

The United Benefice

of Chichester St Paul and Westhampnett St Peter

ST PAUL'S PARISH CHURCH

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An Eco-congregation and Fair Trade Parish



Week of 22nd February 2015 — First Sunday of Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion

8.20 am Breakfast Taizé Eucharist at St Paul's

10.00 am The PARISH EUCHARIST

*The Revd. Simon Holland presides
assisted by the Revd Karen Young
and Professor Jimmy Dunn preaches.*



5.30 pm Evening Prayer

EVERY DAY *in St Paul's* – 9.00 am Morning Prayer – 5.30 pm Evening Prayer

Mon 23rd	10.00 am	CHERUBS in the Parish Centre. Play and activities for pre-school children with parents/carers.
	7.30 pm	Pilgrim Course
Tue 24th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist
Wed 25th	7.30pm	Ladies Group – “Two Months in Tangier” – a talk by Mrs Carolyn Clarke
Thu 26th	10.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	12 noon	Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer in the Lady Chapel
	3.30pm	Messy Church
	7.30pm	Parish Lent Course – see page 3 for more details
Fri 27th	2.45pm	F3A Afternoon Group at 18 Lime Close (774230) when the topic will be “Humour”. (Please bring some to share)
	7.15pm	F3A Evening Group at 2 The Drive (529291) when the topic will be “Heaven”
Sat 28th		Organ Fund Raising Dinner

NEXT SUNDAY 1st March 2014 – Second Sunday of Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST

Readings: Genesis 17.1-7, 15, 16; Romans 4.13-25; Mark 8.31-38

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

TODAY – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
10.00 am – THE PARISH EUCHARIST

with Sunday School for youngsters (4–13+) and Crèche for younger children

Introit	121	<i>Forty days and forty nights</i>
Psalm		<i>Psalm 25 (sung by the choir)</i>
Offertory	128	<i>Jesu, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly</i>
Communion	127	<i>Lord Jesus, think on me and purge away my sin</i>
Post Communion	702	<i>Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us</i>

Collect of the Day.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading Genesis 9.8-17

During Lent this year we hear from Israel's books of the Law those passages which tell of the covenants that bind God and his people together. After the great flood, Noah and his family set out on God's new beginning for humanity, under a covenant promising God's new blessing to all creation.

Second Reading 1 Peter 3.18-22

The writer explains the symbolic meaning of Noah and the flood water. Through the water used in Christian baptism everyone is brought to God's safety, because Christ has died, Christ is risen, and the power of his resurrection is present for us.

Gospel Reading Mark 1.9-15

This Sunday's readings all have the powerful image of salvation through water. We hear now Mark's account of the baptism of Jesus, then Our Lord's call to repent and believe his good news. So begins our Lenten preparation, for those to be baptised at Easter, and for us all to reaffirm our baptismal covenant promises.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

After the Parish Eucharist today and every Sunday

The Ministry of Healing (*prayer, laying on of hands, anointing in the Lady Chapel at the front right of the Church*) is available for all who desire it.

You can help **Stonepillow** founded by local churches to help the homeless in several projects, by giving time, supplies, and by regular donations. **Envelopes (with Gift Aid declaration) will be available here next Sunday.**

CAKE, TEA AND BCP! – We shall be holding the monthly tea party at St Michael's Hall **next Sunday.** All are welcome



The **Pilgrim Course** is underway and there is a meeting this week on Monday. The future dates of the courses are, **2nd March and 9th March** in the Parish centre at 7.30pm.



Messy Church at St Paul's will be on Thursday February 26th in the Parish Centre from 3.30 to 5.30. This is an exciting new project for St Paul's and we need everyone's support.

The **Parish Lent Course**, led by Anthony Freeman, will be on Thursday evenings starting on **26th February** in the Parish Centre at 7.30 pm, finishing not later than 9.00pm. Overall title: **'How on earth can we know God?'** Session topics include 'In the Bible and the world'; 'Through Jesus'; and 'By the Holy Spirit'.

Lent Boxes And Envelopes – if you haven't already picked up your Lent box they will be available this week after the service.

Women's World Day of Prayer this year is here, at St Paul's on **Friday 6th March at 2.00pm.** There will be soup at 1.00pm and tea after the service. Note the date in your diary. All are welcome.

F3A Group Dates

Afternoon Group March 27th, April 24th and May 22nd.

Evening Group March 27th, April 24th.

There will be an **Organ Fund Raising Dinner** on **Saturday 28th February** at St Paul's. Tickets (which are limited) are £20 for a 3 course dinner will be on sale today or contact Margaret Phillips tel: 527961

Christian Aid Lent Lunches – the local Christian Aid committee will be providing soup lunches from 12 noon until 1.30pm on Wednesdays during Lent (starting on 18th February). They will be held at Christ Church in Old Market Avenue. Your support would be much appreciated. If anyone could help with the lunch on 25th February, please let Margaret Heald know on margareheald@btinternet.com or 787069.

St Paul's Parish will be prayed for at Chichester Cathedral on **Saturday 7th March** at the 12 noon Holy Communion service and at the 5.30pm Evensong. Complimentary tea will also be served at 4.30pm in the Cloisters Café. There will be a guided tour of the Cathedral and, if you wish, to see your Parish Silver in the Treasury. If you would like to attend please contact Felicity on 789214.

Barn Dance – 'The Spring Fling!' – Saturday 7th March, 5.30-8pm. St Paul's Mission Group are delighted to invite you to a fun, friendly evening of music, food and dancing for all ages! Our professional caller will guide us through our do-si-dos and (do-si don'ts!) in what should be a great evening. Dancers or spectators of any age are welcome. Tickets are on sale after today's service – £6 per adult, £4 per child or £15 per family and include a Ploughman's supper and pudding. We hope to see you all there!

Sox/Rox Bowling will be on **Sunday 1st March.** Book your places now! Calling all kids – come along to the Sox/Rox bowling evening on Sunday 1st March! School years 4-6 should meet at 4.30pm, and years 7-10 at 6.15pm. Tickets are £5 including a drink- advance booking is ESSENTIAL!!!! Please contact Liz at youth@stpaulschichester.org or on 01243 780101 – hope to see you all there!

Sox Sleepover – Saturday 29th March – it's the SOX sleepover for all those in school years 4-6. Join us for craft, games, food, films (and very little sleep!) from 6.00pm in the Parish centre. Cost is £4 per child and numbers are limited- please contact Liz to book your place ASAP!

Youth Bible Study – Youth bible study commences tomorrow, **Monday 23rd February**, from 6pm to 7pm, followed by refreshments in the Parish centre. This course is based on Youth Emmaus and is open to all young people, including those seeking confirmation on May 17th. Please contact Simon or Liz for more information and to confirm your place.

New at St Paul's? – please introduce yourself and collect a Welcome Booklet (detailing regular groups and meetings) at the back of the church. If you wish, please fill in the form at the back of the booklet with your details.

BE STILL – An invitation to explore silent prayer in the Christian tradition on the third Tuesday evening every month at George Bell House, Canon Lane, Chichester, PO19 1PX. Arrivals from 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start, finishing at 8.30pm.

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