



The Deanery of Burnham and Slough

News from around the Deanery

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Upcoming dates for your diary

Deanery Synod Meeting : Tuesday 24th September 7.15 for 7.30. Venue to be confirmed.

Chapter social gathering on Tuesday 10th September, 12.30. Venue to be advised.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER: REFLECTING ON THE PARIS 2024 OLYMPICS



As I watched the Paris 2024 Olympics this week, memories of my role as Chaplain to the London 2012 Olympics came flooding back. My base back then was Eton, Eton Wick, Dorney and Bovenay, where I had the privilege of getting to know the Rowers. This morning, I found myself rooting for the women's four to win gold, a victory that would have made Helen Glover the most successful Rower in the history of the sport in this country. Unfortunately, they came in second, and their disappointment was palpable. Amidst the excitement and disappointments of the games, a controversy from the opening ceremony still lingers in the air. The ceremony featured a depiction of a bacchanalia clearly inspired by Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper." This tableau included drag queens, a transgender model, and a naked singer, sparking swift and strong reactions. A well known Journalist questioned, "Would they have mocked any other religion like this? Appalling decision." A Paris 2024 spokeswoman responded, stating, "Clearly there was never an intention to show disrespect to any religious group," and claimed the ceremony aimed to "celebrate community tolerance." She added, "We believe this ambition was achieved. If people have taken any offense, we are really sorry."

In a country where only about 5 percent of people attend church weekly and less than half the population believes in God, the ceremony's producers were surprised that a depiction of what they consider an archaic and irrelevant religious story would offend anyone. This is precisely how many in our secularised culture view Jesus. To change their minds, we need to show them how Jesus has changed our lives. We should pray for those who created the parody, those who acted in it, and the country whose spiritual lostness explains it.

God's word is clear: "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:44). "Whenever you stand praying, forgive" (Mark 11:25). "Love your enemies and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return" (Luke 6:35).
Janet Binns

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OPENING TIMES

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH
MAY TO OCTOBER 2024
2.30 - 4.30 PM

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SUNDAY 5 MAY 2024
SUNDAY 2 JUNE 2024
SUNDAY 7 JULY 2024
SUNDAY 4 AUGUST 2024
SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2024
SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER 2024

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10.00 AM TO 3.30 PM

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OPEN GARDENS HEDGERLEY

Sunday 8 September 1pm to 5pm

- Art show in St Mary's Church
- Plant sale on the Old Village Green
- Teas in the Memorial Hall

A rare opportunity to enjoy the glorious country gardens in this pretty village off the A355 between Farnham Common and Beaconsfield. Postcode SL2 3UY.

Tickets £6 (children under 16 free) at the Old Green by the pond. Sorry no dogs in the gardens.

All proceeds to St Mary's Church roof repairs.



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THE PARISH OF IVER

Tower Tours and Cream Teas

Sundays 4th & 18th August 2024
2pm - 5pm, St Peter's Church, Iver

Please wear sensible shoes (no heels or flip flops)
Young visitors need to be aged 8+ and
accompanied by an adult to go up the tower

www.iverparishchurch.org.uk

For further information please contact
Rachel on office@iverparishchurch.org.uk or 07835 879178

St Thomas' Church and Colbrook Residents Association

invite you to the August

Community Café & Picnic

from 9.30am to 3pm on Monday 12th August 2024,
in St Thomas' Church & Grounds
Vicarage Way, Colbrook, SL3 0JY



Tea, coffee, soft drinks, cakes and scones with jam & cream will be available to purchase at reasonable prices



Come along and enjoy a cuppa, cake and a chat or have a family day out and bring a picnic and enjoy the church grounds and play Giant Jenga and Connect 4



All ages welcome, but children need to be accompanied by an adult.



"Life is Precious..."

...not because it is unchangeable like a diamond, but because it is vulnerable like a little bird."

...the next Friends of St Nicolas Church popular Taplow Talk



Our Vicar, Revd Jane Cresswell hasn't always been a Vicar. Come and find out about her journey in life and reflect on how we all establish who we are and what is most important to us.



"Each of us has a mission in life ... once we start living our lives with that conviction, we will soon know what we were sent to do."

Henri Nouwen, Jesuit Priest

Thursday, 15th August
Join us at 7:00pm for coffee and dessert: the talk begins at 7:30pm

Tickets £10 available on the church website



DEANERY PRAYER

It's been encouraging to meet to pray regularly for our Deanery. Our weekly prayer session is 'on holiday' now that its school holiday time. We will resume our gatherings in September to coincide with the 'back to school' calendar. Please look out for the email notifying you on the first date with Zoom log in details