

Next Week

Week beginning 14th March

Mothering Sunday

9 am Morning Prayer (Holy Trinity)
11 am Parish Family Service (Holy Trinity) with baptism of Poppy Beatrice
Tuesday Metcalf-King
6 pm Holy Communion (Christ Church)

Monday: Tiddlywinks 1.30 pm

Tuesday: Prayer Meeting 9.30 am;

Bowls 2 pm; Handbell Ringing 7 pm

Wednesday: Midweek Bible Study 12 noon

Thursday: Working Party 9.30 am;

Women's Fellowship 2 pm, when Geoff Burnett will be showing slides of the four seasons

Friday: Link-up Bereavement Support Group 10 am followed by a sharing lunch

Saturday: Prophetic Intercession 8 am

Dates for your Diary



Monday 19 April - Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 27 June - Summer Praise on Holmer Green Common

We invite you to a joyful selection of liturgical, a capella Music for Lent and Easter on Sunday 21 March at 3 pm in Holy Trinity. The music will be performed by the St Wulstan Choir and the Galliard Band. Admission £7, to include light refreshments - all proceeds to CAFOD and Holy Trinity church repairs.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

If you know of anyone in need or if you require help yourself, please don't hesitate to call:-

Mary Blatchfor

Alan or Judy Jones

Mike Large

Marian Spratt

Rosemary Wheeler

NEWSLETTER

For the Parish of Penn Street with Holmer Green

7th March 2010

A very warm welcome to our services, especially if you are a visitor or new to the church. We are a Christian family committed to serving God and our community and making his good news known.

SERVICES TODAY

Third Sunday of Lent

8 am Holy Communion BCP (Holy Trinity)

9 a Holy Communion (Christ Church)

11 am Holy Communion (Church Centre)

Monday: Tiddlywinks 1.30 pm

Tuesday: Prayer Meeting 9.30 am;

Bowls 2 pm; Handbell Ringing 7 pm

Wednesday: Midweek Bible Study 12 noon

Thursday: Holy Communion 11 am

Saturday: Prophetic Intercession will be next Saturday

O DEAR, AN UNFORGETTABLE SENIOR MOMENT

The clergyman and writer, William Lisle Bowles, once gave a parishioner a Bible as a birthday present. When she asked him to write an inscription, he signed it "From the Author."



Collect for the Third Sunday of Lent

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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
, Amen

Seen on a noticeboard outside a local church:

WE ARE THE SOUL AGENTS IN THIS AREA.

Our Parish Vision

To Release, Support, Enable and Encourage God's People to receive His Grace, share His Love and live His Life

Vicar William Mason 712194 (Day off Friday)

Associate Priest Cathy Smith (Day off Friday)

Newsletter Judy Knight

Parish Office 715195 office@pshg.org

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Thought for the Week

BE WILLING TO START SMALL

An oak tree begins life as a small acorn.

David was a shepherd boy with a sling shot, but became Israel's greatest king.

Joseph was a prisoner but went on to become a prime minister.

Our Saviour, Jesus, began life in a stable, but He didn't stay there.

So, what about us?

We are all seeds capable of producing a rich harvest for God.

So let us take all that we have and all that we are and place it into God's hands and see where it all leads.

Seeds grow into trees, producing everything you need for every area of your life.

So, are you bearing fruit?

MJC

Spring has sprung,

The grass is ris.

I wonder where the mowers is?

(apologies to the poet)

The mowers are taking a rest from their labours of 2009 when the grass around our two churches looked great.

Thank you mowers. But it was hard.

In 2010 we need more volunteers to join the rotas at Christ Church and Holy Trinity. The more we have the easier the job will be.

Charles and Roger will be delighted to welcome you.

Contact me ASAP if you would like to join the team.

Alan

Please pray for the plans and arrangements for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which will take place on Monday 19 April at 7.30 pm in the Church Centre.

The Women's Fellowship enjoyed exchanging gardening tips at their meeting on Thursday. Preparations are going ahead for our 50th Anniversary celebrations on April 15, and most of the invitations have now been sent out. Members intending to be there are asked to contact Shirley Martin and make a payment of £3. Our next meeting will be on March 18, when Geoff Burnett will be showing us slides of the four seasons. Don't forget we are now back to our summer time of 2 pm.

Lighthouse 2010

Lighthouse will be taking place between Monday 26th July to Friday 30th July 2010. If you would like to join the team, please download the application form from: !! [HYPERLINK "http://www.lighthouseadmin.org"](http://www.lighthouseadmin.org)

¶ www.lighthouseadmin.org or leave a message on the Lighthouse Administration telephone number: 01494 714012. More helpers are always needed as the demand for Lighthouse continues to grow, and we are only limited by the numbers of helpers that we can attract. Lighthouse is a holiday club for children run by Christians from local churches. The aim is to introduce the children to God, explore the Bible with them and help them look to Jesus as their special friend – all in a fun-filled week of sport, craft, performing arts and music.

The Rev Douglas Paterson wishes to thank you for your kind gift and beautiful card (waves, which he loves to look at), as also for your friendship, fellowship, prayers and support over these past 15 plus years. He will miss you. (After his Farewell Service, on his return to his flat, he wept.)

He will be moving on March 24 (D.V.) to Flat 8, Dulverton Hall, Esplanade, Scarborough YO11 2AR. Do visit him if you are in the area, but best to ring beforehand (01723 340108). Scarborough is a good place for a holiday - on the coast and near to the North York Moors! His farewell message was: "Believe on Jesus (Acts 16:31), trust in Him as our personal Saviour and Lord. Behave like Jesus (Romans 8:29) through the power of the Holy Spirit. Be prayerful. Be faithful."

This must be taken seriously

Last Sunday I was taken aback by the headline in the newspaper: "Islamic radicals infiltrate Labour". On reading the article further, it went on to say that a fundamentalist Muslim group want to create an "Islamic social and political order" in Britain by placing sympathisers in elected positions of office by "mass mobilisation" of Muslim voters throughout Europe in order to create an Islamic state.

This was further enforced by watching the programme "Dispatches" on Channel 4 the following night, which dealt with the same subject.

Isn't it about time that we as Christians in this country, woke up and proclaimed what we believe in. That God sent His only Son, Jesus, to be sacrificed for us so that we could all be set free.

It's a battle cry to us, the Soldiers of Jesus Christ, to put on the armour that God has equipped us with, to stand firm, be strong and bold and say out loud what we believe in.

God, I believe, will then act, and through our prayers defeat these enemy attacks.

At present we are all too placid, and it would be churlish and wrong to dismiss these extremists as insignificant.

Are you prepared to stand and fight?

MJC

Please Pray For:

Joan Hollings, William & Hilary, Liz & Roger, Derek, Lynn, Roland & Brenda, Christopher, Lawrie, and Doreen

PRAYER DIARY

In our Church Family Prayer Diary this week please pray for Robert & Carol Duerdoth, Don & Hilary Hide, Barbara Frostick, those who live in Hollyberry Grove, and the PCC meeting tomorrow evening

