



# ST PAUL'S PARISH CHURCH

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## Week of 8th March 2009 – Second Sunday of Lent

8.00 am Holy Eucharist *at St Paul's and St Michael's*

9.00 am Morning Prayer

### 10.00 am PARISH Eucharist

*Father James presides and preaches.*

### 11.30 am "Anglican: a way of believing and worshipping"

teaching by Fr Paul Collins.

### 5.30 pm Evening Prayer

**6.30 pm ROX Youth Group** - for all young people in school years 7 – 9



## MONDAY to SATURDAY *at St Paul's*

**9.00 am Morning Prayer**

**5.30 pm Evening Prayer**

**Mon 9th 10.00 am CHERUBS** in the Parish Centre. Play and activities for pre-school children with parents/carers.

**6.30 pm The Rebirth of the Jewish Prophetic Tradition** Cathedral lecture by Prof Marc Ellis, Jewish Studies Centre, Baylor, Texas

**7.30 pm CTiC Lent Talk** at Christ Church "A Vision for Local Communities" Sarah Flashman of Immanuel Church

**Tues 10th 8.00 am Holy Eucharist.**

**7.30 pm The Parish Healing Team** meet in the Parish Centre for prayer and discussion – anyone is welcome.

**Wed 11th 3.30 pm Junior Confirmation Preparation** *in the Parish Centre*

**7.30 pm Ladies Group - Quiet Evening**

**Thu 12th 10.00 am Holy Eucharist**

**7.45 pm Senior Confirmation Preparation** *The Rectory, Tower Close*

**Fri 13th 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm – Silent Prayer before the Cross**

## NEXT SUNDAY 15th March 2009 – Third Sunday of Lent

**8.00 am Breakfast Taizé Eucharist** *at St Paul's*

**8.30 am Fair Trade Breakfast**

9.00 am Morning Prayer

### 10.00 am PARISH EUCHARIST

Readings: Exodus 20.1-17; 1 Corinthians 1.18-25; John 2.13-22

**11.30 am St Paul's Quarterly Coffee Recital** by young members of the Church

**5.30 pm Evening Prayer**

**6.30pm St Paul's ROX Youth Group** in the Parish Centre

### *At St Peter's, Westhampnett:*

*Morning Prayer is on Wednesdays at 9 am and Evensong is at 5.30 pm on Fridays*

**News and Views** The new edition is ready: distributors please collect and deliver ASAP

## TODAY – SECOND SUNDAY of LENT

### 10 00am PARISH EUCHARIST (Crèche and Junior Church *in the Parish Centre*)

<b>Introit</b>	<b>626</b>	<i>Take up thy cross, the Saviour said</i>
<b>After 1st Reading</b>	<b>316</b>	<i>I am not ashamed to own my Lord</i>
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>642</b>	<i>The God of Abraham praise</i>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>627</b>	<i>Take up your cross, he says</i>
<b>Communion Anthem</b>		<i>View me Lord Lloyd</i>
<b>Post Communion</b>	<b>19</b>	<i>All my hope on God is founded</i>

### Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

### First Reading **Genesis 17.1-7, 15, 16**

This Lent our Old Testament readings pick out those moments in Israel's history when God seemed to have made new promises to his people, which the Bible calls "covenants". Here, the faithful Abraham and Sarah are promised descendants who will become a great nation, and the Lord will be their God for ever.

### Second Reading **Romans 4.13-25**

Paul reminds his readers of God's covenant promise to Abraham and Sarah. It was their faithfulness that was blessed by God. So too we receive blessing by our faith in Christ raised from the dead.

### Gospel Reading **Mark 8.31-38**

As Jesus began to reveal his destiny, Peter could not bear it. But Jesus teaches that just as his way was one of suffering for others, so for us all selfishness must be renounced as we take up our own cross.

### Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Immediately after the service, refreshments in the Parish Centre, and **the Ministry of Healing** (prayer, laying on of hands, anointing) in the Lady Chapel.

**Clearing the hall.** If you are still in the hall after refreshments this morning, and are able, please give a few minutes of your time to help put away chairs and tables

**Children's Society Boxholders:** Please hand your box to Hilary Smith or the Parish Office, for emptying.

**Lent Boxes for** our Mission Partners in Church Army, CMS and USPG are now available after the service and from the Parish Office. If you would rather make a donation, please ask for a Mission Group Gift Aid envelope. The boxes will be collected on Low Sunday, 19th April.

## **"What it is to be an Anglican"**

**11.30 – 12.15 pm on March Sundays**

- **Today** - Anglican: a way of believing and worshipping.
- **29th** - Anglican: a communion of churches across the world.

The next **Time Group Lunch** is at **1.00pm** on **15th March** at 3 Regnum Court for all in their 20's and 30's. Details from Charles or Lisa (☎ 784375)

**"Beneath the Cross"**: the large Taizé Cross is in church for the customary Lenten hour of silent prayer on **Fridays from 12.30pm to 1.30pm**. Come and go at any time – the church is open for you to pray on all weekday mornings.

**Ladies Group** – on **Wednesday 11th March** the **Quiet Evening** subject will be **"Forgiveness"**. The format for the evening is the same as last year, we each bring along a prayer or reading poem to share with each other.

The next **Meet'n'Eat** is on **Wednesday 18th March** in the Parish Centre at **12.30 pm**, and there is a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 12 noon. To book your lunch, please contact Felicity (☎ 789214) by Saturday 14th March.

### **St Paul's Study/Fellowship Groups**

**Leaders:** please make sure you are in contact with your group members, and please let Fr Richard know if you are about to do the second session, and do not have material. Course books are on order.

**Group Members:** please make sure you know who your leader is!

**ECO-TIP** – Compost is waste brought back to life. As organic matter rots it releases nutrients back to the soil and new life is made possible.

**Music Exams** will be in church from 2pm to 4.30pm on **Monday 9th March**.

## **Next Sunday, March 15th**

As last year, the **Breakfast Taizé Eucharist** will be at **8.00 am**, and **combined with the usual 8.00 am Holy Communion Service** in Church.

**Fair Trade Breakfast at 8.30 am** in St Paul's Centre in Fair Trade Fortnight: come and enjoy delicious fairly traded cereals, croissants, bananas, orange juice, spreads, fresh coffee, tea, etc.

The **Quarterly Coffee Recital** will be at **11.30am**, given by the children of the church, and the choir. Youngsters who would like to perform please contact Chris Larley ASAP by phone or e-mail!

**Paperbacks for Troops in Afghanistan.** The Chaplain of Colonel Andy Maynard's Commando Logistics Regiment has arranged for paperbacks to be sent to our troops in Afghanistan. Please bring to the Parish Office any paperbacks you think the troops might like: we can have them sent post free. Thanks to those who have already given.

**Confirmation 2009** We hope that Bishop Henry Scriven, newly appointed Assistant Bishop in the Diocese, will preside at our Benefice Confirmation during the Easter Liturgy, beginning on Easter Eve at 7.45 pm at Westhampnett, and continuing at 5.30 am on Easter Sunday at St Paul's. Book the dates and times now: more details next week.

**Now is the time** to think about the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Tuesday, 28th April. Churchwardens are elected every year (Priscilla Gerrans is willing to serve another year if elected; and Mike Joyner wishes to hand on the baton) and at last three new PCC members are needed: so please consider now whether you, or someone you know, would be suitable to serve the Parish in this way.

## BUILDING ON SUCCESS

Do you have items around your house, garage or shed or in the loft that you no longer want or need - things that just sit there because they are too good to throw away, but you don't know what to do with them? James Ellis has offered to try and sell them on EBAY and in return you can make a part or full donation to Building On Success. Don't forget, if you are a tax payer, we can claim the tax back that you have already paid on your donation, if you use a Gift Aid envelope. James can be contacted on ☎ 790923, email: james.ellis@stpaulschichester.org

Many more volunteers are needed for **Building on Success** events. Right now we need a volunteer to organise a **car boot sale (recycling sale)** on Saturday Morning, 2nd May in the Church Car Park. Refreshments (food and hot drinks) need to be on offer too. Can you help? Contact any of the team or email [info@buildingonsuccess.co.uk](mailto:info@buildingonsuccess.co.uk) Look at the events list in the parish centre, to see if there is something you could run.

**Au pair, home help, or anything...** A 22 year old committed church worker from Bamberg, linked with our Diocese, would like to come to England until about July 2009 to improve her English. She has trained as a pre-school and young children's ballet teacher, works hard and is willing to undertake almost anything. Contact Mrs Sherian Morgan: [sherian@totalise.co.uk](mailto:sherian@totalise.co.uk) ☎ 01903 882010

**From the Paul Gerhardt Church in Berlin** we were sad to hear of the recent death of Frau Angelika Eckart, a strong member of the link. She had been suffering from cancer for some time.

From May 1st - 3rd **Ludlow Choral Society** (conductor Patrick Larley) will visit St Paul's. Could you offer a bed for one or two choir members for a couple of nights, please? Please sign up if you can help – Chris Larley.

**Tuesday 10th March at 1.10 pm** – Cathedral Concert: Martin Ford (organ)

### Church Library – New Books

**"Surprised by Hope" by Tom Wright, Bishop of Durham** will surprise and excite anyone interested in the meaning of life – not only after death but before.

**"Life with God" by Richard Foster.** The author shares a life-transforming approach to reading the bible and living it.

**"Living the Gospel" by Helen Julian CSF** looks at the spirituality of St Francis and St Clare, showing their shared responsibility for the Franciscan order and their deeply rooted scriptural teaching.

**Schools Vouchers from Sainsbury's and Tesco's.** Please accept the vouchers offered at the till and bring them to the Parish Office for our local schools if you have no favourite school yourself.

**Are you on-line? Visit our** Benefice websites: [www.stpaulschichester.org](http://www.stpaulschichester.org) [www.buildingonsuccess.co.uk](http://www.buildingonsuccess.co.uk) and our youth site [www.roundaboutyouth.org](http://www.roundaboutyouth.org)

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