



ST PAUL'S PARISH CHURCH

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Week of 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 & Junior Church

Father Paul Collins presides and Fr Richard preaches.

11.30 am St Paul's Quarterly Coffee Recital

by young members of the Church

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 16th 10.00 am CHERUBS in the Parish Centre. Play and activities for pre-school children with parents/carers.

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

Tues 17th 8.00 am Holy Eucharist

10.00 am Extended Parish Prayer in the Lady Chapel: intercession for the world, the parish and one another.

Wed 18th 12 noon Holy Eucharist

12.30 pm Meet'n'Eat Monthly Luncheon

3.30 pm Junior Confirmation Preparation *in the Parish Centre*

7.30 pm Holy Eucharist with the **Ministry of Healing.**

Thu 19th The Feast of St JOSEPH of NAZARETH

10.00 am Holy Eucharist with Mothers' Union

10.45 am Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer

7.45 pm Senior Confirmation Preparation *Westhampnett Vicarage*

Fri 20th 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm – Silent Prayer before the Cross

NEXT SUNDAY 22nd March 2009 – Fourth of Lent

Mothering Sunday

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

9.00 am Morning Prayer

10.00 am PARISH EUCHARIST

Readings: Numbers 21.4-9; Ephesians 2.1-10; John 3.14-21

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

6.30 pm Joint Evening Worship at Christ Church

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

TODAY – THIRD SUNDAY of LENT

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

Introit	372	<i>Judge eternal, throned in splendour</i>
After 1st Reading	430	<i>Love is the only law for God and human kind</i>
Offertory	509	<i>O Lord, all the world belongs to you</i>
Communion	385	<i>Let the heavens declare</i>
Communion Anthem		<i>Teach me O Lord - Attwood</i>
Post Communion	225	<i>God of grace and God of glory</i>

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 **Exodus 20.1-17**

Our weekly readings continue the theme of God's covenants with his people. He requires obedience to his commandments, the heart of the Jewish Law and a foundation of Christian moral principles.

Second Reading **1 Corinthians 1.18-25**

To proclaim Christ nailed to a cross seems offensively foolish, says Paul, yet in reality it displays God's loving wisdom and mysterious saving power.

Gospel Reading **John 2.13-22**

As we near the time to remember again the fateful confrontation between Jesus and the Temple authorities, we hear John's account of Jesus driving out all those who perverted the Temple's purposes for personal gain. From his resurrection perspective, John reflects on what this event means.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; 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

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

Children's Society Boxes: Please return yours to Hilary Smith or the Parish Office.

Lent Boxes for our Mission Partners in Church Army, CMS and USPG are now available. To make a single donation, please use a Mission Group Gift Aid envelope. The boxes will be collected on Low Sunday, 19th April.

Music Exams in church this Tuesday 17th (11 am - 5 pm) and Friday 20th (2 - 5 pm)

"What it is to be an Anglican, No. 3"

11.30 – 12.15, Sunday March 29th

Anglican: a communion of churches across the world. Fr Paul Collins teaches

"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.

Easter Lilies – if you would like to buy a lily in memory of a loved one they are £1.75 each this year. Please give the money to Persephone in the Parish Office or Chantal Tomlinson ☎ 782979.

Paperbacks for Troops in Afghanistan. Thanks to those who have already given, to Priscilla Gerrans who has wrapped them and to Jon Robinson for transport to the Post Office.

Confirmation 2009 - Bishop Henry Scriven, newly appointed Assistant Bishop in the Diocese, will preside at our Benefice Confirmation during the Easter Liturgy, beginning on Easter Eve Saturday 11th April, at 7.45 pm at Westhampnett, and continuing at 5.30 am on Easter Sunday 12th April at St Paul's. Book the dates and times now, and pray for the candidates and those travelling with them – Andy, Becky, Georgie, Joseph, Judith, Justine, Laine, Louise, Matthew, Rose, Ros and Tabitha.

The Paul Gerhardt Church in Berlin

Some of the younger members of St Paul's are hoping to pay a visit to Berlin in the summer. If you would like to visit Berlin and receive a warm welcome, contact Fr Richard. Strong personal links are the best way to build on the Partnership.

At St Peter's, Westhampnett:

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

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Tuesday, 28th April.

- **If you have joined St Paul's** regular congregation in the last twelve months, are baptised and over 16, make sure you apply to be on the Electoral Roll, the official list of members.
- **Churchwardens** are elected every year (Priscilla Gerrans is willing to serve again if elected; and Mike Joyner wishes to hand on the baton) and
- **at least 3 new PCC members** are needed: would you, or someone you know, be suitable to serve the Parish?
- **Church groups and activities** Would all leaders bring their annual report to the church office as soon as possible.

St Paul's Study/Fellowship Groups

Study Group Leaders: please contact Fr Richard if you do not yet have necessary course material in 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.

Rox Youth Group – would leaders sign up to help even if you have told Jon that you can come.

ECO-TIP – Don't use gas fired patio heaters, if you're chilly put on a jumper.

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.

Thanks to Andy Morgan of St Paul's congregation, and to Carl and Bungo of the Chichester Festival Theatre for help with the renewal of some of the church lights – saving us hundreds of pounds.

BUILDING ON SUCCESS

Recycle for "Building on Success"!

Do you have items around your house, that you no longer want or need - just sitting 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 so that you can make a part or full donation to Building On Success. Don't forget, if you pay tax and use a Gift Aid envelope., we can reclaim the tax that you have already paid on your donation. James can be contacted on ☎ 790923, email: james.ellis@stpaulschichester.org

Volunteers: This week's appeal is for someone to organize an Auction of Promises, by inviting people to offer to do or provide something for someone else, and then inviting others to bid for it, eg mowing a lawn or painting a living room, or a lift to the shops. If you would organise this, please contact any of the fundraising team or e-mail us at info@buildingonsuccess.co.uk

Enjoy a holiday and help St Paul's:

A 3 bedroom holiday cottage (sleeps 5) in Cornwall on the edge of Bodmin Moor is available for use, in return for suitable donation to the building fund (limited availability during the school holidays). For details contact Jane Martin 781737 or email: jane.martin4@tesco.net

Events list Look at the list in the parish centre, to see if there is something *you* could organize and run.

WANTED: Computer base unit for Church Office – to run Windows XP! Contact Jon R or Persephone

Boxgrove CE School is seeking to dispose of the following for a donation: 60 cm Sony TV, Video Cassette Recorder, drop down projector screen, two-sided moveable bookshelf. Contact the Headteacher, Andrew Simpson, at the School on ☎ 773309 if you know of a possible good home for these items.

Please pray for St Wilfrid's parish, and for **Fr Mark Gilbert** as he begins his ministry there on Tuesday, 31st March.

Your PCC has begun a conversation about the **admission of baptized children to Holy Communion** before they are confirmed, and after due preparation with parents – a procedure which is now authorized in the Church of England, and becoming more and more widespread. St George's parish will soon organize an open Deanery Evening on the subject. Meanwhile if you want to know more about it, a book by Canon Stephen Lake of St Alban's is available to stimulate your thinking: ask your clergy.

Christ Church invites members of St Paul's congregation to join them at 6.30 pm on **Sunday 5th April** for

Are you on line? Visit our Benefice websites now: www.stpaulschichester.org, www.buildingonsuccess.co.uk and our youth site www.roundaboutyouth.org

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