



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 7th February 2010 – Second Sunday before Lent

8.00 am Holy Eucharist at *St Paul's*

9.00 am Morning Prayer

10.00 am PARISH EUCHARIST

Fr Richard presides and Fr John Dane preaches

3.00 pm Music for a Sunday Afternoon

with the Foster String Quintet £5 (u16's free)

5.00 pm The Gathering

a special service for school years 5 – 9+

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

6.30 pm ROX Youth Group (school years 7+)



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

Mon 8th 10.00 am **CHERUBS** in the Parish Centre. Play and activities for pre-school children with parents/carers.

Tues 9th 8.00 am **Holy Eucharist**
5.30 pm **Youth Confirmation Preparation** in the Parish Centre.

Wed 10th 3.00 pm **Eco Group meets** with the Revd Mark Betson at the Rectory
7.30 pm **Ladies Group** – “**A Trip on the Solent without Leaving the Hall**” – an illustrated talk by Mr D Allport.

Thu 11th 10.00 am **Holy Eucharist**
7.45 pm **Senior Confirmation Preparation** The Rectory, Tower Close

NEXT SUNDAY 14th February 2010 – Sunday next before Lent (St Valentine)

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 and thanksgiving and renewal of marriage vows

Readings: Exodus 34.29-35; 2 Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2; Luke 9.28-36 [37-43a]

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

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

6.30 pm ROX Youth Group (School years 7 +)

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is on February 17th. There will be three Benefice Eucharists, each with Ashes (11.30am and 7.30pm at St Paul's; 6.00pm at St Peter's). We make ashes for this day by burning last year's Palm Crosses – so if you would like yours to be used, please bring it to the Parish Office now.

We welcome Talisker Mcleod, who is currently training for the ordained ministry at Cuddesdon, to the Benefice for a two month placement to observe and contribute to our parish life. (This week she is at the Parish Eucharist at Westhampnett)

TODAY – SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

10.00 am PARISH EUCHARIST

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

Introit	110	<i>Come and see the shining hope</i>
Gradual	415	<i>Lord of beauty, thine the splendour</i>
Offertory	397	<i>Light of the minds that know him</i>
Communion	465	<i>Name of all majesty, fathomless mystery</i>
Post Communion	684	<i>Thou, whose almighty word</i>

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

First Reading **Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-25**

Today's readings illuminate our understanding of God as Creator. In the ancient saga of the world's creation, human beings are the last and greatest thing God made, and he gave to men and women responsibility to care for all other living things and the earth itself.

Second Reading **Revelation 4**

God is the one who created and sustains all things, says this song of praise in John's vision of the holy sovereign Lord enthroned and worshipped in heaven.

Gospel Reading **Luke 8.22-25**

The Gospels tell us that Jesus had power to calm the winds and waves, and the disciples wondered whether he was himself the creator God who alone controls the way the universe works.

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; 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.

*******Traidcraft stall this week – new this month – Chocolate Spread*******

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.

Holy Dusters required! In case you didn't know, Holy Dusters are the very important team of church cleaners, co-ordinated by Persephone, the Office Manager. At the moment we need help with the altar and entrance areas: contact ☎ 533403.

Volunteers are welcome in all aspects of parish life, and are needed in some. If you are new to St Paul's, and would like to take a more active part, have a look at the newly updated yellow Welcome Leaflet (by the door between Church and Parish Centre) and contact the Team Leader, or talk with Persephone or one of the clergy. And maybe you have a new idea you would like to pursue: let us know

The Spring 2010 Bible Study Groups are now in full swing, but we need to start planning for the next short course in Eastertide, and we would like to arrange it on themes you would be interested in. So if you have a good idea for a topic, even if you are not already part of a Bible Study, please let Deacon Peter Kane know now (*contact details below*).

Sunday 14th February

is **St Valentine's day**. During the service there will be a brief ceremony of thanksgiving and renewal of marriage vows for all who wish to take part. There are baptisms too, and after the Eucharist Fr Richard goes to Portsmouth to baptize Thomas and Isabel, John and Alison Firth's children, on board ship.

What do we know about St Valentine? Not a lot! But if you Google his name you'll find plenty of stories, and why it is linked with love, marriage and family ...

Parish Freecycle

On Offer - Pine Cabin Bed, single, to suit child age 4 to 12: Caroline ☎ 779630

The next **Meet'n'Eat Lunch** is on **Wednesday 17th February** at **12.30 pm**. in the Parish Centre, preceded by the **Eucharist and Ministry of Healing at 11.45 am**. To book lunch, please contact Felicity (☎ 789214) by Saturday 13th February.

Come and Sing the Fauré Requiem! - a chance for you to (im)prove your voice on **Saturday, 27th February**, under the leadership of St Paul's Director of Music, Christopher Larley with Andrew Dibb, organ, and enjoy making beautiful music in good company at St Paul's.

1.30 for 2 pm Registration and Rehearsal

5.30 - 7.15 free time

7.30 pm Concert

Registration £8 - Concert tickets £5 - details and booking form from the Parish Office. Proceeds to Building on Success.

The Eco Congregation Award, first made to St Paul's two years ago, has been renewed. The assessors were impressed with the work done since our last award and our plans for the future, including the use of renewable and carbon neutral energy sources, and especially with the level of support and encouragement from the congregation. As a result of your efforts they had no hesitation in making this award.

But the reality of this depends on all of us taking on board the issues in our daily life at home and at work, and not just the enthusiasms of a group. And we need to remind ourselves that the Christian motive is not just to prolong the life of the planet, but respect and thanksgiving for God's creation of which we are just one part.

BUILDING ON SUCCESS

Your PCC has commissioned a Working Party, independent of interest groups, to solicit views on internal details and arrangements in the building from all church and centre users. David Phizackerley, who has served three years as churchwarden, will be the convenor; so if your group uses the church regularly, he will be in touch.

Planning Permission for our building development has been granted by the District Council. The next stage is to put the work out to tender, followed by major grant applications. Meanwhile, gifts, regular donations by standing order and other fundraising ideas are still welcome.

There will be an **Auction of Promises** on **Saturday, June 12th 2010**. If you have links with companies which might sponsor it, or donate items/ experiences, please contact Alison Firth, Jo Hunt or Rebecca Crawshaw as soon as possible.

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

Children and Holy Communion: families with baptized children aged upwards of 7 to be admitted to Holy Communion should contact the clergy, and obtain and complete an Application Letter **as soon as possible**. When we know numbers, we will arrange preparation sessions, and the first admissions in Eastertide.

Youth Workers

Thanks to all those who have joined our various teams of Leaders and Helpers in the past few months, contributing to this vital aspect of parish life. More would be welcome, especially in Junior Church

Remember AWOL? AWOL was the regular gathering of younger women of St Paul's (25 – 45 approx), started and organised by Mo Theodosius, much appreciated at the time. Talisker McLeod (*see above*) is offering to restart it, with the hope that it will thrive and continue after she leaves. If you haven't received one, please collect a questionnaire from the back of church, or from the office.

Registers and records Caroline Adams, one of our PCC members, and an archivist, is collaborating with Alan Green on the new history of St Paul's. Most of our parish documents and records are deposited at the Record Office already, but they think there is a distinct possibility that some of our parish records may be tucked away in a safe place at home somewhere. So if you have anything of this nature, please contact Caroline at the County Record Office, or bring it to the Parish Office.

First Aid PCC have considered health and safety issues. We are glad to have several doctors in the congregation, and also some qualified First Aiders – but we don't know who you all are! So if you have a current First Aid Certificate, are a regular worshipper or user of the building, and please let the Parish Office know.

PCC also appointed Tracey Westlake as a Governor at Central School, to succeed Hilary Smith (to whom many thanks for her service); agreed to pursue a USPG link with St Francis Hospital, Katete, Zambia, and considered our Mission Action Plan.

A new Churchwarden is needed for St Paul's when Priscilla Gerrans retires this year after completing her six year term. If you know someone suitable for this office please speak to Wardens and clergy now. There will also be PCC vacancies to be filled. Please think about these now.

Services at St Peter's, Westhampnett
8 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.

Hannington Koikai, a Maasai Pastor from Kenya, is visiting Immanuel Church this week. Details from Steve Flashman

St Wilfrid's Hospice Shepherd's Pie Lunch on **Thursday 18th February** from 12 noon to 2.00pm in St Paul's Church Hall. Tickets are £10.50 from Sally Manley (☎ 788239).

Hello Dolly, with St Paul's members in the cast, is at the Minerva next week!

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