sunday 26 September 2010 at 6.00 pm

Led by Rev Tricia Williams

Come and join our thanksgiving for another Harvest
Everyone welcome

All gifts of produce used to decorate the church for this occasion will be distributed later to the sick and elderly of the village.

COME AND JOIN THE CELEBRATION!

Our kitchen and toilet refurbishment project is complete!

As a "Thank-you" for your support in making this project possible an **Open Invitation** is extended to you all to

TEMPSFORD METHODIST CHURCH
on Saturday 18th Sept from 10.00 am to 11.30am

to celebrate the completion of our renovation project
and to share the complimentary cakes, tea and coffee.

*Photographs taken before and after the project
will be on display*

Special Open Air Service – Over 60 people came along to enjoy the picnic and informal open air service at Biggin Farm on Sunday, 1 August which was led by Mr. Michael Benneworth. The weather was kind and very much appreciated by all who came along. Thanks go to everyone who once again worked so hard to make this annual event so enjoyable.

Chat Club – On Wednesday, 30th June members enjoyed a Strawberry Cream Tea, together with assorted cakes and lots of tea relaxing in the company of friends. July get-together saw Chris and Derek Giles as the guests of the Chat Club. A card and cake made by Elaine Bettles were presented to them along with a gift from all the members of the Chat Club of hand blown glass.

Chat Club meets again in the Chapel Schoolroom on Wednesday, 29th September and Wed, 27th October from 2.30 to 4.00 p.m. Come along and find out what we get up to.....you may be surprised

MUM TIME

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month
10.00am to 11.30am
in the Chapel Schoolroom, Station Road

TEMPSFORD FEAST WEEK AND DUCK RACE

The week's celebrations were yet again a resounding success - Monday evening (28th June), the family rounders match was well attended with over 50 people to play rounders and enjoy a barbeque. A total of £52.30 profit was made on the evening.

Tuesday saw the Bishop of Bedford at St. Peter's Church for St Peter's Day Eucharist Service with a blessing and dedication of a new alter cloth and refurbished organ. Again it was well attended and people enjoyed refreshments outside in the sunshine after the service.

Thursday 1st July, again at St. Peter's Church, the sponsor knitting took place on a very hot and humid evening. Thank you to those who did turn out for it, Peggy Jackson, Paulina Clark, Eileen Gosling, Margaret Smith, Gladys Hills, and Linda Collins. Thank you to Diane Hart who arranged the evening including the refreshments. The person who knitted the longest length was Eileen Gosling, who won a bottle of wine.

On the same evening, in the Millennium Garden something new for the children was arranged, with lots of pictures of different birds pinned to all the trees - the idea was to test their knowledge of how many birds they could name. This was open to adults and children, but sadly it was poorly attended, with only 4 children turning out to have a go. Thanks to Dan and Paulina Clark, for arranging this event, which we will build on next year.

The main event of Feast Week was the 3rd Duck Race and Feast Week Fayre held at the Anchor Hotel. 1000 ducks were sold in total, The Viking Kayak Club of Bedford helped keep the ducks in order when the race started at 3.30 pm. After 20 minutes the first duck crossed the finishing line in almost a photo-finish, the winning duck was No.780, John Dennis c/o Royal Mail, Luton Office., who won £50. The second duck was No. 453, Rob Bavinger of Westside, Church St, Tempsford, who won £25. Congratulations to you both.

A final donation from Jim and Margaret Sawford, brought the total raised during this year's Feast Week to £1530.00, which will go a long way to helping with the running costs of St.Peter's church over the next year. Thanks to everyone who supported the events during the week, baked cakes, supplied plants, books etc.

And thanks too to the many people who helped Steve Cooney: Shirley and Paul Sharman, Tina, Dave, Liam Goddard, Chloe Beaumont, Betty Russell, Maureen Gore, Maureen Goddard, Margaret Smith, Irene Norman, Gary, Jo and Grace Blick, Dan and Paulina Clark, Gary Page, Linda Collins and Sandra and Jeff Claughton for all their dedication and hard work in making it all such a success. Thanks also to Adrian Besant for running the Ivel Sprinter, the Stuart Memorial Hall for the loan of the tables and marquees. Thanks to the Anchor Hotel, for kindly allowing us to use the grounds and facilities and the Viking Kayak club, Bedford for their help.

Our special thanks go to Steve too for master-minding the whole event; see Margaret's letter page 2. Ed.)

TEMPSFORD COMPOSTING FACILITY



If you think that you have caught the drift(!) of the Composting Facility in the Everton Road, you're not the only one.

Immediately an odour nuisance is being experienced it needs to be reported to the Company's complaint hotline number **The phone number is 07825 397021.**

The compliance with the various planning conditions for the setting up of this plant is still being considered in liaison with the Environment Agency and the operator.

The matter continues to be a priority case

and it is anticipated that further discussions will take place with both the operator (County Mulch) and the Environment Agency in the next few weeks.

STUART MEMORIAL HALL

TEMPSFORD VILLAGE SHOW Saturday 4th September

Schedules have now been delivered around the village and we hope that we will receive the usual fantastic amount of exhibits They will be received at the hall between 10.00 am and 11.30 am and the show opens to the public at 1.30pm. Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon which include afternoon tea or barbecue delights! There will be a free bouncy castle for the children, a bran tub and beat the goalie! We are also delighted to have with us once again our wood-turner, offering the children the chance to try their hand at this fascinating craft. Looking forward to seeing you all!

HARVEST SUPPER AND QUIZ EVENING Saturday 2nd October 7.30 pm with the ever popular quiz master Chris Ebeling.

Entrance is £5 each including the supper. We are having teams of 6 people but if you haven't a team do come along and join in with others. The evening starts at 7-30pm. Please bring your own drink as there will be no bar. Please register before the evening as it is usually a sell out and we would hate to turn anyone away. Tickets available from Eileen 01767 640858 or Linda 01767 640968.

December may seem a long way off, but on Saturday 4th December, there will be a performance of magic by a professional magician. This is a new venture for us, which we are confident will be very popular. Tickets for this show are now available, so why not make sure of your seats by booking now, either at the village show or by contacting Eileen or Linda – details above.

Break –In. Sadly over the summer we had our oil stolen and suffered a break-in, although nothing was taken at the break-in. Nonetheless, we are having to spend money on improving the security of the oil tank and the hall itself. The isolation of the hall is both an advantage – in that events held there do not disturb the neighbours – and a disadvantage in that there is no-one to keep an eye on it. We would like to ask for your help in that if you see anything suspicious at the hall when you pass by, please contact one the hall committee members.

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WELCOME REV TRICIA

After the sad farewells to Rev Chris and Derek Giles in July, we are pleased to report that they are happily and safely ensconced in Solihull and promise to continue their prayers for us and to keep in contact.

Now we would like you to welcome our new Methodist minister to the St Neots and Huntingdon Circuit who has charge of the congregation in Tempsford. She is Rev Tricia Williams and has moved with her husband Dave from Seaford in Sussex.

There will be a special formal service of welcome to the Circuit at Berkely Street Methodist Church, Eynesbury on September 4th at 3pm, and on the following day, Sunday 5th September, Rev Tricia will lead a United Service at Gt Barford Methodist Church at 6pm. Her first service at Tempsford Methodist Church is on Sunday 26th September, our Harvest Festival.

We hope as many as possible will come to give her a warm welcome to Tempsford.

POLICE NEWS

We have had to say farewell to PC Ross Paterson who has moved to pastures new and we would like to thank him for his attention to our concerns in Tempsford. In his place we welcome PC Tom Dobinson. He is not new to this area but as he has been in post for only a few days he hasn't yet been able to arrange surgery dates; however he is enthusiastic about meetings the residents of Tempsford. Look out for posters giving further details.



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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The Parish Council last met on July 20th, and the following is a summary of items that were discussed. Full formal minutes are available from the clerk, or on the village website.

Village Matters

Smokers: It was reported that the Kier Group have banned all smoking in their grounds which is forcing some of their employees to dispose their cigarette butts in the village and in particular just outside the entrance to Kier's. This has started to look unsightly and the clerk has been asked to write to the personnel department of Kier's asking for a bin to be placed outside of the wall or ask their staff not to discard their cigarette butts in the village.

River Footbridge: A letter and photographs had been received regarding the poor condition of the footpath over the river to Roxton, The photographs showed that a repair had previously been made by someone and it was decided that the Clerk write to the Environment Agency asking that the footbridge is repaired as soon as possible.

Dog Nuisance: It was reported that the dog at Tempsford Mill which had previously caused problems, was causing a nuisance again, and the council agreed to approach the police to deal with the matter. A press release has been issued by Central Beds to remind parishioners that the Dog Warden has the ability to fine dog owners £75 if they do not clean up any mess left by their animal. A dog mess telephone number, 0300 300 8631, has been set up to report any issues.

Play areas

The ROSPA report for the inspection carried out on the 11 May had been received giving an overall medium risk, with some items needing attention. The swings and slide embankment have been repaired, thanks to Mr Angus Lammie. These two actions have addressed two major problems identified in an inspection report. The swings will be painted soon. A willow tree needs pruning in the Station Road area and the chain link fencing needs to be tidied up. It was reported that to purchase a new back board for the basket ball net would cost in the

region of £1,400. Members of the Council therefore volunteered to carry out repairs and to look into installing an 8mm birch board to replace the broken basketball one.

Local children, asked what play equipment they would like in Church End, requested a roundabout.

Cemetery Matters

At a recent review of the cemetery it was noted that there are a number of graves that are being unattended and left untidy and "In Trim" are to be asked to trim back the overgrown ones. It was also discussed that there are still some graves with trinkets left on them and a letter is to be sent to the owners with a copy of the Cemetery rules asking that the graves are attended to by the end of December .

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday Sept 28th at 7.30pm in the Stuart Memorial Hall .

ROXTON AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

We meet at 7.30pm at Roxton Parish Hall on the first Thursday of the month. If you find aspects of history fascinating then why not join us? Visitors and new members are always welcome.

September 2nd *The Payne family of Tempsford Hall and St. Kitts.*

Learn about their time at Roxton before they built the old hall at Tempsford. How they made their money and the scandal that they lived with. Hear how the Salisbury family of Hertfordshire were linked with them through marriage? Angela Hillyard and Stella Gibbs tell their story. Don't miss this unique opportunity to hear the story of this local family.

October 7th *The Berlin Airlift 1948-49 : The Salvation of a City*

Alan Palmer prepared this illustrated talk for the 50th Anniversary of the event in 2008 but it promises to be none the less interesting two years on.

Why not make a note in your diary or ring for further information about our group – contact Stella Gibbs on 01480 351931 or John Rogerson on 01234 871150.



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CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL

In 2010 Operation Christmas Child celebrates 20 years of putting smiles on children's faces across the world – it is literally **Love in a Box**. The Methodist Chapel is once again taking part in this special project. We would like to invite as many people in the village, together with families and friends, to join us. As last year, there will be no initial get-together at the Chapel but all information, together with leaflets will be available as of 1st September from Carole Gosling at Biggin Farm, Station Road (Tel.No. 01767 640289) should you wish to fill a shoebox for a child. There is also a DVD available from Carole detailing the work of Operation Christmas Child so why not get a group round to view the DVD and involve your friends in packing gift-filled shoe boxes. Each shoebox packed by you means one more gift for a child in need. Last year our village sent 104 gift filled shoeboxes to the Christmas Child Appeal which was a wonderful response.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Tempsford WI has had a wide range of excellent speakers over the last few months, and had a chance to celebrate 26 years of the reformed Tempsford branch in July.

Alan Painter was the speaker in February, putting on a mock trial with WI members acting as members of the jury. Alan is a local magistrate and a popular speaker at Tempsford.

March was organised by members with Judith Andrews speaking about Jelly Moulds. She brought along a selection of really old ones with beautiful patterns.

The following month Jackie Painter told us how things can go wrong when they after not supposed to; a very amusing evening.

At the Annual Meeting Mr Eric Elsley spoke of and demonstrated the art of L.S.Lowry. We enjoyed his talk so much that he has been invited to return in the near future. Elizabeth Walton spoke about preserving photographs, and then in July Mr A H King spoke about Musical Boxes, bringing along four good working examples.

August was our holiday month. We had our Summer Evening Outing to St Neots, when Mr Peter Ibett gave us a guided tour of the surrounding area of the Market Square. We finished the evening off with an enjoyable meal at the Bridge Hotel.

We are a friendly group who would welcome new members to come along to see if it is your kind of thing. On Monday Sept 13th in the Stuart Memorial Hall, Mark Howson from "Garden Friends" Vegetable Box scheme will be speaking and will sell some preserves.

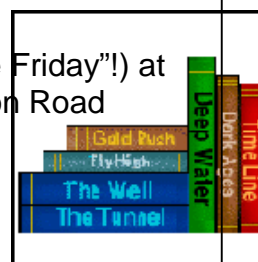
Other subjects to be covered in the next few months will be "The Great Highland Bagpipe", "Painting Landscapes in Acrylics", "Gamlingay Wood Nature Reserve", "Medicine Spoons and Love Spoons", "Maundy Money", "Bees" and "Biggleswade Talking Newspaper".

Betty Russell, Secretary Tempsford WI

MOBILE LIBRARY DATES

Alternate Mondays (the Monday after "Recycle Friday"!) at
1.20pm opposite the notice board in Station Road

September 6th and 20th
October 4th and 18th



OTHER VILLAGE DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER

Sunday 14 November **Remembrance Day Service:** at the Stuart Memorial Hall commencing at 3.00 p.m. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Wednesday, 17 November **Filled shoeboxes** can be brought to the Chapel at 7.15 p.m. – more details in the next edition of Tempsford Times.

DECEMBER

Sat, 4th December **Chapel Christmas Fayre** – from 10.30am to 12 noon

Sunday, 19th December **Chapel Carol Service** – at 6.00 p.m.

PEOPLE NEWS

We send our continued good wishes to all our village friends who are in hospital or who are house bound:

Phil Plumb, Dorothy Bettles, Sam and Marion Knott, Paul Bambridge, Tracey Kennoy, Jodie Knott, Gerald Lowe, Cynthia Jefferies, Ron and Phyll Moore, Kath Mardlin, Betty Ingram, Alec Gore, Ron Bettles, Jane and George McCarthy, Andrew Myers, and Peter Wilden.

Congratulations to Rachel Mead (née Owen of Spring Cottage, Tempsford) on completing her 10 years of study and training to be a GP. Her proud parents report that this included 3 degrees, Bachelor of Medical Science, Bachelor of Surgery and Bachelor of Medicine at Nottingham University, with a series of written and practical exams afterwards all of which she passed. She has become particularly expert in Huntingdon's chorea, the effectiveness of cycle helmets, lecturing medical students on starting their careers, gynaecological matters and family planning. Patients and colleagues were highly complimentary as she progressed through the various stages of the course. Alongside this she made time to have a starring role in a production of "Grease", to establish and lead a church youth group, to have numerous exotic holidays and to find a lovely husband.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

Complete the picture by copying the drawing from left to right. Then design some patterns on the animal's back, and colour them in.

