

## **Comings and Goings**

Oxford has a new Bishop. John Pritchard is welcomed at Christ Church Cathedral on 8/10 June and thereafter all across the diocese, beginning in Abingdon on 11 June.

Bishop John comes to us from the north—Co. Durham—and leads the team of Bishops and other staff including Stephen, Bishop of Reading. They have care of 620 parishes across three counties.

Just in case, Bishop John is not related to David Pritchard, here as our Vicar 1984–1996 and celebrating the 25th Anniversary of his ordination on 1 July at Ely Cathedral where he now serves.

Changes in leadership in the parish include Neil Rowe handing on his responsibilities as Churchwarden to Rachel Gaisford. Neil has served us well in that role for seven years and, with his wife Jill, will continue to support our children's work and other aspects of church life; Neil remains as a Director of the Anson Trust. Rachel, with her husband Charles, is part of the influx of new young families into Marcham; Rachel is involved with Toddlers and other small groups whilst Charles is a Governor of Marcham School.

## **All Saints' at eight**

8am that is. One of two communion services usually held on the first Sunday of each month. Quiet and traditional in style it attracts a small number of parishioners and welcomes guests on WI courses at Denman College. We meet some interesting visitors from all over the country!

## **St. Luke's, but later**

A communion service is also held on the first Sunday of each month at 10 30am at St. Luke's in Garford—a small chapel situated behind the farm at this end of the village. Serving mainly those who live in Garford, worshippers are also welcomed from Marcham.

## **Not going .... just yet**

Eddie Shirras' five years as our Parish Priest have been extended by the Bishop of Reading in consultation with our churchwardens. Pamela's' ordination in 2005 has contributed to this decision; Eddie and Pamela will continue as our ministers (part time!) for up to three years—depending on their health and well being.

**All Saints' Marcham  
open daily for prayer  
visitors welcome**

**Sunday Worship  
10am and 6pm**  
with crèche and  
children's groups

Tuesdays  
10am Toddlers' Group  
at church

Wednesdays  
10am Holy Communion  
at Duffield Place  
12 noon Café  
at Sports Scouts & Social Club

Fridays  
5 30pm Friday Club  
at church  
for Primary Age children

Saturdays  
8 30am Men's Breakfast  
2 June, 7 July  
at Sports Scouts & Social Club

**St. Luke's, Garford  
Sunday Worship  
10 30am  
3 June, 1 July**

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## **A Daily Prayer**

God our saviour,  
look on this wounded world  
in pity and in power;  
hold us fast to your promises of peace  
won for us by your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen