



Sunday January 22nd 2012

Welcome!

We are delighted that you are here and we hope that you will enjoy worshipping with us today. If there is anything you need to know, please ask any one of us.

This is a communion service and you are welcome to receive if you would like to, or to come for a blessing instead. (Children who have been baptised are prepared to receive communion here from the age of four.) The bread we use for communion is baked by hand and it contains gluten, wheat and yeast - if you need rice cake instead please tell one of the people who welcomed you here. If you have come here with needs or anxieties and you would like someone to pray with you, for yourself or for someone else, there will be someone by the war memorial in church during communion who will be very happy to listen and pray.

And if you would like us all to pray for someone in the intercessions, just add the name in the prayer book on the wooden lectern by the glass doors.

Today is the Third Sunday of Epiphany

First reading: Revelation 19.6-10

In a dream-like vision the Spirit reveals ultimate truth with breathtaking clarity. It is here that God has made peace with us through Jesus and seeks complete union.

Gospel reading: John 2.1-11

Jesus takes hold of human lack and transforms it into glory. What might we become, in the hands of Christ?

The collect for today - a prayer for the week ahead:

*Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles,
the wonder of your saving presence:
Renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Welcome Chris Collingwood!

We welcome Rev Chris Collingwood, the Vicar of Holy Trinity Minchinhampton; who is preaching at today's Service.

Ash Wednesday – 22nd February

This year Bishop Michael has invited our deanery to share in an Ash Wednesday Eucharist at the cathedral in the evening. There will be a service here, for those who can't make the evening, at 12.00 noon.

Spring clean the church! Saturday February 25th

Please come and help us clean the church, 9.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. Many hands make light work! There will be cake

Evening services in Lent

During Lent there will be a Sunday evening service each week at 6.00 p.m. It won't be a communion service, but there will be a sermon!

Fairtrade Fortnight Big Event – quiz night on Saturday March 10th

We are going to hold a quiz night for Fairtrade fortnight on Saturday March 10th 7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. in church. There will be some Fairtrade nibbles and drinks, a tradecraft stall and lots of information; live singing and lots of fun! Teams of up to four adults (children go free!) can register before or at the event; cost will be £5 *per team* to cover costs.

Could you be a link person for David and Rine?

We need someone who will help us to keep in touch with David and Rine in Delhi – they are our mission partners from CMS. We have promised to support them for three years, and we need someone who act as a link – Gilly used to do this. Could it be you? Please talk to Ricarda.

Rev Pauline Godfrey

Good news! Pauline has recently taken up a post in the Department of Discipleship and Ministry, having moved here from Guildford Diocese. I and the PCC are absolutely delighted that she would like to make St Paul & St Stephen her 'home church' and is willing to take part in ministry here when she is able to. (A bit like the ministry we receive from John Witcombe, and used to receive from Mike Parsons before he moved to Coney Hill) She has already preached here and will be taking the services on Feb 5th when I am away on retreat.

Annual Reports

It's that time of year already - Cynthia is collating and collecting reports on 2011 for all the church groups. The annual meeting will be held on Wednesday April 25th at 7.00 p.m.

Baptism Certificates – for February 26th

If you can find your baptism certificate, however old it is, please bring it to church on February 26th. This is the day of the confirmation, and we will renew our baptism at the same service, with Bishop John. (If you haven't been baptized and would like to be, please talk to Ricarda!)

Church Hall Laundry

Please could you help with the laundry in church? We are now using real towels in the toilets and the need to keep on top of the washing becomes a little more urgent – towels and kitchen tea towels and occasional table cloths. Could you take a load once a month? Ricarda or Maria would love to talk to you if you can!

Rota Duties Today:

Welcome Chris/Mavis; **Stewards** Willie/Ellie; **Reader** Moses; **Intercessions** Pam;
Chalice-Dim/Chris Collingwood; **Praying Together** Jan W; **Cross** Steve; **Candles**
Rose/Ellie; **Warden** Maria; **Coffee** Nicky/Marcus; **OHP** Gill;
Church Cleaning week beginning 22nd Jan: Nicky, Marcus and Steve

Next Weeks's Rota Duties

Welcome Pam/Gill; **Stewards** Steve T/Lynda; **Reader** Willie; **Intercessions** Brian;
Chalice-Jane/Maria; **Praying Together** Marion; **Cross** Chris; **Candles** Charley/Ryan;
Warden Maria; **Coffee** Moses; **OHP** Gladston;
Church Cleaning week beginning 29th Helen M/Sue

Next week's readings (Epiphany 4)

Deuteronomy: 18.15-20; Psalm: 111; Revelation: 12.1-5a; Mark: 1.21-28

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

TODAY	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
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MONDAY 23rd	8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
TUESDAY 24th	8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer with Praying for schools
	1.00 p.m. Little Angels
	5.00 p.m. Lectio Divina
	6.00 p.m. Open Church
	7.30 p.m. Confirmation session
WEDNESDAY 25th	8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
	7.30 p.m. Informal Eucharist (<i>Ricarda</i>)
THURSDAY 26th	9 – 11 am Church Office
	10.00 a.m. Eucharist (<i>Ricarda</i>)
	10.30 a.m. Morning Coffee
	12.30 p.m. Lily Bremer's funeral
	7.30 p.m. Moveable housegroup – contact Ruth P for venue
FRIDAY 27th	2.15 p.m. Young at Heart
SUNDAY 29th	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
	10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

Family Dates

Happy Birthday to **Lizzie Parsons & Joyce Keable** (*Wed*) **Meg Steele** (*Sat*)
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And we remember Jim Rose at his yearsmind

Who's who?

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