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Three Congregations: One God, One Parish

Our Curate, Rev Emma Hopegood Jones, writes this month...

Dear friends,

As I write, the World Athletics' Championships are in full swing in London. Every evening, we can witness some of the greatest athletes in the world competing. It is a spectacle of hard work, determination, physical fitness and mental focus. As I've been watching, I've noticed that many of the athletes pray before an event. For many, this prayer takes the form of the sign of the cross - an ancient symbol of God's blessing. Usain Bolt frequently prays in this way before a race. Others pray silently, or, as in the case of Mo Farah, by the reading of du'aa (Islamic invocations). It might be tempting for the cynic in us to put prayers before an event down to superstition or ritual, or a last ditch attempt for an extra bit of help, but what is perhaps more telling are those athletes who pray after their events. Whether it be those on their knees on the track giving thanks for a great event, or those in tears of frustration and pain after a disappointment or injury, the faith of these athletes is an inspiration to us all.

It reminds us that God is with us always - when things are going well, and when things look desperate and our hope is wearing thin. In all situations we can pray - to give thanks, to ask for help, to hand over our cares and anxieties to God. At all times, we can remember words of the Bible: Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9).

May you know God's presence with you this month.

With best wishes.

Emma



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Parish News Contributions

Please do support your local Parish News by letting us know what you or your group have been doing recently. Please submit news, articles, adverts for future events, poems, jokes, etc for the next issue to the Editor, Zoë Preston (Tel 886637), by **12th September 2017**.

By Email: parishnews@hanboroughparish.co.uk

Or by post to: 63 Church Road, Long Hanborough, Oxon, OX29 8JF

If you would like to receive a PDF version of this monthly newsletter via email, or if you know someone else who would like to receive a paper or PDF version, please contact the Editor.

Hanborough Parish Website

Don't forget to visit the Hanborough Parish Website, where you can find further information on what is happening in your parish.

<http://www.hanboroughparish.co.uk/>

Forthcoming Events & News

Ride + Stride 2017

Saturday 9th September

Please think about taking part, either visiting churches, welcoming visitors or sponsoring. For full information, see page 10.

Church Away Weekend

22nd –24th September 2017

We are organising a Benefice church weekend away to the Rock Frontier Centre in Northamptonshire (a 120 acre rural venue which is just a 90 minute drive away). The weekend will provide a time for reflection, renewal and relaxation. A dedicated children's programme is also included. Flyers and booking forms are available from the back of church or on the Hanborough Parish website. **70 people are booked to come – w have space for another 20.** See page 3 for full details.

The Marriage Course

Starts Wednesday 27th September

We give our cars an annual MOT, but how often do we do the same for our marriages? We will be running another course in the Benefice this autumn. This is a course for anyone who is married, in whatever season of marriage. It is for those whose marriage is growing from strength to strength, as well as for those whose marriage is falling apart. For more information contact Susan Sugden (881522 or susan@sugden.com) or visit www.themarriagecourses.org. Or see page 9 for more details.

A date for your diary in 2018...

Confirmation Service 2018

Sunday 29th April 2018

There will be a Confirmation Service in our Benefice on Sunday 29th April 2018 at 10am. If you would like to be confirmed please speak to David or Emma.

Please Pray For...

- ◆ For the growth of our churches.
- ◆ For the new school term ahead.
- ◆ For those unwell and recovering, including Sue Spankie, Charlotte Simpkins, Anne Fox, Pat Jones, Neil Lambert and Lillimor Eagle (Suzy Boardman's sister).



Prayers For Our Community



The churches in Hanborough will be focusing some of their prayers on the community and will be praying for a part of the villages' community each month. The focus of prayer for September is **Abelwood Road, Brook Way, Evenlode Drive, Bolsover Close and Millwood Farm Barns.**

Churches' cake stall

Again this year the Methodist and Anglican church will be having a stall at The Hanborough Show. Please will you help by making a cake for the Churches' cake stall at Hanborough Show on Saturday 9th September. Cakes may be brought to my house, 38 Millwood End on Friday evening (8th) or directly to the stall on Saturday morning. There will be a list in church where you can also sign up if you could manage to look after the stall for half an hour on the day.

Thank you very much. All donations will be given to the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC) for them to use as appropriate. There are so many parts of the world in desperate need we feel it best to leave it for them to use as the need arises.



Gillian Hunt

God's Economics

I am a garden designer by trade. I was asked to look at a garden in North Oxford several weeks ago. The owners are a Christian couple who have given years of their lives to faithful service of Jesus and the church whether composing songs, leading worship, leading Alpha, marriage courses, home groups, visiting Bullingdon Prison etc etc. They wanted some help with their garden but had no idea how much it costs. The cost was too much.

As my wife Amanda and I prayed about the project God made in plain in a number of ways that he wanted me to do the work for nothing. I wrote to them on 19th June. The following is an extract from what I wrote:

Some years later I was approached by my professor to design a garden for his daughter at Warwick Street in Iffley Fields. The garden was a present from father to daughter..... I was struck that the design of the garden was a gift of father to child and an expression of [the father's] love. I believe God wants to love you in the same way. He delights in you. He will look after my fees.

God hasn't hung around!

A few days later Amanda saw someone in the street that she thought was lost and offered him directions. They got into conversation. Tommy has a garden furniture business called Solid Teak Furniture and had just cleared up after showing at the Blenheim Flower Show. He had some beautiful high quality beautifully designed garden furniture that he didn't want to take back to his depot. We were interested to see what he had. Amanda wanted a 'steamer' lounge chair. I was interested in a garden table and chairs. We were delighted with what he had and he offered us a rock bottom deal – about a third of the book price. There was a bit of negotiating and a price was agreed subject Tommy erecting the table – he would normally charge £60 for this but threw it in as a further sweetener.

When he was doing the work, I mentioned I thought that God had sent him, I had been thinking about the furniture the previous day. His face lit up. Yes, he had been praying about what to do with the furniture. He had given his life to Jesus twenty years ago..... and he insisted on giving us more and more – cushions here, a table there. He emptied his transit van. We ended up with two three person benches, a steamer (and washable cushions), a huge table (big enough to sit ten people or even more at a squash), six stackable dining chairs with arms and two folding coffee tables – all in teak sustainably grown on a plantation in Indonesia owned by Tommy's family. We were overwhelmed. We wouldn't have bought furniture of this quality and quantity for ourselves.



Before Tommy left he prayed that God would use the furniture and that people should hear about Jesus. That's what's most important in life he said. We ended with a big – Tommy is big! – three-way bear hug. We prayed for God's blessing on his business.

We have been feeling a bit dazed since....God is so generous. Yes, it really did happen. The furniture is still there to prove it. Tommy even came back to let us have a few bits and pieces to help with dismantling and storage.

God has put down his first payment on that Oxford garden...and some more!!! And I was struck by how what God did was so personalized. Many people aren't interested in garden furniture but Gardens are one of my passions. Also the ladies in the church have recently done a day away at Cuddesdon College entitled 'Finding God in the Garden' as they thought about the Garden of Eden, the Garden of Gethsemane, and the Garden Tomb and the Garden of Paradise.

Please pray for us – as Tommy did – that our garden and the furniture God - and Tommy - has given us should be used in people hearing about God, sharing him, and encouraging one another in their faith. Several meals, a book club, home group and prayer have already used them. Please also pray for God's blessing on Tommy's business.

God is wonderful! Praise him!

Jonathan Ford
20th July 2017



babies and toddlers

Every Wednesday at St. Mary's Church, Freeland



Contact:
Alice Harden on 886833
or David Tyler on 881270

Looking for a new opportunity?

Thrive is a local Christian youth work initiative working with young people in disadvantaged communities around Oxford.

Thrive is looking for a male Youth Worker to join their exciting and pioneering work with young people in Blackbird Leys. Could this be an opportunity for you or someone you know?

For more details see www.thriveteams.org/jobs or if you have any questions email: thrive@innovista.org





Navigate life together

Seven sessions to help
couples strengthen
their relationship

Starts: Wed 27th Sept 2017
@7.45pm

Where: Hanborough
(Final Venue TBC)

Cost: Free

An MOT for any marriage but you must BOTH attend together

Contact: Susan & Jeremy Sugden
pccsecretary@hanboroughparish.org.uk
Tel: 01993881522

**The
Marriage
Course**

themarriagecourse.org

Supported by the churches of Hanborough & Freeland

RIDE + STRIDES for Churches

Ride + Stride 2017

Saturday 9th September

Last year's Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride raised over £120,000. SS Peter & Paul, Church Hanborough has received many grants in the past and most recently £1,500 for stonework and roof repairs, as you may have noticed.

Please note this year's event in your diary and begin thinking about taking part, either visiting churches, welcoming visitors or sponsoring. Sponsor forms will be found at the back of the churches. If you are put off by the hassle of collecting sponsorship money, you can save the bother by using www.justgiving.com. You may ride or stride on a different day but not all churches may be open.

John Fox



Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust

Cycling is good for you!

Cycling to work may be one of the best things you have ever done: it can lower the risk of dying early by 40%, and reduce your chance of developing cancer by 45%. It also nearly halves the risk of heart disease, according to a recent study at Glasgow University.

Yet currently only about four per cent of us cycle to work. Glasgow University researchers want to see more infrastructure built to support cyclists in urban areas.

From Parish Pump 2017

News from John Abu Bakker

Here are a few photos of my ordination from St. Thomas Evangelical Church. Its an established church in Kerala and they trace history of 2000 years old since St. Thomas came to India. Bishop was my teacher too when I did my Bachelor of Divinity in Union Biblical seminary. After a waiting for 35 years the Lord fulfilled His promise of ordination.



1. Praise God for my deacon ordination.
2. Praise God for the Church planting teams in North.
3. Praise God for the new movement established & registered under Redeemer Fellowship Church in North.
4. Praise God for the workers training we had in Vellore.
5. Praise God for the struggles we had in our self support programme. We are still struggling but have achieved 90% of completion.

Pray for...

1. The presbyter ordination will be held in Oct 2017.
2. Financial crises.
3. One of the lands/plots to be sold so that we can clear our bills of the self support programme.
4. Persecution of believers n churches all over India.
5. My mission trips to Andra pradesh next month.
6. The Lord's wisdom on making decision on the School ministry.





THE KING'S SCHOOL WITNEY

Stepping Stones - The King's School, Witney

- Posts:** Foundation Stage Maternity Cover at, The King's School, Witney, Oxfordshire
An independent Christian school (3-16) run by Oxfordshire Community Churches
- Salary:** Between £8.94 and £9.88 per hour, dependent on experience and qualifications
- Advertised:** Friday 7th July 2017
- Closing Date:** Wednesday 20th September 2017
- Start date:** Monday 30th October 2017 to Friday 29th June 2018
- Interview dates:** To be arranged in w/c Monday 2nd October 2017

This is an exciting opportunities available to be involved in teaching at a successful Christian school. The King's School has operated for 33 years. Stepping Stones joined The King's School in September 2014 having been successfully run for 23 years and is open 4 ½ days per week. Stepping Stones can have 26 pupils on site at any one time, and takes pupils from N1 to Reception.

For this maternity cover, we are looking for someone who can lead the education for the nursery children. We are willing to consider a job share for this role.

The successful candidate(s) will have a love for working with young children, be flexible and servant-hearted. They would have a relevant qualification of at least a level 3. The successful candidate(s) would work from Monday to Friday, but not Wednesday afternoons and would be a key person to a group of children. They will be able to work as part of a strong staff team in line with the vision of Oxfordshire Community Churches and the distinctively Christian ethos of Stepping Stones. It is therefore a genuine and determining occupational requirement that the job-holder must be a committed Christian willing to work with others in the context of OCC's ethos statement.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We expect all staff to share this commitment and to undergo appropriate checks, including DBS checks.

If you have a disability and require any reasonable adjustments that will enable you to apply for this position, then please let us know. Please send us your CV as part of registering an interest. It is strongly recommended that you come and visit the school in advance of your application.

For further information, to register interest, request an application form or to arrange a visit, please contact Lesley West, School Administrator of The King's School, office@tkswitney.org.uk, or telephone 01993 778463



Head of Primary Department- The King's School, Witney

Post:	Full time Head of Primary Department at The King's School, Witney, Oxfordshire An independent Christian school (3-16) of Oxfordshire Community Churches
Salary:	£28,821-£32,428pa depending on qualifications and experience
Advertised:	Friday 7 th July 2017
Closing Date:	Wednesday 20 th September 2017 9am
Start date:	Wednesday 3 rd January 2018 or Tuesday 17 th April 2018
Interview dates:	w/c Monday 25 th September 2017

This is an exciting opportunity available to be involved in leadership at a successful Christian school. The King's School has operated for 33 years providing Primary and Secondary education. There are 200 pupils on roll and 83 in the primary department.

We are looking for a leader who can oversee the primary department of the school from Y1-Y6. The successful candidate will be an excellent primary practitioner, flexible, and servant-hearted, willing to use their gifts as part of the school team. As a leader and manager they will be able to build upon the successes of the past, maintaining the distinctive Christian quality and tone of the school. They will be able to work as part of a strong staff team in line with the vision of Oxfordshire Community Churches. It is therefore a genuine and determining occupational requirement that the job-holder must be a committed Christian willing to work with others in the context of OCC's ethos statement. For the right candidate we are prepared to look at a less than full time role. Internal and external applicants welcome. A January or April start date, can be negotiated, depending on your required notice period.

The role:

- To work with Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and Senior Management Team (SMT) in whole school matters, that the school vision and mission may be fulfilled
- To lead the Primary staff team with vision and in pastoral care, especially through staff meetings
- To oversee primary assessment, including marking and reporting to parents
- To lead and organise with the principal, lesson observations and performance management for Primary Staff
- To oversee and develop the primary curriculum
- To agree suitable timetables for the primary classes with teachers
- To lead assembly and devotional life
- To organise cover of lessons
- To give oversight to pastoral and behaviour management issues and the associated parent communication
- To interview new families seeking to join the school community
- To advise Principal on budget allocation, inset needs, and SDP priorities
- To oversee date coordination for the school calendar in communication with SMT
- To be involved in classroom classroom teaching

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We expect all staff to share this commitment and to undergo appropriate checks, including DBS checks.

If you have a disability and require any reasonable adjustments that will enable you to apply for this position, then please let us know.

For further information, please contact the office of The King's School, office@tkswitney.org.uk, or telephone 01993 778463. Please arrange to visit the school and send through an initial CV, should you be considering applying.

Some Useful Contact Details

Rector: **The Reverend David Tyler** – 881270
The Rectory, Swan Lane, Long Hanborough OX29 8BT
Email: rector@hanboroughparish.co.uk
(Rev David Tyler normally takes his day off on a Saturday, unless there is a wedding.)

For Baptisms/Funerals – contact Rev David Tyler

For Weddings – first contact organist Margaret Stringer – 882112
Fornsete, 23 Pigeon House Lane, Freeland

Church Wardens: **Clive Berry** – 882080
Email: clive@BerryPalantir.me.uk
Richard Wilkins – 882482
Email: margaretandrichard.wilkins@hotmail.co.uk

PCC Secretary: **Susan Sugden** – 881522
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Curates: **Rev Sue Spankie** – 01993 706469
Email: revsue@gst.org.uk

Rev Emma Hopegood Jones – 881936
Email: curate_emma@hanboroughpaish.co.uk

Licensed Lay Ministers: **Hugh Dalton** – 881742
Clive Berry – 882080

Lay Pastoral Assistants **John Fox** – 881384
Peter Langley – 883775

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care is an essential part of our life together in Hanborough. The members of the Church and the Community care for one another in all sorts of informal ways and the Pastoral Care Team* assists in the ministry of visiting and prayer.

*The Revd. David Tyler has oversight of the team whose members are: Kath Wheal, Gillian Hunt, Robin Feast, Bernard Melvin and John Fox, any of whom may be approached in confidence.

Regular Church Events

Monthly Prayer Time: 1st Wednesday at the Rectory 8pm. All welcome.

Commuters Prayer Time: Fridays 6.45–7.15am, 33 Churchill Way (880462).

Christian Fellowship: Contact Margaret Stringer (882112).

Lunch Club: Meets twice a month 12.45–2.15 pm:

The 1st Wednesday of the month is a two-course meal for £4 including coffee.

The 3rd Wednesday of the month there will be soup and sandwiches for £3.

Please contact Carol Bowyer (881930) if you would like to join.

Drop-in Coffee Morning: Tuesdays 10–11am, Christ Church. Tea/coffee, home-made cakes. All are welcome.

Men's Beer & Curry: All men welcome; it involves talks from speakers or watching a DVD, some of which have a Christian theme; good home delivery curry on offer. It is also simply a chance for men to socialise! For details contact Robin Feast (882897 or rifeast@aol.com).

Ladies' Pizza & Wine: A social evening for ladies, arranged every few months, usually a Friday. Contact Zoë Preston (886637).

Cycle Ride (35–50 miles): Saturdays 8am, starting from 33 Churchill Way. Contact Simon & Wendy Gundry (880462).

Home Groups (term-time only)

Tuesday

2pm at 113 Broadmarsh Lane, Freeland – contact Peter Langley (883775)

8pm at a venue in Hanborough or Freeland – contact Emma Young (883345)

8pm at 33 Churchill Way – contact Wendy Gundry (880462).

Wednesday

8pm **The Fireside Group** meets at 9 Glyme Way, Long Hanborough
– contact John Fox (881384)

8pm at The Rectory – contact Robin Feast (882897)

Thursday — Ladies' Daytime Bible Study Group

12.45pm at the Lindon's home. Contact Susan Sugden or Sarah Lindon.

Friday — The Fellowship Group

Meets once a month at 7.30pm at various venues (usually the first Friday of every month) – contact Robin Stockton (882361)

Exegesis group meets every 5 weeks (or so) at the rectory – contact David Tyler for more details (881270)

Young People's Groups (term-time only)

Wayfarers & Focus: Sunday School for children aged 3–16 years, which meets term-time most Sundays at the Manor School. Contact Zoë Dobson (880161).

Crèche: For babies and toddlers is run most Sundays at the Manor School.

Toddlers @ St Mary's: Wednesdays at 10–11.30am. See page 8 for more info.

Hitchhikers: Sundays 7.00–8.30pm in the Methodist Chapel. All 11+ year olds are welcome. Contact Val Richens (880143).

September 2017 Services

Hanborough

3rd	08.00	Holy Communion (Rev David Tyler)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00	Summer Service	Manor School
	18.00	BCP Holy Communion (Rev David Tyler)	Christ Church
10th	10.00	Holy Communion (Rev Emma Hopegood Jones)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00	Holy Communion (Rev David Tyler)	Manor School
	18.00	Evening Prayer (Rev Emma Hopegood Jones)	Christ Church
17th	08.00	Holy Communion (Rev David Tyler)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00	Worship Together (Rev Emma Hopegood Jones)	Manor School
	10.00	Morning Prayer	Christ Church
	18.00	Compline (Rev David Tyler)	Christ Church
24th	10.00	Holy Communion and Harvest Festival (Rev Dr Richard Armitage)	St Peter & St Paul
1st	08.00	Holy Communion (Rev David Tyler)	St Peter & St Paul
Oct	10.00	Morning Worship	Manor School
	18.00	BCP Holy Communion (Rev David Tyler)	Christ Church

St Mary the Virgin, Freeland

3rd	10.00	Family Service (Revs David Tyler and Emma Hopegood Jones)
10th	08.00	Holy Communion (Rev David Tyler)
17th	10.00	Holy Communion with Junior Church (Rev David Tyler)
1st	10.00	Family Service and Harvest Festival
Oct		(Revs David Tyler and Emma Hopegood Jones)

