

# Weekly News 5<sup>th</sup> February 2012



...we welcome you all. There is an emphasis in this Service on the connections between all ages in our congregation. We would therefore encourage people with young children to sit in the normal pews, i.e. not necessarily in the crèche area

## **ECUMENICAL LENT COURSE. "Handing on the Torch".**

Christianity is the largest movement our world has ever seen. It continues to grow at an immense pace, especially in Asia (including China), Africa and South America. At the same time, Christianity in the west struggles to grow, and perhaps even to survive. In this course we consider some of the reasons for this, and what it might mean for individual Christians, for churches and for Western culture, in a world where alternative beliefs are increasingly on offer.

***This course will take place at the Sacred Heart Church on Thursday March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. The booklet accompanying the course is available from Thomas, price £4.00.***

Thomas, Charlotte, Beatrice, Anne and Alice would like to invite you to a lunch party to celebrate Kate's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday in St Bartholomew's Church Hall on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 12:30 pm for 1:00 pm. If you would like to attend, please let Thomas know by March 4<sup>th</sup>.

**If you have a spare choir Vestry key.** please return it to the Croft Kitchen or Give to Jackie Ferry in the choir. Thank you.

**SWINDON FOODBANK.** We have received a formal certificate from The Swindon Foodbank certifying that the members of St Bartholomew's Church donated 550.2 kgs of food in 2011. This was enough food to provide 688 meals for people in Swindon. They thank everyone for their generosity - the certificate will be on display in Church. The items most needed at the moment are long-life milk and fruit juice and tinned fruit.

Sunday	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist
	12noon	Holy Baptism
	10:00 am	All-Age Eucharist
	6:00 pm	Evensong & Benediction
Monday	9:15 am	Holy Eucharist
	7:30 pm	PCC Meeting in the Croft
Tuesday		
Wednesday	10:30am	Holy Eucharist
	2:30 pm	Croft Quilters Deanery Synod at Church House, Calne
Thursday	9:15 am	Holy Eucharist
	1:30 pm	MU Informal afternoon meeting at Mary Robinson's home.
Friday	9:15 am	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	9:15 am	Holy Eucharist

Next Sunday: 8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:00 am Parish Eucharist

Items for the weekly pew sheet, monthly news and contributions for the website can be sent to

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Items for the weekly pew sheet should reach the Parish Office by Wednesday evening.

Items for the monthly news should be submitted by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month please.