

## **All Saints Church – article in April 2016 Village Views**

The subject matter for this year's Lent Groups has been the thorny issue of "Migration and Movement". However, we have had some very good discussions around the subject and have learned that it is not just a modern-day problem that is currently exercising the minds of our politicians in Europe but that it is also recorded in the Bible. Jesus and his family were migrants running from danger when Herod was about to massacre all the children in and around Bethlehem.

Our Mothering Sunday service on 6<sup>th</sup> March was very well attended and Pat Glover's West Berkshire Strings continue to grow in numbers and ability. This year their solo piece was a beautiful rendition of Edelweiss from the Sound of Music. We were also entertained to an organ interlude from Susan Holmes who played Ave Verum Corpus by Mozart. Alice Rich and Jemima Tulloch sang a very happy song which included actions to everyone's amusement. The children presented to their mothers cards and posies that they had made on Saturday afternoon in the Village Hall. Thanks to everyone who played a part in the service and who helped with the organisation and the preparation of the posies.

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting for East Garston** will be held in the Friends' Meeting House on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm**. It will be preceded by the Annual Meeting of Parishioners for the Election of Churchwardens starting at 7.15 pm. Churchwardens must be nominated and seconded by persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a register of local government electors. Candidates for election to the parochial church council (PCC) or deanery synod must be nominated and seconded by persons whose names are on the church electoral roll of the parish. Application forms for enrolment on the church electoral roll and nomination forms for PCC members and Churchwardens will be available in the church or can be obtained from myself.

Looking ahead to **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May**, step back into the year 1797 for "**An Evening with Jane Austen**". Meet the Austen family and hear them tell you about their real lives. This event will include a Music, Wine & Canapes reception before the show in the church. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time.

**Bob Briant**