

# 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 26th February 2012 – First Sunday of Lent

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

9.00 am Morning Prayer

**9.00 am Annual Fair Trade Breakfast**

**10.00 am The PARISH EUCHARIST**

*The Revd Peter Kane presides and preaches,*

*assisted by Fr Doug Farnham*

5.30 Evening Prayer

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



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

**Mon 27th 10.00 am CHERUBS** in the Parish Centre. Play and activities for pre-school children with parents/carers.

**7.30 pm Lent Course** at St Paul's

**Tue 28th 8.00 am Holy Eucharist**

**Thu 1st 10.00 am Holy Eucharist**

**Fri 2nd 2.00 pm Women's World Day of Prayer** at St Pancras Church

### **NEXT SUNDAY 4th March 2012 – Second Sunday of Lent**

**8.00 am Holy Eucharist**

9.00 am Morning Prayer

**10.00 am THE PARISH EUCHARIST**

Readings: Genesis 17.1-7,15,16; Romans 4.13-25 Mark 8.31-38

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

**Breakfast Taizé Eucharist** is held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays with a tea time equivalent on the 3rd Saturday each month. It is a short Holy Communion Service with families and children in mind.

**New at St Paul's?** Please introduce yourself, collect a Welcome Leaflet (details of regular groups and meetings). If you wish, fill in a yellow card with your details.

You can help **Stonepillow** founded by local churches to help the homeless in several projects, by giving time, supplies, and by regular donations. **Envelopes (with Gift Aid declaration) will be available here next Sunday.**

**TODAY – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**10.00 am – THE PARISH EUCHARIST**

**with Sunday School for youngsters (4–13+) and Crèche for younger children**

<b>Introit</b>	<b>190</b>	<i>Forty days and forty nights</i>
<b>Gradual</b>	<b>516</b>	<i>O love, how deep, how broad, how high!</i>
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>343</b>	<i>Jesu, lover of my soul</i>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>69</b>	<i>Be thou my guardian and my guide</i>
<b>Anthem</b>		<i>Kyrie – Jenkins</i>
<b>Post Communion</b>	<b>379</b>	<i>Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us</i>

**Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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                      Genesis 9.8-17**

During Lent this year we hear from Israel's books of the Law those passages which tell of the covenants that bind God and his people together. After the great flood, Noah and his family set out on God's new beginning for humanity, under a covenant promising God's new blessing to all creation.

**Second Reading                      1 Peter 3.18-22**

The writer explains the symbolic meaning of Noah and the flood water. Through the water used in Christian baptism everyone is brought to God's safety, because Christ has died, Christ is risen, and the power of his resurrection is present for us.

**Gospel Reading                      Mark 1.9-15**

This Sunday's readings all have the powerful image of salvation through water. We hear now Mark's account of the baptism of Jesus, then Our Lord's call to repent and believe his good news. So begins our Lenten preparation, for those to be baptised at Easter, and for us all to reaffirm our baptismal covenant promises.

**Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**After the Parish Eucharist today and every Sunday:**

**The Ministry of Healing** (*prayer, laying on of hands, anointing in the Lady Chapel at the front right of the Church*) is available for all who desire it.

**Music exams** will take place in the church and part of the Parish centre from Friday March 9th to Thursday March 29th. Details of the daily schedule will be given each week in the pew sheet.

**Jessica Gleeson** will be taking part in the **Annual Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage** to Walsingham on 9-11 March 2012. If you would like Jessica to remember anyone specifically in her prayers whilst at the Shrine please contact Tim, Sarah or Jessica herself or e-mail to [sarah.gleeson@btinternet.com](mailto:sarah.gleeson@btinternet.com).

The Tuesday evening **Bible study group** will be meeting each week at 13 Wells Crescent. New members welcome, please contact Ian Creswick on ☎780248 for more information.

### **Opportunities for Silent Prayer**

**2nd Monday of each month**, 11am at St Paul's. Contact: Peter Kane.

**3rd Thursday of each month**, 7.30pm at 110 Parklands Road. Contact: Rae Moyise - 537947 (please phone to check first).

**4th Monday of each month**, 3.30pm at George Bell House, Canon Lane. Contact: Deacon Brenda Waters - 782595.

The **Woman's World Day of Prayer** will be on **Friday 2nd March** at St Pancras Church. Lunch is at 1.00pm followed by the service at 2.00pm. Come and enjoy this service written by the Christian Women of Malaysia. Men are welcome.

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** will be held on **Tuesday 24th April**. 4 new members will be required for the PCC to replace retiring members. If you wish to be considered please speak to one of the clergy.

**AWAY – All Women And You.** Come and join us on **17th March** for a tasting session at Montezuma's, East Street. If Interested please contact Tracey (07963 800316) or Caroline (07816 112510)

**Lent Boxes** will be available from after the service today or from the church office during the week.

**Photographs** are still wanted. If you have any photographs of the church, new or old, please e-mail them to Joe Marchant at [jwf\\_marchant@live.co.uk](mailto:jwf_marchant@live.co.uk).

**Appointment of Rector** The process of appointing a new Rector for the benefice is well under way. The PCC has approved the Parish Profile and appointed the four benefice churchwardens as our representatives in the selection process. Please pray for all involved in the appointment. There is a copy of the benefice profile at the back of the church for you to look at.

**Iris Wheeler** Iris sadly passed away at St Richard's Hospital on Thursday 23rd Feb. Details of her funeral will follow shortly.

**Admission to Communion before Confirmation** classes will be starting shortly for children aged about 7-8 upwards. If you would like to know more, please e-mail or speak to Revd Ann.

**Youth Helper** We are looking for someone to work part time with our young people (particularly the ROX age group) over the next few months, while we do not have a youth worker. If you would like to know more, please speak to Revd Ann.

### **Opportunities for study during Lent:**

**1)** An ecumenical Lent Course on five Monday evenings and one Sunday evening. This is being organized jointly with Christ Church Methodist/URC and St Richard's RC Church. We will be following a course entitled 'Way to Freedom', which takes as its starting point Bonhoeffer's poem, 'Stations on the way to freedom'. This is a great opportunity to share in fellowship with our brothers and sisters from different churches. Further details and a sign-up list for this course are at the back of church.

**2) On Saturday 10th March** Professor Jimmy Dunn will be leading a study day on St Paul here at St Paul's, from 9.30am to 3.00pm. Topics to be covered include 'Who was Paul?', 'What was the Good News for Paul?' and 'How did Paul handle disagreements in his churches?' Leaflets about the event are available after the service today.

**St Paul's Art Group** needs a weatherproof space in part of a shed or garage to store their exhibition equipment. Access will only be required before and after the summer exhibition. A small payment is offered. Contact Jean Hatfield on ☎ 783493.

#### **At the Cathedral:**

**Until the 29th March – "Loss": A Textile Installation** by Alice Kettle and Jules Findley. Open daily, entrance free.

**Tuesday 6th March – Lunchtime Concert** with Tau Wey (piano)

There will be a **Grand Fairtrade Cycle Ride** from Chichester to Bosham and back on **Saturday 3rd March** starting at 1.00pm from the Westgate Leisure Centre and returning to Christ Church at 4.00pm. All are welcome. For more information contact Fairtrade Chichester ☎ 532910.

**Parish Library** New books have recently been purchased and several donated. These are displayed separately from the rest of the books, and can be found on the top shelf. There are new Lent books amongst them so, with Lent approaching, why not treat yourself to a free read of a new book.

**Church car parking** Please only park on the hard standing whilst the ground is so wet. People who do park on the grass do so at their own risk. There is a danger of subsidence because there are graves underneath.

#### **Freecycle – on offer**

**IKEA** white single bed and mattress with under bed and mattress.

#### **White wardrobe**

Pictures of them on notice board at entrance to hall. Persephone ☎ 533403

**Christian Aid** Volunteers are needed to help collect for Christian Aid outside Tesco's on Thurs 26th April. Also, the Christian Aid May market will take place on Friday 4th May and volunteers are badly needed to run the plant stall. Please contact Margaret Heald ☎ 787069.

**Christian Aid Afternoon Tea** at Denman's Garden on **Friday 30th March** at **2.00pm**. Tickets £5 including garden entrance and afternoon tea must be pre-booked. Call 02075232376 or e-mail [LSE@christian-aid.org](mailto:LSE@christian-aid.org) for tickets.

**Coffee rota** Two more volunteers are needed for the coffee rota. This involves being 'on duty' about every six weeks. Please contact Margaret Heald ☎ 787069.

**Coalition for Marriage** is a new umbrella group of individuals and organisations in the UK that support traditional marriage and oppose any plans to redefine it. If you would like to sign their on-line petition, you can do so at [www.c4m.org.uk](http://www.c4m.org.uk)

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