



*Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup> 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 Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

### **First reading: Acts 9. 1-22**

The incredible story of a man's conversion – unexpected in every way. Nothing is impossible for God.

### **Gospel reading: Mark 1.21-28**

Jesus astounds the people by teaching scripture as one who knows the true meaning of it, first hand, and who shows it by the way he lives.

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

*Almighty God, creator of all things,  
Who in the beginning did command the light to shine out of darkness:  
Grant that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ,  
May dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,  
shine into the hearts of all your people,  
And reveal the knowledge of your glory  
In the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.*

**Ricarda away**

Ricarda is away on retreat this week.

**Men's Breakfast – Saturday February 4th**

The men's group is meeting for breakfast and bible study at Geoff's house – call him on 381202 if you'd like to come.

**Afternoon tea – Sunday February 5th 3.00 – 4.00 p.m. in the Pink Room**

This is for anyone who has ever been bereaved and would like a chance to talk about it. Come and listen or talk to others who are on a similar journey.

**Inbeteenies – Sunday February 5th 5.00 p.m.**

Fun and food and faith in the church hall – please bring some food to share. See Ruth or Helen for more information!

**Electoral roll**

The electoral roll is the list of names and addresses of people who can vote in the annual parochial church meeting. We are about to revise it in preparation for the Annual meeting – if you would like to be on it, or if your address or name has changed in the last year, please tell our electoral roll officer, Brian Rose.

**Refresher evening for intercessors – Thursday 9th February**

This is for everyone who leads intercessions in church on Sundays – an evening to refresh, give new ideas and inspiration. Please let Ricarda know if you can come. The meeting will start at 7.30 in the pink room and should last about an hour.

**Hospital service: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

Members of our congregation are organising the Hospital Chapel Service on 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. If you would like to join us, you would be very welcome. For further details please see Jan Wood. Thank you

**Spring clean the church! Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup>**

Please help us clean the church, 9.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. There will be cake ....

## **Baptism Certificates – for February 26<sup>th</sup>**

If you can find your baptism certificate, however old it is, please bring it to church on February 26<sup>th</sup>. 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!)

## **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! The first one will be on Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup>. The theme of the sermons will be *101 things to do before you die: the journey to Good Friday and beyond*.

## **Refresh and pray – Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup> in church 9.30 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.**

The first of a series of monthly Saturday morning sessions to refresh your praying. Coffee from 9.30 a.m. (men can come after breakfast if they wish!); there will be a short introduction to a particular way of praying at 9.45 and then some space to pray, or to enjoy the peace of silence. The next one will be on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **Fairtrade Fortnight Big Event – quiz night on Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup>**

We are going to hold a quiz night for Fairtrade fortnight on Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Rota Duties Today:**

**Welcome** Pam; **Steward** Lynda; **Reader** Willie; **Intercessions** Brian; **Chalice-**  
Jane/Maria; **Praying Together** Marion; **Cross** Chris; **Candles** Charley/Sue;

**Warden** Maria; **Coffee** Moses; **OHP** Gladston;

**Church Cleaning** week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> Calvin/Mary

### **Next Weeks's Rota Duties**

**Welcome** Children; **Stewards** Children; **Chalice-Dim/Brian**; **Praying Together**  
Maria; **Warden** Maria; **Coffee** Helen/Gareth; **OHP** Niamh;

**Church Cleaning** week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> Helen M/Sue

### **Next week's readings (Presentation)**

Malachi 3.1-5; Psalm 24; Hebrews 2.14-end; Luke 2.22-40

## THIS WEEK'S DIARY

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>8.00 a.m. Holy Communion</b> <b>10.00 a.m. Holy Communion</b>
<b>MONDAY 30th</b>	<b>8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer</b> <i>Ricarda is away this week</i>
<b>TUESDAY 31st</b>	<b>8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer</b> <b>with Praying for schools</b> <b>1.00 p.m. Little Angels</b> <b>5.00 p.m. Lectio Divina</b> <b>6.00 p.m. Open Church</b> <b>7.30 p.m. Confirmation class at Vicarage</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 1st</b>	<b>8.30 a.m. No Morning Prayer today</b> <b>7.30 p.m. Informal Eucharist (Royse)</b>
<b>THURSDAY 2nd</b>	<b>10.00 a.m. Eucharist (Pat Gifford)</b> <b>10.30 a.m. Morning Coffee</b>
<b>FRIDAY 3rd</b>	<b>2.15 p.m. Young at Heart</b>
<b>SATURDAY 4th</b>	<b>8.30 a.m. Men's Breakfast (2b Robinson Rd)</b>
<b>SUNDAY 5th</b>	<b>8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Pauline)</b> <b>10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Pauline)</b> <b>3.00 p.m. Bereavement Tea</b> <b>5.00 p.m. Inbeteenies</b>

## **Family Dates**

*We remember* **Gemma Granger, Joan Hepworth, David Clarke, Gladys Broady and Stuart Wilson at their yearsmind**

### **Who's who?**

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