



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 10th July 2011 – THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00 am Holy Eucharist 9.00 am Morning Prayer

8.20 am Breakfast Taizé Eucharist *at St Paul's*

10.00 am The PARISH EUCHARIST

*The Revd Ann Waizeneker presides and preaches
and the Revd Peter Kane is deacon*

11.30 am Sunday Coffee Session – open to all:
"The Psalms in Paul" with Prof. Steve Moyise

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 11th 10.00 am CHERUBS in the Parish Centre. Play and activities for pre-school children with parents/carers.

Tue 12th 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
7.45 pm Bible Study Group at 13, Wells Crescent

Wed 13th 7.30 pm Ladies Group "heroes, heretics and the hiking Hunts on the Cathar Way, Languedoc" with Jo Hunt. *All welcome*

Thu 14th 10.00 am Holy Eucharist

Fri 15th 7.15 pm Fellowship of 3rd Age – "Expectations of the Church" at 31 Wellington Road ( 786501).

Sat 16th 2.00 pm – 4.30pm Cream Teas in aid of Chestnut Tree House

NEXT SUNDAY 17th July 2011 – Trinity 4 – Proper 11

8.00 am Holy Eucharist 9.00 am Morning Prayer

10.00 am The Parish Eucharist

Readings: Genesis 28.10-19a; Romans 8.12-25; Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

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The Horn of Africa: to give to the **FAMINE RELIEF** Appeal via the Disasters Emergency Committee, working through Christian Aid and other experienced agencies on the ground, use a white St Paul's Gift Aid Envelope and mark it "FAMINE"

TODAY – THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00 am – THE PARISH EUCHARIST

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

(Fr Richard is preaching in the Cathedral today)

Introit	489	<i>O God beyond all praising, we worship you today</i>
Gradual	716	<i>We have a gospel to proclaim</i>
Offertory	473	<i>Now my tongue, the mystery telling</i>
Communion Anthem		Thou visitest the earth – <i>Maurice Greene</i>
Communion	168	<i>Father, who in Jesus found us</i>
Post Communion	221	<i>God is working his purpose out</i>

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord...

First Reading **Genesis 25.19-34**

We have been hearing over recent weeks how God blessed Abraham for his faith. And for a while, all seems well, as God's will is worked out first through a son and now the birth of grandsons. But God's eternal good purpose constantly suffers setbacks through human selfishness and deceit, not least within a family.

Second Reading **Romans 8.1-11**

Paul has discovered that sin is never completely conquered. But the amazing consequence of faith in Jesus Christ is that God does not utterly condemn us. Our lives are quite different, because they are directed to God, and through his Spirit he gives us true life.

Gospel Reading **Matthew 13.1-9,18-23**

If you have ears, then hear a parable. God's presence and God's word are broadcast everywhere, like seed falling in every kind of soil and climate. To you it has been given to hear and understand and be fruitful.

Post Communion Prayer

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

After the Service today:

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

Music Exams are in the Parish Centre on **Monday 11th** (2.00pm - 5.00pm)

Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th (10 am - 5 pm); **Thursday 14th** (11 am - 5 pm).

These sessions are now in the Parish Centre, so the Church is accessible throughout

Another Retirement: Bishop John has announced that he will be retiring in April 2012, shortly before his 67th birthday. We wish him and Janet every blessing in their preparations, and many happy years in their retirement along the road in Emsworth.

Fellowship of 3rd Age (F3A) will be meeting at 31 Wellington Road at **7.15pm this Friday 15th July** when the topic will be "Expectations of the Church" and at 4 Drayman's Mews, St Pancras (☎ 789003) at 2.15pm on Friday 22nd July when the topic will be "The Temptations of Old Age. Anyone over 60 is welcome

Cream Tea with music at **St Paul's** this **Saturday 16th July** from 2.00pm to 4.30pm in aid of Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice. Tickets £3.50 in advance or £4 on the door.

Next Sunday, 17th July at 11.30 am: Ministry Planning Meeting

The next Meet'n'Eat Lunch is on **Wednesday 20th July at 12.30 pm**, in the Parish Centre, preceded by the **Eucharist with Ministry of Healing at 11.45 am**. Book lunch via Felicity (☎ 789214) or the Parish Office by Saturday 16th July.

God@Work – "Christians in Chichester" are organising talks in the Eastern Arm of the Cathedral cloisters, beginning with **"Films, Financing and faith"** by **Mark Blaney** an Emsworth based feature-film producer, at 1.10pm on **Wednesday, 20th July**, lasting about 40 minutes. For more details see posters or Peter Kane.

A Service of Prayer for Life
6.45 pm Saturday 30th July at St Richard's Church, Cawley Road

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer" Romans 12.12.

St Richard's is hosting a Day for Life celebration, dedicated to upholding the dignity of human life from conception to natural death, thanking God for the gift of life. There will be a service of prayer and readings at St Richard's Saturday 30th July at 6.45 p.m. lasting about 30 minutes. Christians from all churches in the city are warmly invited and will be very welcome.

Your PCC met jointly with St Peter's Westhampnett PCC on Tuesday for the first time in a decade. They considered two main issues together. Many ideas for ways and means of developing our co-operation and relationship were proposed and are now being analysed. We also considered the legislation proposed by General Synod for Women Bishops in the Church of England, and a large majority favoured this move forward. All agreed that it was a good joint meeting, and looked forward to more.

Parish Links

The Sierra Leone Link The next big step is for a group led by Jo and Fr Richard to visit Christ Church and School in Freetown from October 20th for about ten days, to meet people and begin friendships. So far four from St Paul's and one or two Central teachers are keen to come. Travel and accommodation will cost about £1200. If you might like to come, for all or some of the time, or to support the link by subsidising someone else's travel, contact Jo on ☎ 531624, or come to the Rectory at 8 pm tonight, Sunday 10th.

Berlin - The Paul Gerhardt Church in Alt Schöneberg has been linked with St Paul's for many years. Their Choir *and Orchestra* are due to visit us next May, and some from Berlin may visit us when Fr Richard retires. It would be good to have more frequent exchanges and visits. Many who founded the partnership are now getting on or have died! But **Alt Schöneberg** now has a family service, and younger members. **Jonathan Harry** has offered to co-ordinate visits and communication between St Paul's and Berlin. If you or your family are interested in a short holiday in a very exciting city, contact Jonathan on ☎ **533980**.

Summersdale Seaside Special today
10th July, 2 – 5 pm Winterbourne Road, organised by Immanuel – all welcome.

St Paul's annual ECO BBQ on Sunday, September 4th: games start at 12 noon, lunch at 1 pm. Bountiful Burgers, Sizzling Sausages Sumptuous Salads, dazzling desserts, delightful drinks

Tickets (Adults £5 children £2.50 and families £13) will be on sale in August: proceeds for our mission partners. Please take a flyer today

Holidays on the Horizon –

The City Council is organising the annual three weeks of **Children's Holiday Activity (for 5's to 11's)** at St Paul's between Monday 25th July and Friday 12th August. More details are on posters, and application forms can be downloaded from www.chichestercity.gov.uk .

If you come to the church and Parish Centre during these weeks, please be aware that children will be using the hall most days. To comply with child protection requirements, please check with the activity supervisor *before*: you come into or through the hall and welcome area at these times. We are sorry for this inconvenience, but delighted that city youngsters will again be using the Parish Centre this summer

The Church Commissioners' hold and manage the central funds and property of the Church of England Their Annual Report is on the St Paul's Notice Board near the door to the Parish Centre: more copies from ☎ 02078981000/1135, or by e-mail commissioners.enquiry@churchofengland.org

Still needed

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

...Altar Servers (any age). at the Parish Eucharist: contact Marion Hill ☎ 789858, Sarah Manouch ☎ 537828

Chichester Baptist Church have a new member of staff, with a young family, who are looking for a house to stay in or rent for a short time from September. If you know a suitable property please contact Paul Woodfield ☎ 782582.

Parish Freecycle – on offer: Desk with 3 drawers and extending arm: Joan Tidy ☎ .785245 or joan.laureate@o2.co.uk. She asks for donations to BoS please

Sabbatical Leave Fr Richard and Jo will be on sabbatical leave from August until October (postponed from last year). Fr Richard begins with an 8 day Silent Ignatian Retreat at St Mary's Convent in Wantage. They hope to take part in the BoS Chichester to Canterbury pilgrimage with Chris Merrion and Jane Martin; and in October to lead our first parish link visit to Sierra Leone. They will seldom be in St Paul's, but they will be in Chichester for part of the time. They do not intend to hide, and as always welcome anyone at the Rectory when they are at home and friendly contact elsewhere! But during this period please make all work-related enquiries to the Office, or to Ann or Peter.

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