

### The Ministry Team

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### Services for next Sunday, 28 February - Second of Lent

#### Child Okeford

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Morning Worship

#### Shillingstone

9.45am Holy Communion

#### Okeford Fitzpaine

10.00am Holy Communion

#### Manston

6.30pm Benefice Evening Prayer (BCP)

# The Okeford Benefice



# Newsletter

First Sunday of Lent

21 February 2010

For you to take home to use in your prayers  
or to give to a friend or neighbour

All items for the Newsletter to Sue Clayton, Benefice Secretary,  
by Thursday evenings please.

## Welcome -

Our love and best wishes to Shirley, who goes into hospital tomorrow for a small operation on her knee. She's going to be out of action for a few days, so we wish her well and look forward to seeing her out and about again soon.

### Services during the week

Thursday, 25 February at 10.00am - Holy Communion  
at Millbrook House

### In our prayers this week

The Anglican Church of Congo

The Diocese of Chelmsford

and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Denmark

The Rt Revd Michael Ligor, Bishop of Rejaf, Sudan

Child Okeford Churchwardens and PCC

Those who are sick, remembering especially -

Joyce Pearce

Viv Tuffin

Kath Antell

Margaret Harthan

David Burton

George Clifton

Clare Stephens

Shirley Smith

Blackmore Vale Deanery

**Lay Pastoral Assistant (LPA) Course 2010**

St John's Church, Enmore Green, Shaftesbury

Wednesday evenings 7.00pm - 8.30pm 17 March - 30 June

A leaflet giving full details is in your church.

## Events around the Benefice

This week -

**The first St Nicholas Lent Lunch** takes place on Tuesday, 23 February from 12.30pm to 2.00pm in Child Okeford Village Hall. The menu will be homemade soup, bread and cheese, fruit, tea and coffee, at a cost of £3.00 with proceeds to charity. If you need a lift, please ring Sue on 860653.

**Messy Church** continues its Lent Journey on Wednesday, 24 February 9.00am to 10.30am in Child Okeford Community Centre. Visitors - of any age - welcome!

**Shillingstone's next Lent Lunch** is on Wednesday, 24 February from 12.00 noon to 2.00pm with Bela and Norman Rogerson at Toad Hall, opposite the Cross, Blandford Road. Proceeds to the Haiti Earthquake Appeal. If you need a lift, please ring Rosie on 860491.

**The first session of the Lent Group** is on Wednesday, 24 February from 7.30pm to 9.00pm at Highlands, High Street, Child Okeford. There's an opportunity to view a part of the Pasolini film *The Gospel according to St Matthew* and then, over shared food, discuss what the film has to say to us about the teachings of Christ and our response. All are welcome - just turn up and bring something very simple to eat and share.

**Bishop David's Sudan Appeal** for funds to assist in the rebuilding and refounding of Bishop Gwynne Theological College in Juba, Sudan - you'll find copies of Bishop David's letter and Gift Aid forms in your church. He hopes that you may consider supporting BGC's refoundation instead of donating to a resignation gift for him.