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12-14 October 2021

At Sandown Park, Surrey

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Ride and Stride event and Kilvert Open Day:

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11th : 10am - 5pm

Ride and Stride : Susan Davis is looking for sponsors for this event as she cycles to raise money for HH Church. Please support her and help the Church.

Susan can be contacted on 07799380329 or by e mail

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We are combining this with the Kilvert event organised by Chippenham Museum. The Church will be open 10am to 5pm . If you could offer one hour that day to help 'man' the Church it would be most helpful .

Please let Sue Boulton or Judith know . Thankyou.

Harvest Songs of Praise : Sunday October 3rd : 4pm

Please join us for our Harvest Songs of Praise , with refreshments. Donations welcome for Doorway - tins of food - meat, beans ,soup, tomatoes, cereals , biscuits and pasta etc.

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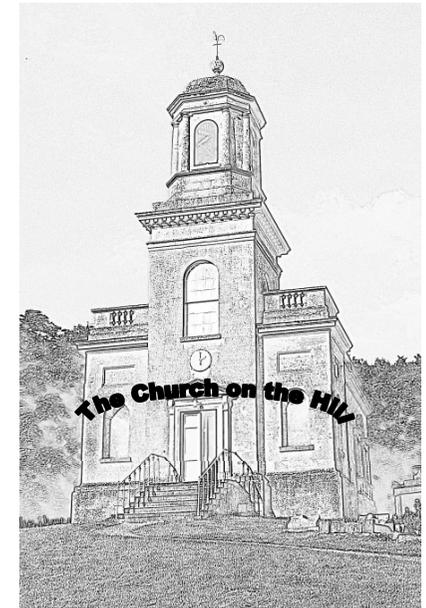
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The Rt Rev Maurice Wood (1916-2007)

Bishop Maurice Wood prayer seems appropriate for Hardenhuish:

“Make us like a city set on a hill whose light cannot be hidden; so that men and women and children may find Christ as the light of the world, and his church as the family of the redeemed, and eternal life as the gift of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord”



Sunday	5 th September	10.30am	Come Together at St. Peters, Langley Burrell
Sunday	12 th September	4 p.m.	St. Nicholas Praise with communion
Sunday	26 th September	4 p.m.	St. Nicholas afternoon Praise
Sunday	3 rd October	4 p.m.	St. Nicholas Harvest Praise
Sunday	10 th October	4 p.m.	St. Nicholas Praise with communion

From October services return to weekly the first two services are shown here

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In Malachi 3:6 we hear God declaring *“I the LORD do not change”*.

God cannot change because He cannot be any better than He already is.
God cannot change because He cannot become less than perfect than He already is.

And in the letter of James chapter 1 verse 17 we read, *“Every good & perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows”*

The same cannot be said of course of us. We are not perfect; *“for all have sinned & fall short of the glory of God”* Romans 3:23

Once we submit to Christ, everything changes. We are born again (John 3:3). Ideas & perspective changes. Our values & actions change to line up with God’s Word, & as the Holy Spirit works within us, we find that *“the old has gone, the new is here”* (2 Corinthians 5:17).

The Christian life is an ongoing series of changes as we grow in knowledge, faith & holiness (1 Peter 1:16; Hebrews 12:14). We grow in Christ (2 Peter 3:18); & growth requires change.

Even good changes can be uncomfortable & scary of course. The Israelites in slavery in Egypt at first resisted Moses’ attempts to free them believing Moses was a troublemaker who was making things worse for them. Indeed, things did actually get worse before they got better! (Exodus 5). At the pool of Bethesda, Jesus found an infirm man who had suffered his condition for a long time. Interestingly, Jesus asked him *“Do you want to get well?”* (John 5:6). A strange question with a logical purpose. Before the Lord introduced the man to lifelong change, he wanted to know: do you really want this, or are you more comfortable with your life of begging & living off the charity of others? Are you ready to change?

We might like to ask ourselves a similar question. Are we ready to accept change?

God never changes, but people do. Our bodies, brains, ideas & values all change. In fact, God built into us the ability to change. Part of being created in God’s image is that human beings can think, reason & come to

conclusions distinctly different from the physical or material reality around us (Genesis 1:27).

Of course, we can find “change” challenging for all sorts of reasons. But it is a part of human life. And it is part of growth & development.

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