



The United Benefice

of Chichester St Paul and Westhampnett St Peter

ST PAUL'S PARISH CHURCH

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**Week of 14th March 2010 – Fourth 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 *Fr Richard presides
the Revd Peter Kane is Deacon, and Talisker MacLeod, in
training for the ministry at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, preaches*

After the service, at about 11.30, Sylvie Johnston from Stonepiow, formerly Chichester Christian Care, which runs St Joseph's Night Shelter, the Glassworks Day Centre, the Young Asylum Seekers' Hostel etc)

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

Tues 16th 8.00 am Holy Eucharist

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

5.30 pm Youth Confirmation Preparation (Parish Centre)

Wed 17th 11.45 pm Holy Eucharist with Ministry of Healing

12.30 pm Meet'n'Eat monthly luncheon

Thu 18th 10.00 am Holy Eucharist

7.45 pm Senior Confirmation Preparation (The Rectory, Tower Close)

Fri 19th 12.00 – 1.00 pm Silent Prayer before the Cross

NEXT SUNDAY 21st March 2010 – 5th Sunday of Lent – Passion Sunday

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 (*All together*)

Readings: Isaiah 43.16-21; Philippians 3.4b-14; John 12.1-8

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

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Music Exams in the church this week on Tuesday from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm

TODAY – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MOTHERING SUNDAY

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

Introit **631** *Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord*

Gradual **45** *As the deer pants for the water*

Offertory **337** *I will sing the wondrous story*

Post Communion **658** *There is a redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son*

A message from Chris Larley: *"During Lent we are 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."*

Collect of the Day

Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences, that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading **Joshua 5.9-12**

This reading has a play on words in the Hebrew. The place-name "Gilgal" means circle, like a wheel - and as with a cartwheel God "rolls away" the past. The Israelites are given a new start, symbolised by eating for the first time the produce of the fruitful land to which God has led them.

Second Reading **2 Corinthians 5.16-21**

Paul tells his readers that everything is made new by Christ. There is a new order in our relationships, because in Christ the world has been reconciled to God and us to each other. We are to carry this message of reconciliation.

Gospel Reading **Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32**

We call this parable "The Prodigal Son", but its true meaning is The Loving Father. However far we may stray from God, or squander his gifts, his arms are always stretched out in welcome when we repent and turn back to him.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

After the service

- **refreshments** *in the Parish Centre*
- **Ministry of Healing** *(prayer, laying on of hands, anointing) in the Lady Chapel.*
- **Sylvie Johnston** talks about the work of **Stonepillow** (aka Chichester Christian Care)
- **Eggs Galore!** Free Range Duck and Chicken eggs *(Parish Centre)*. Donations to BoS
- **"Perspectives"** is out now - Free but donations to BoS welcome!

Congratulations to Richard Creswick and Hannah Smith, of St Paul's choir, who receive their Bishop's awards from Bishop John at Evensong at 3.30 pm in the Cathedral today: all welcome there (though no more reserved seats, so arrive early!).

AWAY a group for **All Women and You!** Contact Talisker McLeod now via the Parish Office if you are a) a woman, b) interested and c) would like to meet occasionally and socially with others. The first meeting is on **20th March**.

The Ivory Coast. On Wednesday, 24th March at 2.30 pm in George Bell House, Canon Lane, Jonny Schofield (son of Canon Tim Schofield) is giving a presentation on his time on a work experience programme with USPG in the Ivory Coast.. All welcome.

All members of the congregation are invited to the **APCM** (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) on **Tuesday 20th April at 7.30pm**. Churchwardens and PCC members are elected at this meeting, reports and accounts received, and there is an opportunity for questions on church life.

A new Churchwarden is needed for St Paul's as Priscilla Gerrans has served the maximum term of 6 years. If you know a potential Warden please speak to Wardens and clergy now.

New PCC members are also needed: *you* - or someone you know?.

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 your work.

Thursday March 25th is the Feast of the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary. St Paul's Eucharist is at 10 am, and at St George's Solemn Mass at 7.30 pm: Bishop Kenneth Stevenson presides, Dean Jeffrey John preaches

Christian Aid Week is coming soon. More House to House **COLLECTORS** are needed. If you have collected in past years and are willing to continue, or if you haven't done it before and would like to join the team please let Jo Hunt know (☎ 01243 531624)

Fiesta time at St Paul's – enjoy the fun (Salsa dancing) and flavours (S. American food) of fiesta on **Saturday 24th April** 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

Adults £10, children £5, family £25.

The band of the Royal Marines will be playing at St Paul's in the church on **Saturday 17th April at 2.30pm and 7.30pm**. Tickets at £15, including a glass of wine – but see below under BoS! - are available from the Parish Office, Seafarers UK (☎ 02392736101) or martin.ewence@yahoo.co.uk.

BUILDING ON SUCCESS

There will be an **Auction of Promises** on **Saturday, June 12th**.

If you have links with companies which might sponsor, or donate items/experiences, please contact Alison Firth, Jo Hunt or Rebecca Crawshaw as soon as possible.

Band of the Royal Marines – bid for 2 tickets (usual price £15 each) by placing your bid in a sealed envelope marked Royal Marines Concert Bid, including your name, contact details and performance preference, and hand in to the Parish Office by Friday 26th March. The winner will be announced over coffee on Sunday 28th March.

Your PCC recently discussed our Mission Action Plan; a diocesan presentation on church growth; resolved to upgrade our First Aid provision; ideas for developing youth work citywide; urged the Diocesan authorities to take advantage of the Boiler Scrappage Scheme, and received a report on the church fabric.

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

Active Kids & Tesco: 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 Aided Junior.

Parish Freecycle

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) run a store and workshop for renovating, 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 would like to join one, please tell Deacon Peter Kane now, and if you have an idea for a topic you'd like to study, let him know.

Sunday School Rota The new Sunday School rota is here: please tell Jon if there are dates you are away.

The Confirmation At last we have a date for the Confirmation Service with Bishop John: **Saturday afternoon, May 22nd.** The venue and the exact time remain to be confirmed...

Volunteers:

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

Have you considered joining the Choir, becoming an intercessor, altar server, Holy Duster (Church Cleaner) sidesperson/welcomer, reader, helping with administration or youth and children's work, or taking any other part in Parish Life? See the yellow Welcome Leaflet and contact the Team Leader, or Persephone or one of the clergy. If you have a new idea tell us.

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

If you have a current First Aid Certificate, please tell the Parish Office, so that we can make a list for health and safety purposes

The Press "A recent article in the Chichester Observer quoted my words accurately, though it reported me in a slightly misleading way: the Daily Telegraph both misquoted my words and misreported me. If you want to know details, ask me – but don't trust the DT! Both articles contain other inaccuracies too..." – Fr Richard

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