

Rogation Sunday

I am one of those occasional attendees at church services, usually only entering the church at Christmas time (don't we all enjoy the carol-singing?) and for weddings and funerals. The posters and flyers that appeared around the village announcing the Rogation Sunday service appealed to me, so with Alan Vickers plus camera in tow, I joined the congregation in Nigel and Jane Adams barn on May 20th.



how the farmer is so reliant on the weather doing the right thing at the correct time, particularly with his hay crop, which can be ruined by a heavy downfall at the crucial time!

Food for Thought

Mike Hartley then told us about his rather larger, but still family-run, farm in Upper Milton. They grow

cereals, with the expertise of the newest member of the team 'Young' Richard and keep pigs, which are Mike's domain. Anne went on to remind us how we can all do our bit to support farmers, not only

in this country but in the developing world as well, by buying locally or trying to support the Fair Trade movement and how all our actions have an effect on others. Food for thought for all of us!

The children, after

placing flowers in the big vase on the altar, retired into the sunshine to learn a new poem, listen to stories and to plant runner beans in cotton wool. The service proceeded with the singing of hymns and saying of prayers, but it was such a joy to be outside in the fresh air.

Congratulations to all of the team and I hope to join in more of your Sunday Specials, as outlined in our June/July issue. Do look out for the notices around the village and come along to experience a different kind of worship.

Christine Halliday

Such a Lovely Service

How glad I was that I went along because it was such a lovely service held on a beautiful sunny morning. It was an added joy to see so many parents and young children there, enjoying the experience of a real farmyard, with chickens scratching about, cows mooing and birds singing.

Anne Hartley led the service, with Bernard West and the choir in full support. Nigel Adams described his mixed farm which, unlike the many large estate farms in the area, is relatively small. The last of his cows had calved that morning but the mother would not let anyone near enough to sex the calf; but the children (and interested adults) had the pleasure of seeing several young calves as well as the many lambs that this season has produced. Nigel described

