



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 10th January 2010 – The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

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

9.00 am Morning Prayer

8.20 am Breakfast Taizé Eucharist at St Paul's

10.00 am PARISH EUCHARIST with Holy Baptism of Jacob Howick by his grandfather, the Revd Andrew Roberts
Fr Richard presides, Fr Paul Collins preaches.

5.30 pm Evening Prayer



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

Mon 11th 10.00 am CHERUBS in the Parish Centre. Play and activities for pre-school children with parents/carers.

Tues 12th 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
5.30 pm Youth Confirmation Group in the Parish Centre

Wed 13th 1.30 pm Ministry Meeting in the church
7.00 pm Ladies Group – Age Concern/Help the Aged – a talk by Kathryn Manouch

Thu 14th 10.00 am Holy Eucharist
7.45 pm Senior Confirmation Preparation at the Rectory

NEXT SUNDAY 17th January 2010 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

8.00 am Holy Eucharist 9.00 am Morning Prayer

10.00 am PARISH EUCHARIST

Readings: Ezekiel 43.27-44.4; 1 Corinthians 13.1-13; Luke 2.22-40

11.30 am "Children and Holy Communion" OPEN MEETING in church, especially for parents and all interested in our new Policy and practice

5.00 pm SOX Youth Group new members welcome (School years 4 – 6)

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

6.30 pm ROX Youth Group new members welcome (School years 7 +)

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, the Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah - a veritable feast of music. Tickets £10 Adults £5 Children. 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.

TODAY – THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST
10.00 am PARISH EUCHARIST

Junior Church and Crèche in the Parish Centre during the first part of the service

Introit	527	<i>On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry</i>
Gradual	516	<i>O love, how deep, how broad, how high</i>
Baptism	150	<i>Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you</i>
Offertory	220	<i>God is our strength from days of old</i>
Post Communion	609	<i>Songs of faithfulness and praise</i>

Collect of the Day

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 43.1-7**

Whatever adversity comes upon us, wrote the prophet, we are to have no fear. We may be reminded of baptism by his words about passing through water, and God knowing us by name. Every one of us is precious to God and loved by him.

Second Reading **Acts 8.14-17**

Jews hated Samaritans, who claimed God for themselves. So when the Gospel first spread beyond Jerusalem, it was significant that Philip's preaching was effective in Samaria. Peter and John were sent to confirm this was true, and lay hands on the converts.

Gospel Reading **Luke 3.15-17, 21, 22**

John the Baptist points always to the greater one whose way he was preparing, and promises a different kind of baptism from his. Jesus submits himself to John, for baptism and prayer.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; 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.

Recycle your Christmas Cards. Kathy Manouch is collecting Christmas cards for recycling on behalf of the Polio Society. Please place them in the box by the Mission Table at the west end of the church.

The next **Meet'n'Eat** is at **12.30 pm.** on **Wednesday 20th January** in the Parish Centre, with the **Eucharist at 11.45 am.** To book lunch, please contact Felicity (☎ 789214) by Saturday 16th January.

Bible Study Groups – Spring 2010. the new York Course entitled, **"When I Bible studies this term will be based on Survey: Christ's Cross and Ours".**

Christ's Crucifixion gives rise to many key themes and in this five session course we will be exploring some of these, including the place the place of silence in our noisy world, despair and hope, a suffering world and the challenge of living as disciples when Christianity is no longer mainstream. If you do not already belong to a study group and would like to join please let Peter Kane know as soon as possible.

Sunday School – if you would like to be involved or want to find out about being a helper, please see Jon or one of the team: we have empty spaces on the rota.

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, receiving Liz's newsletters 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.

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

Wanted

Fridge freezer– contact Bill Maiden
☎ 07507 237821

MP3 Player with FM radio – Fr Richard
☎ 531624

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).

St Paul's Cards 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 our buildings (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 17th – sorry for the mistake in last week's news sheet. 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. SOX and ROX helpers are needed to sign the list **today** – Jon.

Services at St Peter's, Westhampnett

8.0 am Holy Eucharist 1st & 3rd Sundays
9.45 am Parish Eucharist each Sunday
either all together or with Junior Church
9 am Morning Prayer on Wednesdays.

Admission of baptized children to Holy Communion before Confirmation

- Your PCC recently requested the Bishop's permission for baptized children from about the age of 7 to receive Holy Communion before they are confirmed.
- **Next Sunday, 17th January** there will be a **meeting at 11.30 am open** to 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 is glad to e-mail her last year's Perspectives article.
- If you have questions, you are welcome to talk with clergy and PCC members.

The **Museum Society** is holding an illustrated talk on **the Stained Glass of Chichester Cathedral** at **7.30pm** on **Tuesday 12th January** at East Pallant House, the District Council offices. More details are posted in the Parish Centre.

500 tasks Someone once calculated that members of St Paul's contribute in about 500 ways to parish life, through worship and music, work with youth and children,

mission, communication and education, 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, planning and organising - the list is unending!

Thanks to everyone who contributes to parish life in myriad ways.

But 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 contact numbers for existing teams and jobs, but perhaps you have a **new idea** for the work of God in the parish. If you can't find what you want, contact one of the clergy.

And don't forget that our daily work is part of our Christian discipleship too!

The Chichester Cinema is hosting a **Gala Film Night** at 6.30pm next **Sunday 17th January**, to benefit the Mayor's Charity, the Haslar Visitors Group. It's a fun film, at a reasonable price (£10 including a glass of wine). Come and bring a friend. Jo Hunt and Ann Wales are regular visitors and can tell you more about visiting and supporting those detained, often for many months at a time, at the Haslar Removal Centre. Tickets in advance from ☎ 786650, www.chichestercinema.org, or at the door

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