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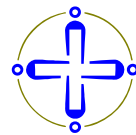
Last before Lent

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent; 40 days where we go on a 'pilgrimage of prayer, repentance and discipline so that we may grow in grace'. To begin this pilgrimage Trevor would like to encourage you to come to this mid-week Holy Communion which includes Meditation and the 'Imposition of Ashes' for those who follow this tradition.

Welcome



to



Saint John's

Today in Church

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Prayer in church

10.00 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion

Tea & coffee served from the back of church after the 10 am Service.

Monday: 9.30 - 11.30 am Blue Moon Café - &
10 - 10.30 am Music for pre-schoolers.
7.30 pm Prayer hour in the Upper room

Wednesday: 7 pm Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday

Lectionary Readings of Scripture for today

2 Corinthians 4 v 3-6 Mark 9 v 2-9

'For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.' 2 Corinth. 4 v 5 ESV

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CHURCH LIBRARY & LENT

To help you prepare for Easter, how about reading a book from the Church Library for the period of Lent?

There is a selection of books dedicated to this period with readings for each day in Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Have a look at the 'Lent' leaflet which has been produced to give you an idea of the books available.

Ann



TICKETS still available for **Songs of Praise** at St Mary's, being recorded 13th/14th March. Deadline to apply for free tickets is Feb 21st.

ROCKY CLUB for **10 - 15 year olds** meets this Friday (24th) the Meeting Place by the Green 7 pm-8.30/9pm 'Make & Do' theme. All welcome.

PATCHWORK & QUILTING Class meets Saturday 25th.

Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2nd - 5th June 2012

IDEAS please for how we could mark this in the village. Trevor and Lizzie are representing us at a brainstorming meeting with the Parish Council & other village reps on Tuesday 28th. So feed your ideas to one of them before then!

SOLENT WOMEN'S CONFERENCE looks at **TRUE WORSHIP**

with *Ann Benton & Val Archer*,

at Horndean Technology College

Saturday March 17th: 10 am - 4.15pm

Details

www.solentwomensconference.org.uk

and on notice board.

Wedding Preparation Course

Friday 2 March & Saturday 3rd March:

Church Centre

Ten couples are marrying in St John's this year and many of you will know of Tim and Sarah Barton's 'Wedding Preparation Ministry'.

The preparation course explores aspects of marriage and relationships within the Christian context. Part of the course is the shared meal on the Saturday. The Minkies have kindly offered to serve but we would value food contributions please from our Church Family in support of this hugely important ministry.

We expect to be catering for approximately 22 people, with a suggested lunch of cold meats/quiche, chilli/curry, rice, salad, bread, cheese, baked potatoes and puddings. If you can help please would you let Tim and Sarah know.

Meanwhile please pray for all those who will be married this year in our church and for Tim and Sarah who do so much for God's Mission in this place.

Trevor



If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. 2 Corinth. 5 : 17 ESV

Lent Activities in Church 2012

During each week in Lent I will be holding a short service of Holy Communion followed by a Lent Course (in church) entitled : **'The Things He Carried'**.

It is not necessary to attend both HC and the Lent Course but it would be good if you could.

The Lent course is not in competition with what you might be doing within Home Groups but for those who would like an alternative or do not attend Home Groups or who would just like a change please come along!

Wed 22nd Feb: Ash Wednesday,
7pm Holy Communion,
Ashing and Meditation
(no Lent Course this evening)

Thursday 1 March:
7pm Holy Communion,
7.45 to 9pm Lent Course

Thursday 8 March:
7pm Holy Communion,
7.45 to 9pm Lent Course

Thursday 15 March:
7pm Holy Communion,
7.45 to 9pm Lent Course

Wednesday 21 March:
7pm Holy Communion,
7.45 to 9pm Lent Course

Wednesday 28 March:
7pm Holy Communion,
7.45 to 9pm Lent Course

Home Lent Lunches: Saturdays in Lent beginning 25th February

A Lent Lunch is an opportunity for fellowship around the meal table in the surroundings of one of our church family's homes. This is, in many ways, following in the tradition of our early Mother's and Fathers in the Church whose one opportunity in a busy week was to share a simple meal. The lunch will take place between 12am and 1.30pm on a 'drop-in' basis and will usually consist of soup and bread, possibly cheese. It is also an opportunity to bring a friend. Before you start your meal say a silent prayer of thanks, take a few moments to think of the poor and hungry in the world and then think about the passion and resurrection of Christ. Then chat with your neighbours - share with them Christ in your life and listen to their story. I suggest a donation of £2.50 is made towards the meal; the surplus will go to a charity of the host's choice as part of the mission of our church family.

Pam Ewing has kindly volunteered to take on the first Lunch on 25th February; Address: 9 Brent Court, Emsworth, PO10 7JA. Parking is restricted but there is parking in nearby Beach Road. Please do support these lunches.

Trevor

Last Sunday saw standing room only in church for Nicholas Hammett's baptism, performed by Dennis Lloyd. £78.92 was collected for the charity 'Tabitha's Toys.'

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, 2nd March at 2.00 pm. at St Joseph's Church, West Street, Havant.

This year the service has been prepared by the women of Malaysia and is called 'Let justice prevail'. Within our world there are many instances of injustice - unfair trade, exploitation, persecution, discrimination, inequality, oppression... What are we, as Christians, called to do about it? The prophet Micah writes, *'What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8).*

We might ask ourselves how we can act and 'do' justice? Perhaps by being as persistent as the widow in Luke 18 - in our prayers and by continually reminding, pushing and persuading those who hold power, in as many ways as we can - until something changes and justice does eventually prevail.

If you would like to read a passage in this service, please see Mary Close as soon as possible.

FLOWER LADIES meet for coffee on Wednesday, 22nd February, at 10.30 am in the Coffee Shop in the village. Please remember to bring your diaries!

Prayer Suggestions

Valerie & family
George & Wendy Kyte, and
any others who are sick.
Lyn E. and her hip.



School; Young church &
Gift; Teachers and Youth leaders.
Lent activities - lunches, services, study
courses.

Tim and Sarah's Marriage
Preparation Course with ten couples
planning weddings at St John's & the ten
couples themselves.

The Mission of St John's ; for
spiritual and numerical growth; For love
and unity amongst the church fellowship;
Trevor's leadership.

For Kate (was Taylor) nearing the
end of her pregnancy.

Peter Dale and the current Oxford
mission - more details on St John's
Facebook page.

Praise God for the huge numbers
(over 160) in church last week! Pray that
God would bless many who heard Dennis's
challenging gospel message and that it
might bear fruit. Dennis & Melva.

MARILYN BAKER WEEKEND

Saturday 10th March 9.30 - 15.30, at St Wilfrid's Church, Tempest Ave, PO8 8DZ
Two Workshops, including Lent Lunch (Donations to Mission to Seafarers)
7.30 pm Marilyn in concert. Donations suggested : £5 workshop; £5 concert.
Sunday 11th March: Marilyn & Tracy are at Westbrook Church for the **10 am**
Service, with music & teaching. More details on notice board in church.

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no later than 10am

Wednesday