Welcome to Christ Church

Sunday 7th March2010

Third Sunday of Lent

Christ Church

8.30 am **Holy Communion (CW1)**
Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (168)
Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

President: Sue Curtis
Preacher & Minister: Berwick Curtis

10.00 am **Parish Communion**
with Ministry of Prayer
Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (168)
Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

President: Sue Curtis
Preacher: Berwick Curtis
Reader: Chris Purdy
Intercessor: Anne Sturton
Prayer Ministry Team:
Alison Hewitt;
Pauline Ver
Coffee: Jenny Breese;
Seb Crutch
Crèche: Pernilla Blunden;
Gill Glasspool

6.00 pm **Lent Meditation**
Preacher & Minister: Pam Buckingham

Christ Church on The Wells

11.00 am **Praise Service**
Worship Leader: Janet Hinton

Collect for Today

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The church is fitted with a hearing loop, and large print copies of hymn books, service and notice sheets are on the table at the back of church. ◄

If you would prefer a gluten-free wafer at Communion, please let a sidesman know before the Service. ◄

If this is your first visit to Christ Church please call at the Welcome Desk ◄

Vicar: (vacancy)
Acting Churchwarden: Martin Shipton (01372 812175; martin.shipton@ntlworld.com)
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For Lent the Mothers' Union has produced a scheme entitled Relationships not Rules. For each day there is a thought and each week during Lent we shall reproduce the thought/meditation for the relevant Sunday: This week -

Pray for those whose love for God is being tested through hard times.

The next Worship for All is on Mothering Sunday next Sunday 14 March

Please note that this not the usual 3rd Sunday of the month

Lent Appeal

This year our special collections during Lent will be divided between the Bishop's Lent Call (supporting the Bishop's Foundation and Tear Fund) and Love Me, Love my Mind, a local charity which is responsible, amongst other things, for Epsom Mental Health Week, which is due to take place in October this year.

Please visit the display table at the back of Church today for a gift envelope and place your donation in the red buckets. Thank you for your generous response to those who are suffering both locally and throughout the world. Please fill in the Gift Aid details if appropriate so that tax may be claimed back by the recipients.

CTiE - How can the Church in Epsom be Prophetic?...

...Fr Peter McVerry, a well-known figure in Ireland, with a reputation for seeking to live out honestly the radical call of the Gospel through his work with the homeless, has kindly agreed to help us seek God's way forward for the church in Epsom. This meeting will run on **Saturday 13 March** from 11.30am to 4pm.◀

Epsom Chamber Choir

A Registered Charity

Saturday 13 March, 8pm, St Martin's Church

Howells Requiem

Rachmaninoff All-night Vigil Op 37

Tickets £10 (concessions £8, under 15 £3)

More information 01372 813021◀

Lent Retreat on the Street...

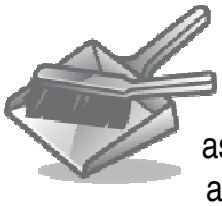
...on **16 March** Church Urban Fund is holding a 'Retreat on the Street' in London. For further information please contact Hilary.elliott@cuf.org.uk or call 020 7898 1654.◀

Easter Craft Workshop...

If you can help run this year's children's Easter craft workshop, from 10.30am to 1pm on **Thursday 1 April** at St Martin's please contact Judith.ricejones@yahoo.co.uk ◀

Grand Church Spring Gardening & Church Spring Clean…

… Don't miss this annual Big Bash. Do come along on **Saturday 20 March** from 10am till 12 noon. Coffee and doughnuts for all in the Vestry at 11am. This is an opportunity for everyone to get our beautiful church and grounds looking at their best in time for Easter. All are welcome for as long as you can stay. You will be much appreciated if you do come and much missed if you don't. *Jeremy Warren and Diana Tear (Premises Committee)*◄



Christian host families needed…

…for visiting Dutch students **Monday 22 - Friday 26 March**. The party will be made up of girls aged between 14-16 years and the Dutch school will pay £15 per night to host families. The school has expressed a preference for Christian families. If you are able to accommodate a Dutch student, please contact Mrs J Robertshaw at jrobertshaw@rosebery.surrey.sch.uk ◄

Women's book club…

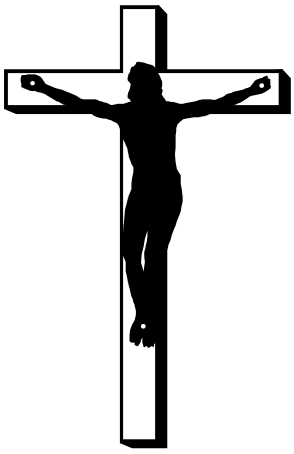
…The next meeting is on **Wednesday 24 March** at 8pm, at 81 Christchurch Mount. The book is The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini. ◄

Your retreat in 2010…

… Individually Guided Retreats will be held at Whitehill Chase, Bordon, on **7-9 May, 24-26 September, 3-5 December**. Early booking advised. Leaflets with full details are available at back of Church or on The Wells. Tel: 01420 478121; www.acornchristian.org ; or call Diana Tear 01372 812912 .◄

Pilgrimage to Syria…

…**16-25 September**, led by the Revd Peter Farrell. This pilgrimage includes visits to sites associated with St. Paul and the earliest Christian communities. The price is yet to be confirmed but is likely to be somewhere between £1500 and £1600. For further information please contact the Revd. Peter Farrell at pgpfarrell@googlemail.com ◄



Good Friday Walk of Witness…

…'Suffering and Glory'

On **Good Friday 2 April** the procession will form in the car park near the Fire Station at 10 am for prayers at 10.10, and move off sharp at 10.15. The service in the Market Place will begin around 10.30 am.

Refreshments will be available in the Methodist Church after the service.◄

Diary for Next Week...

Monday, 8 March

09:00 Morning Prayer

17:00 Evening Prayer

19:30 Prayers in church, followed by PCC meeting at 8.00pm in the hall

Tuesday, 9 March

09:00 Morning Prayer

09:45 Wheels & Squeals

11:00 Contemplative Prayer Group at St Martin's

20:00 Home Groups

Wednesday, 10 March

09:30 Holy Communion with Ministry of Prayer

10:30 Wheels and Squeals

19:00 Group Ministry Evening Prayer at Christ Church

19:45 CYFA meet to learn more about the Christian faith (and eat cake!)

20:00 Bell Ringing

Thursday, 11 March

09:00 Morning Prayer

10:00 Mothers' Union in church (Branch Meeting in hall at 10.30am)

18:00 Song Squad

19:30 Choir Practice

Friday, 12 March

09:00 Morning Prayer

17:00 Evening Prayer

Saturday, 13 March

09:00 Christ Church United FC at Blenheim School

11:30 CTiE meeting at St Barnabas 'How can the Church in Epsom be Prophetic?' with Fr Peter McVerry

Next Sunday...

Sunday, 14 March

08:30 Holy Communion (CW2)

10:00 Mothering Sunday Service (Worship for All) with Song Squad, Choir and Music Group and Baptism Welcomes of Emma Pitt, Jessica Morrison and James Peaty

10:00 Ethel Bailey Close Service

18:00 Evening Communion (Said) with Ministry of Prayer

18:30 Choral Evensong at St Martin's (Group Ministry Service)

19:15 PASSION (age 12-18): a youth group for finding new friends and meaning - meet in the hall

Coffee next Sunday

Mike & Veronica Gittins; Kate Nichols

Crèche next Sunday

Mothering Sunday – NO CRECHE

PASTORAL VISITS

If you would like to speak to someone in confidence or know of someone in need who would value a visit, please speak to:
Sue Matthews, Pastoral Co-ordinator (724080),
Jo Woolfe, Pastoral Secretary (726782).◄

THE PRAYER CHAIN...

...will pray for any particular concerns with an assurance of total confidentiality. Phone
Joan 720634 (evenings) or
Elisabeth 727175 (day).◄