



The United Benefice

of Chichester St Paul and Westhampnett St Peter

ST PAUL'S PARISH CHURCH



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An Eco-congregation and Fair Trade Parish

Week of 20th February 2011 – Third Sunday Before Lent

8.00 am Holy Eucharist

9.00 am Morning Prayer

10.00 am The PARISH EUCHARIST

The Rev Peter Kane presides assisted by Fr Richard and Professor J Dunn preaches

11.30 am "Expressing faith today – is the Church answering questions no-one is asking?" with Fr Paul Collins

4.00 pm Tea-time Taizé Eucharist at St Peter's, Westhampnett

5.00 pm – 6.00 pm SOX Youth Club years 4 - 6

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

6.30 pm – 8.00 pm ROX Youth Club years 7 – 9+



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

Mon 21st No **CHERUBS** this week: resumes Monday 28th February

Tues 22nd **8.00 am Holy Eucharist**
7.30 pm Healing Ministry Meeting open to all.

Wed 23rd **7.30 pm Ladies Group "Your Garden Starts Here"** - Nigel Budgen

Thu 24th **10.00 am Holy Eucharist**

NEXT SUNDAY 27th February 2011 – 2nd Sunday Before Lent – Proper 4

(NB One early Eucharist today, combined for all ages, and in church

8.20 am Breakfast Taizé Eucharist at St Paul's

THE ANNUAL FAIRTRADE BREAKFAST 8.40 – 9.30 am.
Come and enjoy Fairtrade cereals, croissants, jams, fruit, coffee and tea

9.00 am Morning Prayer

10.00 am Parish Eucharist Genesis 1.1 - 2.3; Romans 8.18-25; Matthew 6.25-34

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Worried about your job? Afraid you might be made redundant? Plenty of people are facing this. If you are interested in meeting with others in the same situation for support and encouragement contact Fr Richard now ☎ 531624

TODAY – FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT
10 00 am THE PARISH EUCHARIST

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

Introit	97	<i>Christ is made the sure foundation</i>
Gradual	509	<i>O Lord, all the world belongs to you</i>
Offertory	430	<i>Love is the only law for God and human kind</i>
Communion	64	<i>Beloved, let us love</i>
Communion Anthem		<i>What wondrous love is this – Trad arr. Weaver</i>
Post Communion	691	<i>Thy kingdom come, O God</i>

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord ...

First Reading **Leviticus 19.1-2,9-18**

The detailed Laws in Leviticus prescribe a way of holy living. As Jesus says, all "Thou shalt not" commandments really point to a generosity of spirit, a concern for the weak, a forgiving and gentle heart. The holy God requires us to be like him, loving every neighbour.

Second Reading **1 Corinthians 3.10-11,16-23**

Other Christian leaders are now guiding Paul's converts in Corinth. He writes about building up the church, then extends the metaphor to each individual as a dwelling-place for God's Spirit. Because the foundation is Christ, to whom we all belong, there is no room for silly squabbles about who is more important.

Gospel Reading **Matthew 5.38-48**

Jesus speaks of attitudes and intentions being more significant than the details of any particular rules of religion. God's purposes and motives are always for good, and ours are to be like his.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom.

After the Service today

Ministry of Healing (*prayer, laying on of hands, anointing*) in the Lady Chapel

11.30 am "Expressing faith today" seminar in Church with Fr Collins

FAIRTRADE BREAKFAST next Sunday 27th: to help with catering and purchasing **please sign the list near the west door TODAY** if you expect to come.

The Real Easter Egg will be on sale at the Fairtrade Breakfast next Sunday 27th February, and on the Traidcraft stall after service on Sundays 6th March and 3rd April. They are sold on behalf of St Olave's Bookshop, who will also be stocking them soon.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK May 15th – 22nd COLLECTORS NEEDED If you are willing to join the team, please add your name to the list on the Mission Table by the west door. If you are already a collector, and willing to continue, please tick your name.

The **Tuesday Evening Fellowship Group** is on 1st and 15th March at 7.45pm for 8.00pm at 13 Wells Crescent. Details from the Creswicks ☎ 780248.

Junior Confirmation Preparation breaks for *two* weeks, and resumes on Wednesday, 9th March at 4.00 pm

"How Many Loaves Have you?" is the **Women's World Day of Prayer Service** prepared by Christian women of Chile, at 2.00pm on **Friday 4th March** at Christ Church, preceded by a soup lunch at 1.00 pm and tea after the service.

Ash Wednesday, March 9th is the beginning of Lent: the Eucharist (with ashes) will be at 10 am and 7.30 pm at St Paul's, and at 5.30 pm at St Peter's.

"The Crisis that made Christianity", **Professor Jimmy Dunn** leads four open sessions at St Paul's at **7.30 pm on Mondays, March 14th, 21st and 28th**, and **April 4th** with discussion. Come and bring your friends.

Saturday 25th June is the Summer Fair. It will be a largely home-made fun day for all ages so put the date in your diary. If you have bright ideas for entertainments, stalls, or events, contact Sarah Manouch now (☎ 537828).

Centring Prayer is a way of praying in silence in the Christian Tradition, bringing contemplative prayer to ordinary people in everyday life. On Saturday, **March 12th** from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm there is an **Introductory Day** at St Paul's, (£12, including drinks and biscuits). More details from Jan Nowak, local co-ordinator ☎ 01273302700 or j.nowak@ntlworld.com and you can book via Susan Cunningham at 57, St Paul's Road, ☎ 775730.

Tesco vouchers for Schools will be in-store from 28th February and we are collecting them! Please put yours in the collection box or hand to the office team.

Your Deanery Synod last Tuesday met the Revd Moira Wickens, the new Parish Priest of Fishbourne and Apuldram, re-elected our own Ian Creswick as Deanery Foundation Governor at Bishop Luffa School, received a presentation from Dean Nicholas Frayling on his work and that of the cathedral, and were updated on the proposed appointment of a new Dneary Family Support Worker.

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be held at 7.30 pm on **Tuesday 5th April in the Parish Centre.** To stand for office and to vote you must be on the Church Electoral Roll. Enrolment forms are available from the Parish Office or the back of the church and must be returned to the Parish Office by Wednesday 16th March. To qualify for the roll, you must be baptised, over 16, and have attended St Paul's for at least 6 months; **you are warmly encouraged to be enrolled as a member, and to belong fully to your parish church in this way.**

There will be elections for four places on the Parochial Church Council (PCC), which shares practical, strategic and financial responsibility and oversight of our parish life, mission and buildings with the Rector and Churchwardens. It meets normally 9 or 10 times a year, from 7.30 pm until 9.30 pm on the first Tuesday of the month. **Would you have something to offer?**

Recently your PCC has received a recommendation from our eco-group, resolved to ask our architect to prepare drawings for Photovoltaic cells on the church roof; received reports from the Fabric Committee and Youth Worker, discussed a new Mission Action Plan, and Joint Benefice services.

Palm Crosses Please bring into the office last (or earlier) year's **palm crosses** for making into ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Our Parish Publications will cease – UNLESS we find an editor in chief.

Your PCC decided that one publication, to be distributed free throughout the parish, should replace both "News and Views" and "Perspectives". Much is in place, but **without a new editor, nothing will happen.** Do you want St Paul's to go off the map? If not, could you or someone you know take on this exciting challenge?

The "Marks of Mission" follow-up questionnaire is at the back of the church: Please take one, consider and share your ideas as to how we might further God's mission here and what we should prioritise, and return your completed form by **next Sunday 27th February** to the box marked "**Marks of Mission completed feedback sheets**" in the Parish Centre or the Parish Office.

The History of St Paul's and its Parish All copies of **Alan Green's** book have now been sold and we are gauging the demand for a reprint. If you did not get a copy last time and would like the opportunity to buy one – or would like to buy some more for friends - please let Alan Green know now on ☎ 784915 .

Music Exams in Church and Parish Centre from 11th March until 1st April: Details will be in the news sheet each week.

Party Pieces at Christ Church. You are invited to join Christ Church on **March 5th** from **3.00pm to 5.30pm** for family entertainment, musical verse and drama. Tea and cake included.

Parish Retreats 2011. Once again we have arranged to join with the Benedictine community at Alton Abbey for a weekend of peace, spirituality and silence. The dates are **Friday 15th – Sunday 17th July** and **Friday 9th – Sunday 11th September.** Please put these in your diary: there will be a list to sign after Easter. For more information contact Sarah Manouch (☎ 537828).

PARISH FREecycle

Stainless Steel sink (RH drainer). Contact Mary Ross ☎ 786743

Compost Bin with lid. Contact Shirley Bliss ☎ 776336.

Phone with Large Buttons. Contact Anne and Derek Marsh ☎ 538223.

Old PCs and laptops can be recycled (even if they are not working: parts can be salvaged) through **ageUK**. Speak to Kathy Manouch, or take yours to the **ageUK shop** in Crane Street. But NO keyboards or monitors, please.)

Building on Success – our large scale buildings improvement project – is entering a new phase. There will be presentations (at and around the Annual Meeting in April) to enable newer members of the congregation to know the origins and purpose of this exciting development. A second Team has been formed, led by Andy Maynard, to formulate a business plan and make large scale grant applications. If you can help, contact Andy on ☎ 781399.

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