



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

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

9.00 am Morning Prayer

10.00 am **PARISH EUCHARIST with Holy Baptism and Renewal of Marriage Vows** *Fr Richard presides and the Rev Ann Waizeneker assists and preaches*

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

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 15th

No CHERUBS - this week is half term. CHERUBS resumes on Monday 22nd February

Tues 16th 8.00 am

Holy Eucharist

10.00 am

Extended Parish Prayer: sharing our concerns and reflections in prayer. All are welcome.

12.00 am

Funeral Service for Trevor Williams

7.30 pm

Eco Congregation meeting in the Parish Centre.

Wed 17th

ASH WEDNESDAY

Holy Eucharist with Imposition of ashes at the following times and places:

11.30 am at *St Paul's*

6.00 pm at *St Peter's*, Westhampnett with hymns and address

7.30 pm at *St Paul's* with hymns, choir and address

12.30 pm Meet'n'Eat monthly luncheon

Thu 18th 10.00 am

Holy Eucharist

Fri 19th 12.00 – 1.00 pm

Silent Prayer before the Cross

NEXT SUNDAY 21st February 2010 – First Sunday of Lent

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: Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Romans 10.8b-13; Luke 4.1-13

5.30 pm Evening Prayer (*No ROX or SOX*)

From **15th to 19th February** the Parish Office is open from **10 am** until **12 noon**, thanks to volunteer staff. Normal office hours resume Monday 22nd February.

The latest "Perspectives" is now at the back of the church. This is, as usual free, thanks to advertising income, but what about a donation to BoS if you enjoy it?

TODAY – Sunday next before Lent
10.00 am PARISH EUCHARIST

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

Introit	67	<i>Be still, in the presence of the Lord</i>
Gradual	357	<i>Jesus on the mountain peak</i>
Baptism	797	<i>Father welcomes all his children</i>
Offertory	413	<i>Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy</i>
Post Communion	474	<i>Now thank we all our God</i>

Collect of the Day

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading **Exodus 34.29-35;2**

This reading prepares us for the Gospel of the Transfiguration, when Our Lord's appearance became glorious. Moses, we are told, was so changed by his experiences of meeting God directly that his face shone with the reflected glory and he had to wear a veil.

Second Reading **Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2**

When Moses was transformed by meeting God, he veiled his face until the glory faded. Paul argues that the minds of the Jews are still veiled from a true vision and understanding, while Christians see the unfading glory of God fully revealed to us in Christ.

Gospel Reading **Luke 9.28-36 [37-43a]**

The Lord's closest friends see him transfigured upon a mountain-top, in a disclosure of his true identity. In the presence of the figures of Moses and Elijah, a cloud of glory comes upon him and the voice of the holy one is heard. [But they cannot stay away from the demanding crowds.]

Post Communion Prayer

O holy God, we behold thy glory in the face of Jesus Christ: grant that we who are partakers at his table may reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save; 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 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.

RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS

The minister says to the couples

I invite you now to recall the vows that you made at your wedding.

Husbands and wives face each other and hold hands

The Husbands say

I, N, took you, N, to be my wife;

The Wives say

I, N, took you, N, to be my husband

The couples continue together

to have and to hold from that day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy law, and this was our solemn vow. Today we affirm our continuing commitment to this vow.

The minister says to the congregation

Will you support and uphold these couples in their marriage now and in the years to come?

All We will.

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

Lent boxes are available after the service and from the Parish Office. The funds raised will be divided equally between Church Army, CMS and USPG in support of our Mission Partners in their valuable work. Please fill in the Gift Aid declaration, if applicable, to increase the value of your gift. If you prefer to make a donation directly, please use a Mission Group Gift Aid envelope. The boxes will be collected on Low Sunday, 11th April.

Bible Study Groups If you have an idea for a topic, even if you are not already in a Bible Study, please let Deacon Peter Kane know now (*contact details overleaf*).

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.

Calling all cyclists - at the Eco Congregation meeting this Tuesday, 16th Sarah Sharp will present her plans to start a group to lobby for safer cycling in the city. Come and see how you can help.

Remember AWAY? It was the regular gathering of younger women of St Paul's (25 - 45 approx), organised by Mo Theodosius, much enjoyed at the time. Talisker McLeod (training for the ministry at Cuddesdon College) is offering to restart it, and we hope that it will continue after she leaves. If you haven't received a questionnaire, please collect one from the back of church, or from the office.

Registers and records - Caroline Adams, one of our PCC members, and an archivist, is helping Alan Green with the new history of St Paul's. Most of our records are at the Record Office, but some may be tucked away in a safe place at (your?) home. If you have any Parish documents, please contact Caroline on ☎ 753617 at the County Record Office, or bring them 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, please let the Parish Office know.

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

A new Churchwarden is needed for St Paul's when Priscilla Gerrans retires this year after completing her 6 year term. If you know someone suitable to succeed please speak to Wardens and clergy now. Please think about PCC vacancies too.

Parish Freecycle On offer

Tabletop Freezer: virtually new Contact Jill Goulding ☎ 775916

Wanted (for Parish Office use) USB Memory Stick preferably 4GB+ ☎ 533403

PCC appointed Tracey Westlake as a Governor at Central School, to succeed Hilary Smith (to whom many thanks for her service as PCC Governor); agreed to form a link with Ian and Dr Shelagh Parkinson, Administrator and Medical Director respectively of St Francis Hospital, Katete, Zambia, and USPG Mission partners; and considered and updated our Mission Action Plan.

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

Christmas Cards The Polio Trust has thanked us for the recycled Christmas Cards. No more *Christmas* cards, please, but other cards are still very welcome.

Women's World Day of Prayer is at **St Richard's, Cawley Road** on Friday 5th January at 2.00pm. The service is written by the Christian Women of Cameroon and the speaker will be the Revd. Ann Waizeneker. Tea follows and all are welcome, especially men.

Come and see what we do and how we do it. An audience with the **Royal Air Force** at **the Venue** on **Thursday March 11th**, 7.00 - 9.00 pm. including light refreshments Entrance is free but please book a place at ☎ 01494 497742 or visit <http://civicform.raf.mod.uk>.

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