



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 22nd May 2011 – 5th Sunday of Easter

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 and Holy Baptism *The Revd Ann Waizeneker presides and preaches assisted by Fr Richard*

3.00 pm Bognor Regis Concert Band at St Wilfrid's, Bognor: concert in aid of the Mission Societies, USPG and CMS (tickets £7.00 from St Olav's Bookshop)

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 23rd 10.00 am CHERUBS in the Parish Centre. Play and activities for pre-school children with parents/carers.

Tue 24th 8.00 am Holy Eucharist

Wed 25th 3.00 pm Ladies Group Tea Party by invitation.

4.00 pm Junior Confirmation Preparation in the Parish Centre

Thu 26th 10.00 am Holy Eucharist

6.30 pm Cathedral Lecture by Canon Dr Anthony Cane
Wealth of Nations (1776) Adam Smith

7.45 pm Senior Confirmation Preparation

Sat 27th 2.00 pm NOISE the City Churches' Youth and Community Events week begins at Swanfield - see red poster for details

NEXT SUNDAY 29th May 2011 – 6th Sunday of Easter

8.00 am Holy Eucharist 9.00 am Morning Prayer

10.00 am The Parish Eucharist

Readings Acts 17.22-31; 1 Peter 3.13-22; John 14.15-21

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ASCENSION DAY – Thursday, 2nd June 10 am Holy Eucharist at St Paul's

6.30 pm BENEFICE EUCHARIST at St Peter's, Westhampnett

St Paul's Summer Fair is on Saturday 25th June. Book the date and bring your friends. Offers of help to Sarah Manouch (☎ 537828) please.

TODAY – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10.00 am – THE PARISH EUCHARIST

with Junior Church for youngsters (4 – 13+) and Crèche for younger ones

Introit	96	<i>Christ is alive! Let Christians sing</i>
Gradual	99	<i>Christ is the world's light, he and none other</i>
Baptism	150	<i>Do not be afraid for I have redeemed you</i>
Offertory	470	<i>Now is eternal life</i>
Communion	475	<i>Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain</i>
	123	<i>Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life</i>
Post Communion	9	<i>Alleluia, alleluia, hearts to heav'n and voices raise</i>

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading **Acts 7.55-60**

Stephen was the first Christian to follow his Master to execution. The Jewish leaders found the new teaching, that the crucified and resurrected Jesus is their true Messiah, was even more dangerous and heretical than Jesus's own life had been.

Second Reading **1 Peter 2.2-10**

This writer, after the encouragement we have heard from him since Easter, now directs us to think of Jesus as the foundation stone on which the Church is built. Although the resurrection is a stumbling-block to many, we have been chosen by God to proclaim its truth.

Gospel Reading **John 14.1-14**

Jesus taught his disciples how completely he and his heavenly Father are united. We are to believe and trust his promise, that to know him is to know God, and he is our way to the place prepared for us.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

After the Service today

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

Holy Communion at home: please tell your clergy if you know someone who would like a visit, and perhaps Holy Communion, at home: we are delighted to come.

Lars Gunnar Ziel, the General Manager of the Berliner Dom (the great protestant cathedral in Berlin) is staying at the Rectory until Friday, and attending an English course in the mornings. We welcome him today. If you would like to help him practise his English – or go cycling – speak to him or ring the Rectory ☎ 531624

The new link with Sierra Leone:

thanks to those who have already offered to work on developing this new link between St Paul's, Central School and Christ Church and School, Freetown, Sierra Leone, so that we can learn more...

...about the church world-wide

...and understand our own faith from a different point of view

...about an African culture?

Jo Hunt will convene a meeting soon: if you would like to join the working group contact her on ☎ 531624 now.

The **Tuesday evening Bible Study Group** resumes at 7.45pm **this Tuesday 24th May**, new members welcome. Please contact Ian Creswick on ☎ 780248 for more information.

The Benefice Ascension Day Eucharist on Thursday June 2nd is at 6.30 pm at St Peter's, with the Revd James Cooper preaching, and fish and chips after the service from LA Fish (the award winning fish and chip shop in the Hornet!) at the bargain price of **£4.50** for a medium cod and chips, salt, vinegar, paper napkins and wooden fork!

To order supper, please sign the list give your name **and money** to Persephone at St Paul's parish office **by next Tuesday 31st May**: the organiser needs to have your cash in advance. Please bring your own drinks, blanket to sit on if it's fine or umbrella if it's wet!

Holy Eucharist also at St Paul's at 10 am

Rectory Garden Party 3 pm – 5 pm Sunday 12th June – cream teas and live music. All welcome – adults £3.50, children 50p – proceeds to the mission societies. *(If you can offer cakes, produce, plants, vegetables or raffles prizes, contact Jo Hunt ☎ 531624)*

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'Do you want 2 days of peace - no phones, no TV, no emails? 2 days to do exactly what you want? If so, why not join us on one of the **Parish Retreats (15th - 17th July or 9th - 11th September)** at Alton Abbey. There is a sign up sheet on the notice board, or for more information speak to Sarah Manouch (537828).

Italy again? Fr Felix invites us to join him and members of his parish for another Italian pilgrimage holiday, visiting Florence, Siena, Pisa and Assisi, from Monday 16th until Monday 23rd April **2012, cost £989**. Leaflets with full information are available from the Parish Office – for more details, ring Fr Felix ☎ 01273 882987 **SOON!**

Opportunities for more...

...Sacristans to take a turn in preparing the altar, bread, wine, and communion vessels: about 30 minutes before, and 15 minutes after, Sunday service: to join in, contact Priscilla Gerrans on ☎ 539131

...Altar Servers (all ages welcome) to carry candles, cross etc. at the Parish Eucharist: to join in, contact Marion Hill ☎ 789858, Sarah Manouch ☎ 537828 or Alison Green ☎ 02392 451250.

...help with NOISE (the annual youth and community project at Parklands and on the Swanfield Estate in Chichester). Volunteers are urgently needed

on **Saturday 28th May 2 – 4 pm** to monitor the bouncy castle, serve refreshments, and welcome people and **on Thursday 2nd June at 10 am** to staff a craft table (both at Swanfield)

(to offer, contact Jon Robinson)

Youth Matters

A New Group for our older teenage members: could you help – maybe once a fortnight? Please contact Jon Robinson for details if you might be willing.

Cycle to Church on Sunday 12th June

as part of National Bike Week celebration.

In partnership with Chichester District Council, we are providing a **free Bike Doctor, 11.30am to 1.30pm**, to give you advice and help with your bike!

Have you visited our website recently? Have you ever wondered how it is updated? Jon Robinson is offering to run a session to explain and, if you are interested, train people to do this. Contact him so that a suitable date and time can be arranged.

Are you New at St Paul's? Please introduce yourself, take a Welcome Leaflet (of regular events and teams), and fill in a yellow card with your details if you wish.

Our European Curates

This week Peter is at a Conference in Josefstal, with Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Hussite, Waldensian and Anglican curates, seminarians, theological students and **Ann** is working with Dean Nicholas Frayling and our Diocesan European Committee to plan the Coburg Conference with senior members of the same dioceses, which takes place in Chichester this October.

Helen Carlton, a former worshipper at St Paul's, City and District Councillor, author of guides to local walks, and much involved in the life of Chichester, died last week at Augusta Court after a long illness. Her body will be received into St Paul's with a short service at 4 pm on Wednesday 15th June: the Funeral Service is at 2.30 pm on Thursday 16th June. All are welcome at both these services.

Thanks to Community Payback who are doing a wonderful job in refurbishing and painting in the Parish Centre, mowing and tidying the churchyard, and laying the new path surface. They are glad to do more one-off one person community jobs: contact Persephone at the Parish Office if you know of suitable tasks..

The NHS at St Richard's Hospital is piloting a voluntary chaplaincy project to patients in the community, giving spiritual support to those near the end of life, led by the Revd James Cooper, Chaplain of St Richard's, and the Revd Rebekah Canon, Assistant Curate at St George's. If you might be interested, speak to Fr Richard.





This week at the Cathedral
Tuesday 24th May - Concert 1.10 pm
with Spencer Bundy (saxophone) and Rosemary Hensor (piano).

Chancellor's Lecture in the Cathedral
with Canon Dr Anthony Cane:

"Books that Shook the World – this Thursday 26th May 6.30 pm:

Wealth of Nations (1776) Adam Smith

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