



The United Benefice
of Chichester St Paul and Westhampnett St Peter



ST PAUL'S PARISH CHURCH

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Week of 7th March 2010 – Third Sunday of Lent

8.00 am Holy Eucharist and Breakfast Taizé Eucharist

8.30 am Fairtrade Breakfast

9.00 am Morning Prayer

10.00 am PARISH EUCHARIST *Fr Paul Collins presides
and Fr Doug Farnham 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 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 **12.45 pm Ministry Planning Meeting** in the Parish Centre
7.30 pm Ladies Group – "Bees" a talk by Miss Jill Rutherford

Thu 11th **10.00 am Holy Eucharist**
7.45 pm Senior Confirmation Preparation

Fri 12th **12.00 – 1.00 pm Silent Prayer before the Cross**
7.30 pm Mission Steering Group meets at the Rectory

Sat 13th **10.30 am Posie Working Party** for Mothering Sunday – all welcome
7.30 pm Mark Wardell (formerly Cathedral Assistant Organist) in concert. Tickets £10 adults, £5 children from the Parish Office.

NEXT SUNDAY 14th March 2010 – 4th Sunday of Lent **Mothering Sunday**

8.00 am Holy Eucharist *at St Paul's and St Michael's* 9.00 am Morning Prayer

10.00 am PARISH EUCHARIST

Readings: Joshua 5.9-12; 2 Corinthians 5.16-21; Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32

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

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

6.30 pm ROX Youth Group (school years 7+)

Music Exams in the church this week on Wednesday from 2.00pm to 5.00pm and Thursday from 11.00am to 5.00pm.

TODAY – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Space Program The SOX and ROX Space program launches tonight – don't miss it!

Introit	630	<i>Tell his praise in song and story</i>
Gradual	372	<i>Judge eternal, throned in splendour</i>
Offertory	60	<i>Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair</i>
Communion	747	<i>Who can sound the depths of sorrow</i>
Post Communion	233	<i>God, the source and goal of being</i>

A message from Chris Larley: *"During Lent we will be learning to sing a newly commissioned Congregational Mass Setting, written specially for St Paul's Choir and Congregation by Victoria Larley. We expect to have learned it fully by Holy Week."*

It was very sad that after service last week some copies of the new Mass were found to have been deliberately torn up: apart from other considerations they cost about 20p each to produce, so please make sure they are not abused.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 55.1-9**

We can hear these ancient prophetic words as a summons for ourselves, to put God first, to seek him and listen to him. Like Jesus in today's Gospel, Isaiah calls us to repentance, for God is great and freely forgiving.

Second Reading **1 Corinthians 10.1-13**

This passage is a reminder of the fate of people who were determined to rebel against God. We, says Paul, should be strong to resist anything tempting us away from the life to which Christ calls us.

Gospel Reading **Luke 13.1-9**

Jesus refers to some recent events in warning of the need for repentance. A parable suggests that God allows us second and third chances to turn to a truly fruitful life.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; 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.

"Perspectives" is out now - Free but donations to BoS welcome!

Earthquake in Chile Ken Armstrong has been in touch with our former link mission partner there, Andy Bowman, now in London: as yet there is no news of the housing project he developed. **Gift Aid Envelopes** are available today: please mark them clearly "Chile": this time we shall send the contribution via USPG.

COMING SOON

Mothering Sunday Flowers Can you come and help make posies for the Mothering Sunday service this **Saturday 13th March, 10am in the Parish Centre**. Please bring any cuttings from the garden that you think would make a nice addition to the posies. See Bobbie McWethy or Jon for more details.

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

Remember AWAY? (All Women & You) It's being revived Contact Talisker McLeod via the Parish Office if you are interested. The first meeting will be on **20th March** at venue to be notified.

Sylvie Johnston from Stonepillow, formerly Chichester Christian Care, which runs St Joseph's Night Shelter, the Glassworks Day Centre, the Young Asylum Seekers' Hostel etc) will be telling us about Stonepillow's work over coffee after service on **Sunday, March 21st**.

Ivory Coast On Wednesday, 24th March at 2.30 pm in George Bell House, 4, Canon Lane, **Jonny** (son of Canon Tim Schofield) is giving a presentation on his recent work experience there with USPG.

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** is on **Tuesday 20th April at 7.30pm**. **A new Churchwarden** will be needed for St Paul's when Priscilla Gerrans retires this year after completing her 6 year term. If you know someone suitable please speak to Wardens and clergy now. **New PCC members are also needed.**

If you run a **church group or team** please provide Persephone with a brief written report by 18th April so that everyone can read all about our church and what goes on.

First Aiders. Several doctors are in our congregation, and some qualified First Aiders – but we don't know who you all are! So **if you have a current First Aid Certificate**, worship regularly or use the building, please tell the Office Manager – so that we can compile a list of names. But we hope you *won't* be needed!

BUILDING ON SUCCESS

Eggs Galore! Free Range Duck and Chicken eggs available in the Parish Centre from time to time. Bring your own box, donations to BoS ☺

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.

Your PCC last week prepared to update our Mission Action Plan, saw a church growth presentation prepared for the Deanery Synod by the Revd Richard Jackson, Diocesan Mission and Renewal Adviser; resolved to upgrade our First Aid provision in the Church and Centre; heard an outline of our Youth and Children's Worker's ideas for developing youth work citywide; endorsed efforts by the Rector and Churchwardens to urge the Diocesan authorities to take advantage of the Boiler Scrappage Scheme for 19 ancient parsonage boilers, and received a report on the fabric.

Easter Lilies – if you would like to donate some money towards the lilies or flowers for Easter Sunday please leave the money in the office or give it Chantal Tomlinson. This year they are £3 each.

Active Kids & Tesco: even if you do not have children, please accept the "Active Kids" vouchers from Sainsbury's and Tesco 'for schools and clubs' and bring them to the Parish Office to benefit *your* church and school – Central CE.

Parish Freecycle

Offer: Zanussi Washing Machine, 8 yrs old – Contact David Phizackerly ☎ 576408

Offer: Standard 3ft bed frame – wooden ends and metal sprung base. No mattress. Contact Jo ☎ 530025.

Wanted: Flat Screen Monitor/TV for Church use – Old is OK – Contact Jon or the Parish Office ☎ 533403 -

Freecycle – If items are not disposed of, Stonepillow (☎ 537934) now have a store and workshop for renovating and selling or using furniture or electrical items.

Lent boxes (for Church Army, CMS and USPG) are here. It's not too late to take one, fill it and fill in the Gift Aid declaration, or make a direct donation in a Mission Group Gift Aid envelope.

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

The Mayor's Goodwood Challenge is next Sunday, 14th March at 2 pm raising funds for the Haslar Vistors' Group – Jo Hunt can tell you all about the work of the group. All ages are invited to come and walk or run the 2.5 mile circuit, sponsored if you can. Details are on the notice boards and on line at www.justgiving.com/mayorchallenge and you can register there, or on registration forms from the City Council – parents need to sign for children.

Sunday School Rota The new Sunday School rota will be out soon – if you would like to help, there is space for you – please see Jon or pop into the Office – even if you have volunteered already! Existing team members – please let us know if there are dates you are away.

Volunteers:

Flower Guild St Paul's needs at least 3 more flower arrangers. Please volunteer now, in time for Easter. We offer in-house training, or if you prefer there are college courses. See Persephone or Chantal Tomlinson ☎ 782979.

Holy Dusters More Church Cleaners are needed to reduce the load on the existing team. Contact the Parish Office.

Have you considered joining the Choir, becoming an altar server, intercessor, reader, sidesperson/welcomer, helping with administration, or taking any other part in Parish Life? Check the yellow Welcome Leaflet and contact the Team Leader, or Persephone or one of the clergy. And maybe you have a new idea you would like to pursue: let us know.

Youth Could you help with the young people of this Church and community in one of the many groups and activities, or Sunday School, maybe once a month? If so, please see Jon R – no age barriers!

Zambia A few people have asked if Jo would repeat her recent presentation on St Francis' Hospital, Katete: please tell her or Fr Richard if you would like this.

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