

out and about...

FARMING COMMUNITY - TEN YEARS ON

Just ten years ago, the country was in the grip of an outbreak of Foot & Mouth Disease. Every television news bulletin featured horrifying pictures of the funeral pyres of thousands of sheep, cattle and pigs, with mechanical diggers excavating huge pits in which the remains were buried.

It was a desperate time for Britain's farmers – those whose animals were affected watched helplessly as their life's work was simply slaughtered and buried while others waited in isolation, hoping and praying that nothing and nobody would bring the disease on to their land.

Many farmers decided to call it a day and move into other jobs with a different lifestyle. For those who stayed it took years to recover – both financially and emotionally. Even today, there are farmers and members of farming families who will shed tears at the memory of those dark and bitter times.

Although foot and mouth disease remains a frightening memory, there are many other problems and challenges for Britain's farmers and for the members of farming families – animal disease such as bovine tuberculosis, physical and mental health problems, domestic strife, bereavement, accidents, coping with government red tape, financial problems – the list is seemingly endless and all these matters can appear much worse with the isolation of a rural lifestyle. This is when the volunteers of Farm Crisis Network and the service of the Agricultural Chaplaincy step in. Their role is to provide pastoral and practical support by walking with those in difficulty while the problems are resolved.

Fred who farms in Derbyshire is a perfect example of how this support can help: His doctor and hospital consultant had already, on two occasions, arranged for him to have a hip replacement operation but Fred claimed that he simply couldn't leave the farm at the present time. Fred was persuaded to telephone the FCN Helpline, who alerted the Agricultural Chaplain. Within 24 hours a visit was made. It was made plain to Fred that his health and well being was of paramount importance and so, with this ongoing support, Fred compiled a priority list of things that needed doing – contacting the authorities to ensure that the identifying paperwork for his cattle was in order, updating all the livestock records and then organising for someone to look after his stock until he was back in action. Within a few weeks everything was in place and Fred is now bouncing around with a new hip.

Farm Crisis Network works closely with other support agencies throughout much of England and Wales, including the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI) & the Agricultural Chaplaincy Association (ACA). Volunteers are ready and prepared to help farmers when the problems they face become overwhelming. If you feel that you could help, in any way, please contact Graham Hinds: Telephone 07833 638562 or email: grahamhinds@hotmail.com



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31st March EASTER DAY

Colour: White (Year C)

Hazelwood 11.00am Holy Communion

with Father Jonathan Page; cw, sermon and hymns

Holbrook 10.45am Holy Communion
with Revd. David Railton; cw, sermon and hymns

Milford 9.00am Holy Communion
with Revd. David Railton; cw, sermon and hymns
Epistle: Acts 10.34-43
Epistle reader and server: Mrs Ann Claussen

7th April 2nd Sunday of Easter

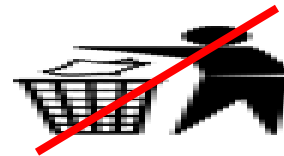
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Hazelwood 11.00am Holy Communion - *Sunday School meets in Memorial Hall then Church*
with Revd. David Railton; BCP, sermon and hymns

Holbrook 3.00pm Evensong and Holy Communion,
with Revd. David Railton; BCP, sermon and hymns

Milford *10.00am Morning Worship
with Licensed Reader James Hinnells; Informal worship, sermon and hymns.
Old Testament Lesson: Acts 5.27-32
New Testament [Gospel] Lesson: John 20.19-end
Read by Mrs Natelle Rogers

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24th March PALM SUNDAY

Colour: Red (Year C)

Hazelwood 3.00pm Palm Sunday Service
With Revd. David Railton; Worship, sermon and music
and hymns for Palm Sunday

Holbrook 10.45am Holy Communion
with Revd. David Railton; cw; sermon and hymns

Milford 9.00am Holy Communion
with Revd. David Railton; cw; sermon and hymns
Epistle: [Philippians 2.5-11](#)
Epistle reader and server: Mrs Francine Franklin

26th March Tuesday
Communion at 14 Chevin Road, Belper
Host: Mrs Mary Watson

28th March MAUNDY THURSDAY
Colour: White (Year C)

Hazelwood 7.30pm The Eucharist of the Last Supper
with Revd. David Rowley presiding and Revd. David Railton preaching;
cw, sermon and hymns, stripping of the altar and vigil
Epistle: [1 Cor. 11.23-26](#)
Read by
Gospel: [John 13.1-17,31b - 35](#)

29th March GOOD FRIDAY
Colour: Red (Year C)
7.00pm Holbrook: Good Friday Cantata

Dear Friends

At the beginning of Lent, during the Ash Wednesday service, I said the following words: "I invite you, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word" – proscribed words from the Church of England service. This isn't an invitation from the church to do something unusual or extreme or to leave daily life behind. Instead, the Lenten disciplines which our Ash Wednesday invitation recommends to us are some of the church's most tried and trusted ways of noticing God right where we are. They are not the only ways, but they are among some of the most reliable. That's why the church asks us to use them during Lent.

Now, if you don't want them to work, you can do them mechanically. You can do them with your eyes and ears on automatic pilot. Just say the Lord's Prayer at top speed, and then tick off prayer for the day. Eat one less potato at dinner for 40 days, and tick off fasting. Rush into church on a Sunday morning let your mind flit over the past week for 15 seconds before we say the confession in church, and check off self-examination and repentance.

Keep your eyes and ears on automatic pilot instead of being open to seeing and hearing God's presence and the call to the observance of a Holy Lent will not disturb you one bit. You can always stay on the ceaseless treadmill of your normal busy round, and never hear the Holy Spirit speaking quietly and gently to you.

Or you can take time and use these ancient church disciplines to become open to God. Pray, maybe, by talking to God as if he had spent the whole day right at your side, as if you knew no special church rules, and as if you expect him to keep up his half of the conversation.

Or fast, maybe, on some day when you'll have a chance to sit down and feel the hollow buzz in your stomach, and then ask what it reminds you of. What else, who else, feels that way?

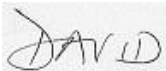
And for self-examination, maybe, try on the simple questions of a child, things like "How come you lied?" or "Why did I deliberately go out of my way to hurt that person?" or "Why can't I be friends with that person anymore?"

From the Vicarage

The Vicar writes.....

Of course, you don't have to do those things exactly. Do some other ones if you like. But if you want to become more open to God this Lent, try turning off the automatic pilot and, try taking it on faith that the Word of God, the Word made Flesh, is near you, in your heart, in your house, in your neighbourhood, even in the person next to you in church.

My prayers & Lenten blessings



The Revd. David Railton
Vicar



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GOOD FRIDAY

Church of Saint Lawrence Shottle
will be open 12.00-4.00

Hot cross buns, tea and coffee served

Services and Readings-March 2013

3rd March 3rd Sunday of Lent

Colour: Purple (Year C)

Hazelwood	11.00am Holy Communion - <i>Sunday School meets in Memorial Hall then Church</i> with Revd. David Railton; BCP, sermon and hymns
Holbrook	3.00pm Evensong and Holy Communion , with Revd. David Railton; BCP, sermon and hymns
Milford	9.00am Morning Prayer with Revd. David Railton; cw <i>Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10.1-13</i> <i>Read by anyone</i>

10th March 4th Sunday of Lent
Colour: Green (Year C)
MOTHERING SUNDAY

Hazelwood	3.00pm Mothering Sunday Service with Revd. David Railton; BCP, sermon and hymns
Holbrook	10.45am Holy Communion with Revd. David Railton; cw; sermon and hymns
Milford	9.00am Holy Communion with Revd. David Railton; cw; sermon and hymns <i>Epistle: Colossians 3.12-17</i> <i>Epistle reader Mrs Natelle Rogers</i>

17th March 5th Sunday of Lent (*Passiontide begins*)
Colour: Purple (Year C)

Hazelwood	11.00am Holy Communion with Baptism with Revd. David Rowley; cw, sermon and hymns
Holbrook	10.45am Family Service- All-age worship, talk and hymns with Licensed Reader Hilary Smith
Milford	10.00am Morning Worship with Licensed Reader James Hinnells; Informal worship, sermon and hymns. <i>Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 43.16-21</i> <i>New Testament [Gospel] Lesson: John 12.1-8</i> <i>Read by Dr Peter Dyer</i>