



The United Benefice
of Chichester St Paul and Westhampnett St Peter



ST PAUL'S PARISH CHURCH

Churchside, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 6FT ☎ 533403

Week of 4th September 2009 – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity - Proper 22
The Feast of St Francis of Assisi and Harvest Thanksgiving

8.00 am Holy Eucharist 9.00 am Morning Prayer

10.00 am PARISH EUCHARIST

Fr Richard presides and the Rev Ann Waizeneker assists.

3.30 pm PETS' SERVICE

5.00 pm SOX Youth Group

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

6.30 pm ROX Youth Group



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

Mon 5th 10.00 am CHERUBS in the Parish Centre. Play and activities for pre-school children with parents/carers.

Tues 6th 8.00 am Holy Eucharist

11.15 am Funeral of David Fuller

7.00 pm "Children and Holy Communion" an Open Deanery Meeting at St George's, Whyke (PCC members note: this takes the place of our October PCC meeting)

Weds 7th 3.45 pm Holy Eucharist at Marriott House

Thu 8th 10.00 am Holy Eucharist

Fri 9th 7.00 pm St Peter's Barn Dance at the March School

Sat 10th 3.00 pm Wedding of Jayne Shippam and Nigel Simmonds

NEXT SUNDAY 11th October – Trinity 18 – Proper 23

8.00 am Holy Eucharist 9.00 am Morning Prayer

8.20 am Breakfast Taizé Eucharist at St Wilfrid's

10.00 am PARISH EUCHARIST

Readings: Amos 5.6-7, 10-15; Hebrews 4.12-16; Mark 10.17-31

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

"On the edge?" is an opportunity for *anyone*, especially if you feel yourself on the edge of faith and the church, to come and air your questions, doubts, and insights. The first occasion is at 7pm on Wednesday 14th October at St Paul's, facilitated by Alison Green and Peter Kane. If you are interested just turn up: everyone is welcome.

***** **Traidcraft stall** today. *****

Pick up a Christmas catalogue and order that extra special something.

**TODAY – SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
HARVEST THANKSGIVING**

We bring our gifts today to support the homeless, especially the work of Stonepillow at St Joseph's Night Shelter. Gift aided Donation Envelopes are available.

10.00 am PARISH EUCHARIST *Crèche and Junior Church in the Parish Centre*

Introit	566	<i>Praise, O praise our God and King</i>
Gradual	185	<i>For the fruits of his creation</i>
Offertory	559	<i>Praise God for the harvest of orchard and field</i>
Communion		
Post Communion	719	<i>We plough the fields and scatter the good seed</i>

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 2.18-24**

This passage ends with words we shall hear Jesus quote. God made the human race as male and female, and in his intention a man and woman become as one when they marry each other.

Second Reading **Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12**

Readings from this long essay on Christ's saving work will now take us to the end of our year. Throughout the book, Christ is praised as supreme in all creation, the one who has been glorified through suffering and has opened for all of us the way to God and to glory.

Gospel Reading **Mark 10.2-16**

Husbands, wives and children feature here in Jesus's teaching. He affirms marriage as intended by God to be lifelong, although the Jewish Law made provision for divorce. Children, and all who are childlike, are welcome in his kingdom.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; 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.*

Holy Communion and the Swine 'flu pandemic Bishop John's reply to Fr Richard's letter on behalf of the PCC's of the Benefice, together with more advice from the Archbishops, issued on September 16th, is now posted on the notice board together with the earlier information.

Our in-house magazine "**Perspectives**" is available (free) in church and the Parish centre.

Doreen Long is retiring after many years of collating and organising distribution of **News and Views**. Thanks to Doreen for all her hard work and commitment. Please contact John Ashwin if you would be interested in taking on this essential role.

BUILDING ON SUCCESS

Smarties amnesty – please remember to return your Smarties tubes when full.

Smart Tip: Why not sell the Smarties to your family and colleagues? Try £1 each – its for charity!

Direct Giving Can you afford a regular small donation to BoS by Standing Order?

If you have something to sell on E-bay contact James Ellis: 790923 e-mail rosieandjamesellis@yahoo.co.uk

Have you signed up for the **100+ Club** yet. Better odds than the lottery – win £50 every month. See Michael Brittain after the service.

Westhampnett Barn Dance, with raffle, at the March School Hall **this Friday 9th October at 7.00pm**. Tickets available from St Paul's Parish Office £5 adults, £2.50 children including fork supper, pudding and first drink.

St Wilfrid's Hospice '**Voices for Hospices**' Fauré Requiem with Jonathan Willcocks and Mark Wardell, here at St Paul's on **Saturday 10th October 8.30pm**. Tickets £6 including a glass of wine and nibbles.

St Paul's Choir Concert on Sunday 18th October at 7.30pm. Music from throughout the Church's Year. Come and support your choir and your Church. All proceeds to 'Building on Success'

The next **Meet'n'Eat Lunch** is on **Wednesday 21st October** in the Parish Centre at **12.30 pm** after the Eucharist at 11.45am. To book your lunch, please contact Felicity (☎ 789214) by Saturday 17th.

Parish freecycle: Wanted
For Sunday School – **pens, small notepads, pencils and clipboards;**
Six **pillows** for Youth Group;
Old **Computers** – See Jon or the Office

Eco-point - On average we waste £37 each year by leaving appliances such as TVs, DVDs and stereos on **standby**.

YOUTH, FAMILIES & CHILDREN

Helpers needed for Sox/Rox/Sunday School – see Jon for more information.

Sunday School Rota – copies at back of the church. Please pick one up if you normally lead or help.

St Paul's Choir needs new children. Believe it or not, there is space for another 10 youngsters, and a couple of adult members would be welcome in all departments. No audition is needed, and there is the prospect of being on the Choir CD which is being produced to support the Building on Success.

"Children and Communion". This Tuesday 6th October at 7.00pm at St George's, Whyke there is an open Deanery Teaching and Discussion evening about **the admission of children to Holy Communion before Confirmation**, led by **Canon Stephen Lake** who has recently written a book entitled **"Let the Children Come to Communion"** (a copy is in our Church library). Your PCC has been considering this issue for some time, and we intend to take a decision in November. Parents and all who work with children and youth, as well as PCC members, are encouraged to come and let clergy and PCC members know their views afterwards. For more information about this event contact Fr Stuart Craddock, Rector of St George's ☎ 01243 728 535.

Christmas shoeboxes – it's that time of year again! Caroline Adams will have shoebox leaflets for anyone interested in providing a Christmas shoebox for the poor of Romania and neighbouring countries. The boxes have to be back in church by **Sunday 25th October**

LEARNING, EXPLORING AND STUDY

Bible Studies in the autumn

The theme for our Bible study groups this term will be the Holy Spirit. As the basis for our studies we will be using Peter de Rosa's short book, ***Come Holy Spirit***. Group leaders will be contacting group members shortly to confirm dates, times and venues, and Peter Kane will be contacting those who have asked to join a group. ***It's not too late to join in!***

The **Tuesday evening bible study group** starts this Tuesday 6th October at 13 Wells Crescent. New members welcome - for more information contact Ian Creswick ☎ 780248 or Peter Kane.

Do you want to study some aspect of the Christian Faith with members of other parishes in a friendly, unpretentious and not too demanding way (no exams)?

Chichester Diocese runs many weekly and day courses for all who want to deepen faith and understanding. Most start in September and details are now on the Christian Development notice

Have you been confirmed? Are you thinking about it? Might you enjoy a refresher course? (There is official provision for those already confirmed who wish to renew their commitment before the Bishop.) Now is the time to **tell your clergy**. There will soon be a meeting after the Parish Eucharist to find suitable regular meeting times for the Benefice Preparation Groups, which will begin soon for Confirmation in 2010.

Church Library – the library is in the process of being re-arranged into categories to make browsing easier for users. The left bay is labelled with categories whilst the right bay is still in alphabetical order of Author. Please bear with the librarians while they complete the change over: thanks from all of us for this valuable piece of work.

Room for Rent. Rebecca Crawshaw has a room to let in her house in Barnfield Drive, Chichester. Please contact her for more information (☎ 0796 964 6799)

The Chichester Prayer Book Society has arranged a celebration of Choral Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer in the Cathedral on Saturday 10th October at 10.30am. This will be followed by a buffet lunch (£14) in the Vicar's Hall. For further details contact or to book a lunch contact Mrs Ada Zahoui ☎ 463139.

At St Peter's, Westhampnett on Wednesdays Morning Prayer is at 9 am; on Fridays someone is normally available in church from 4 pm – 6 pm, with Evensong at 5.30 pm.

Fr James expects to be licensed officially in his new work at Exeter on Monday, October 13th: there *may* be an opportunity for Parish Representatives to be there. Please continue to pray for him and his family

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