



Swindon Old Town Partnership of Churches

Christ Church with St Mary's Registered charity no. 1134032

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28th February 2010 – Lent 2

Readings: for 8am, 9am & 9.30am:

Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18 (page 12 of the pew bible).

Philippians 3.17 – 4.1 (page 196 at the back of the pew bible).

Luke 13.31-end (page 73 at the back of the new bible).

Today at Christ Church

8am: Holy Communion led by Revd Simon Stevenette.

9.30am: Family Holy Communion led by Revd Simon Stevenette. **Hymns: 574, 19, 929, 617. Responsorial psalm 27: The Lord is my light and my help. The Lord is my light and my help.** - there are 3 verses. **Anthem:** The Lord is my light (Noon). **Voluntary:** Ein feste Burg (JS Bach).

Reading & Prayers: Stephen and Nicola Grosvenor.

11.30am: Searchlight led by Margaret Williams.

6.30pm: Common Worship Evening Prayer led by Trevor Day. **Psalm:** 135.1-14. **Readings:** Jeremiah 22.1-9, 13-17 (page 734); Luke 14.25-33 (page 74). **Hymns: 551, 412 v 1,2,4,6. 349 v1,3,5. 662. Choir introit:** A prayer of St Richard (White).

Anthem: Christ has no body now but yours (Ogden).

Voluntary: Es ist das heil uns kommen her (BWV638 (JS Bach).

At St Mary's: 9am Morning Prayer led by Anne Macmillan.

Parish Bible verse for 2010:

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. *Romans 8 .28*

Our Vision: *Connecting The Community With Christ.*

We are committed to: 1. Jesus & His Teaching; 2. Caring For God's World; 3. Respecting & Helping Each Other.

The Confidential Anonymous Income Survey For 2011: TODAY we are asking you to provide, **anonymously**, details of your income – please carefully read the instructions on the reverse of the form which is in your news sheet and then fill in the survey form and put it in the box at the back of church. This is for the diocese so they can gauge what our share contribution should be. Thank you.

Confirmation: classes will begin on March 7th in readiness for our partnership confirmation service on Sunday 2nd May 10.30am in Christ Church when Bp Mike Hill will be joining our partnership clergy. Please take a bright yellow leaflet from the back of church or talk with Simon.

Mission Gift Day: our first mission gift day of the year is next Sunday (7th March) when we will be collecting for Tearfund and for our CMS link partner Anne Lapage in Tanzania – please see Anne's latest letter at the back of the church – great news!

Christ Church Curry Club; Our next curry night will be on Friday 5 March 2010 at 7.30. We shall be going to Biplob's in Wood Street. If you would like to come please contact Nicola Grosvenor on nicola.grosvenor@ntlworld.com or 341034. So that she can make sure we have enough places booked.

Christian Aid (CA): all are invited to a speech about CA work in Kenya by Ed McGregor on 8th March from 7pm. The venue is Emmanuel United Reformed Church, 81 High Street, Haydon Wick, SN25 1HU. Admission is free - although donations will be welcome. Join the CA volunteer team this year. Call Steve (Tel. 495026) for more information.

Mothering Sunday The Pastoral Group & the Burial Board are planning to offer a 'cuppa' and a chance to talk to Visitors to the Burial Ground on Mothering Sunday, March 14th. If anyone can help for half an hour or so, we would really welcome this. We hope to use the Stable Area to serve refreshments from 1 pm – 4 pm. Please see Pam for further information. Many Thanks. **Our services on this day** will be at CC 8am Holy Communion and 10.30am All Age Service (not HC). St Mary's: 9am Holy Communion; 6.30pm Healing service.

Wednesday 24th March 7pm: Commonweal Spring Concert in Christ Church featuring Christ Church Choir and Lethbridge School Drum Circle. Tickets £3.50 from Parish office.

Lent Course: Re-imagining the church – our course continues this Wednesday 7.30pm at Immanuel when Revd Canon Rob Burles will lead our discussion.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday 6th March 7.30am in church followed by breakfast in the church centre. We are delighted that Dave King will lead the conversation after breakfast about his role as editor of the Evening Advertiser and about the challenge of autism. All welcome – please ring Mike Palmer 436220.

Website: We will launch the new parish website at the weekend which will coincide with the period of consultation about our plans for the church and the part we all play in our community. We hope you find the new site is easier to navigate and that, over the coming months, it becomes a source of the most up to date information about all aspects of our Christian life together. You can find news, pictures, social and worship calendars, Thought for the week, our prayer diary and many other useful bits of information on the site. It is still at www.Christchurchswindon.co.uk. If you have any questions or suggestions for how the site might be further improved please contact Stephen Grosvenor tel 01793 341034).

Gil Thomas (Caroline's mother) is making a good recovery from her broken ankle and thanks everybody for their good wishes.

Easter ramble: On Easter Eve, Sat 3 April, a walk to Marlborough is planned. Bacon butties at our Church Centre 8-9am, leave at 10am. A leisurely pace, route to be decided, and shorter options will be available. Bring packed lunch, we may have supper in Marlborough. Return by bus. Details nearer the time from Caroline/Daniel Pitt 521732.

The Lacock Messiah: Sat 24th April in St Cyriac's Church, Lacock. You are invited (for a payment of £15) to join in singing the Messiah under the direction of Nigel Perrin. Further details: 01225 702941: lacockmessiah@googlemail.com

Swindon United Churches Cricket Cup: the weather is getting warmer, spring can't be far away! and Ed Dabbs is keen to get a team (or 2!) together for this event on Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May; when we take on other church teams at the lovely ground at Sevenhampton. Would you like to have a go? Ed would be very keen to hear from you on 07747 124336 or eddabbs@hotmail.com

Weekday services: Morning Prayer: Monday–Friday 9am.
Saturday 7.30am Men's Breakfast morning prayer service.

Evening prayer: Monday & Thursday 5pm.

Holy Communion–Wednesday 10.30am

This week: Mon 1st March 7.30pm Staff meeting at the vicarage. **Wed 3rd 7.30pm** Lent course at Immanuel. **Sat 6th 7.30am** Men's Breakfast. **1pm** wedding of Michael Rose and Leah Webb.

Services for Next Sunday 7th March– 3rd Sunday of Lent.

At Christ Church: 8am: 1662 Holy Communion. 9.30am: Family Holy Communion. 11.30am: Searchlight. 12.30pm: Baptism. 6.30pm: Holy Communion. **At St Mary's:** 9am: Morning Prayer.

To Get in Touch for any reason (STD 01793)

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For Advice or Information on Gift Aid and Regular Giving Methods please contact Stephen Grosvenor Gift Aid Secretary on 341034. **All in confidence.**

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Prayers:

- For the Ings family as David and Ashley are married on Monday.
- For the bell ringers and their AGM on Tuesday.
- For the staff team as they meet on Monday.

Those In Need Of God's Healing: Trevor Brigden, Clive Carter, Barbara Charwood, Diana Craifer, Ron Craifer, Barbara Codd, David Cummings, John D'Avila, Phyl Dyer, Aila English, Betty Griffiths, Zak Hobbs, Pat Lawrence, David Leadbeater, Martin Lee, Audrey Maslin, Jean Mountney, Sally Pearce, Ian Purvis, Sue Rush, Cilla Slipper, Neil Thomas, Julie Tucker. **For those who are lonely, anxious and depressed that they would receive comfort, strength and support.**

The friends & family of Guy Westmoreland who has recently died.

For those who continue to mourn and remember Leslie Huband whose anniversaries fall at this time.