



The United Benefice

of Chichester St Paul and Westhampnett St Peter

ST PAUL'S PARISH CHURCH

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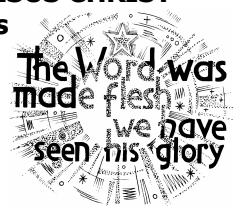


Week of 3rd January 2010 – The EPIPHANY of Our Lord JESUS CHRIST
(transferred from Wednesday), the 2nd Sunday of Christmas

8.00 am Holy Eucharist 9.00 am Morning Prayer

10.00 am PARISH EUCHARIST *Fr Richard presides*
and Deacon Peter Kane assists and preaches

5.30 pm Evening Prayer



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

Mon 4th 10.00 am CHERUBS resumes TODAY in the Parish Centre. Play and activities for pre-school children with parents/carers.

Tues 5th 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
5.30 pm Youth Confirmation Group resumes in the Parish Centre

Wed 6th The Feast of the EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
9.00 am BENEFICE EUCHARIST at *St Peter's, Westhampnett*

Thu 7th 10.00 am Holy Eucharist
7.45 pm Senior Confirmation Preparation Westhampnett Vicarage

NEXT SUNDAY 10th January 2010 – The Baptism of Christ

8.00 am Holy Eucharist 9.00 am Morning Prayer

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

10.00 am PARISH EUCHARIST with Holy Baptism
Readings: Isaiah 43.1-7; Acts 8.14-17; Luke 3.15-17, 21, 22

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

Holy Communion at home: we are delighted to bring the Sacrament of Holy Communion to anyone who is unable to get to church for any reason, whether temporarily or long term, occasionally or regularly: just ask one of the clergy!

St PAUL'S FESTIVAL 2010 – Book these dates now and bring your friends

Saturday 23rd January Grand Gala Concert

with 5 Choirs: St Richard Singers, Chichester Voices, Renaissance Choir, Chantry Quire and our own St Paul's Choir, and the Chichester Symphony Orchestra, and Mass Chorus singing the Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah - a veritable feast of music. Tickets £10 - Adults and £5 - Children. All proceeds to BOS.

Sunday, 24th January 10 am Patronal Festival Eucharist with special music.
Bishop John of Chichester will preside and preach, and St Peter's congregation will join with St Paul's for this day.

Your Clergy and Staff

thank you very much indeed for all your good wishes, cards gifts and hospitality in the Christmas Season, and wish you every Blessing in 2010

TODAY – The EPIPHANY (transferred), the 2nd Sunday after CHRISTMAS 10.00 am PARISH EUCHARIST

Introit	552	<i>O worship the Lord</i>		
Gradual	700	<i>Unto us a son is born</i>		
Offertory	85	<i>Brightest and best of the sons of the morn</i>		
Communion	729	<i>What child is this</i>	291	<i>How brightly shines</i>
Post Communion	49	<i>As with gladness men of old</i>		

Collect of the Day

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory 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 Isaiah 60: 1 - 6

In Isaiah's vision of God's light shining into the world's darkness, symbolic gifts are brought to God from East and West as tribute and praise. So our gospel's Magi visitors to the Bethlehem stable are foreshadowed.

Second Reading Ephesians 3. 1-12

Riches beyond imagining, says Paul, are found in Christ. Though he is in prison for his faith, his gospel cannot be confined - the good news that God's purposes, once so obscure, are now made clear for Jew and Gentile alike.

Gospel Reading Matthew 2. 1 - 12

Only Matthew tells us how representatives of other strange religions came from the East to offer their homage to the one and only true God, the child who is king for ever over all earthly powers.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, 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.

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

Fr Richard will not be available this week: if you need a priest urgently, contact Ann on ☎ 536280, or phone the Parish Office, which reopens at normal hours.

Christmas Trees Our thanks to Central School for the splendid tree, the best in recent years, which they passed on to us as usual, helping to save the planet, and to Pat Whicher for the kind gift of new decorations. The small tree, with decorations by young members of St Paul's, is also recycled - from the St John's Christmas Tree Festival.

If you have offered to help in **Sunday School**, there are vacancies in the next rota for the Explorers' Group (7 – 10 year olds). Please see Jon or sign up on the rota in the office.

St Paul's Choir is planning to visit Berlin in February. We are very grateful for a very generous offer of sponsorship, at present anonymous: if you, or someone you know, would like to sponsor too, please contact Chris Larley on ☎ 528318.

Church buildings – if you discover a building defect, fittings or fabric, please report it by leaving a note on Persephone's desk (or phoning the Office), so that we can deal with it quickly.

Parish Freecycle

On offer

Marketeer Shopping Trolley contact Shirley Bliss ☎ 785946 – who suggests a donation (eg £20) for Building on Success

Wanted – MP3 Player with FM radio

Fr Richard ☎ 531624

New at St Paul's? Please introduce yourself, collect a Welcome Leaflet (details of regular groups and meetings). If you wish, fill in a yellow card with your details.

Do you want to save lives? One of the easiest ways is by **giving blood** regularly, and it is now possible to start giving even if you are over 60! There are sessions **this Tuesday, 5th January at the**

Medical Education Centre, St Richard's Hospital, from 13.45 – 16.30 and from 17.30 – 20.00 and more details are on the notice board by the west door.

Table Tennis resumes on **January 8th** at **St Michael's Hall** All are welcome to play every Friday. Juniors aged 13 and below, £1, 6.00pm to 7.00pm. Seniors, £2, 7.00pm to 8.30pm. All are welcome – just turn up or phone Phil Baker (☎ 533784) or Keith Pattison (☎ 771057).

BUILDING ON SUCCESS

We are delighted that **Planning Permission for our building development has been granted** by the District Council, which is very good news. We are very grateful to our Architect, Richard Andrews, and to Mike Lawson, Fabric Officer and his team for getting to this stage on time. The next stage is to put the work out to tender, and then we start making major grant applications. Meanwhile, all gifts, regular donations by standing order and other ideas for our own fundraising continue to be welcome.

An auction of promises will be held in 2010. If you have links with any companies which might sponsor the event, or donate items/ experiences, please contact Alison Firth, Jo Hunt or Rebecca Crawshaw as soon as possible (See insert for further information).

"History of St Paul's" - Alan Green is writing a new history of the church to sell in aid of BoS in 2010. If you could lend photographs and archive material, in particular of the interior with chairs, and post 1982 showing the pews, contact Alan ☎ 784915 or agreenzone@aol.com.

St Paul's and Notelets are on sale in the Parish Centre, 30p each or 5 for £1.25

Your PCC last year took the important decision to endorse the Eco-Group's

proposals to move on with our consultants with plans to use **renewable energy sources** for the church and centre (solar PV cells on the south church roof and wood pellet burning boiler, which is carbon neutral). This will involve further consultation with our architect, applications for grants for the capital outlay (we hope that this will be completely covered), and then planning applications.

ROX and SOX, our Youth groups resume *next* Sunday, January 10th. SOX is from 5.00 – 6.00 pm, and is for young people in school years 4 – 6, and ROX is from 6.30 – 8.00 pm and is for school years 7 – 9. New members – *and new helpers/leaders* - are welcome. Contact Jon Robinson (details below).

Admission of baptized children to Holy Communion before Confirmation

- Your PCC has requested the Bishop's permission for baptized children from about the age of 7 to receive Holy Communion before they are confirmed.
- On **Sunday, 17th January** there will be an **open meeting at 11.30 am** after the Parish Eucharist for all, and especially families with children under 15, to clarify the meaning, reasons and implications of the policy.
- Such admission will always be at the considered request of both parents and children, and after a proper preparation course for children and parents. The PCC will formulate an explicit procedure.
- "Let the children come to Communion" by Canon Stephen Lake is in the "Pastoral" section of the Parish Library.
- The Revd Ann Waizeneker wrote a very helpful article last year in Perspectives, and will gladly e-mail it to you on request. More information will be published soon

- If you have questions, you are welcome to talk with clergy and PCC members.

500 tasks Someone once calculated that members of St Paul's contribute in about 500 ways to parish life, planning, organising and taking part in worship and music, work with youth and children, mission, communication and education, producing and delivering our publications and website, catering and our community life together, prayer, looking after the buildings and churchyard, raising funds for our Building Project, caring and visiting, office administration the list is unending!

But more volunteers are always welcome, and that may be *you*, especially if you have joined St Paul's recently. There is a yellow welcome leaflet with plenty of contact numbers for existing teams and jobs, but perhaps you might have a new idea for our share in God's work in the parish. If you can't find what you want, contact one of the clergy.

Jo Hunt is going to Zambia at the end of the month to visit **Liz Hosegood**, our CMS linked Mission Partner, with the Revd Roy and Mrs Norma Walford from Immanuel Church. If you are interested in knowing more, or helping with the work in the hospital at Katete through gifts or in any other way, contact Jo now ☎ 531624 or at joanna@jfhunt.fsnet.co.uk .

The regular services at St Peter's, Westhampnett are 8.00 am Holy Eucharist 1st & 3rd Sundays; **9.45 am**

Parish Eucharist each Sunday *either all together or with Junior Church*; **Morning Prayer Wednesdays 9 am.**

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