

## Vicar



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## Sundays:

8 a.m. Holy Communion

10 a.m. Family Eucharist & Sunday School

## Mondays:

6 p.m. Guided Meditation (Side Chapel)

## Tuesday - Friday

8 a.m. Morning Prayer

6 p.m. Evening Prayer

6.30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

## **Also on Wednesday:**

Holy Communion 12 noon.

## Saturday:

Morning Prayer 8 a.m.

Eucharist 8.30 a.m.

Evening Prayer 6 p.m.

**Confessions are heard by appointment**

## Meditation Group.

Are you aware that on Mondays there is a guided meditation group meeting at 6pm? If you feel the need to turn aside from the busyness of the hustle bustle of life maybe this 45 minute slot is for you? Entrance is by the side passage way and in through the red door.

Tacet. On Meditation:

The calm

That dwells within

Lies deep beneath the skin.

It can't be seen, mapped, measured, touched.

Shalom.

I guess

I can't express,

Though fully I confess,

The munificence of this gift;

No stress.

The din!

The rush, the fret!

No wonder we forget

To stop, seek, listen, contemplate

Within.



So let

Silence abet

This enterprise. Be still.

Allow yourself to meditate.

Tacet.

# The St George's Times

Aubrey Walk, London, W8



**Second Sunday of Christmas 4th January 2009**

## WELCOME TO ST GEORGE'S

Come, you who have much faith and you who have little, and you who have not been for a long time, you who have been here often, you who have tried to follow and you who feel you have failed.

Come, not because I invite you, but because God does; and, as you are welcomed, go, and welcome others.

We welcome you to our worship this morning.

We hope God's Holy Spirit will touch your heart and that you may be strengthened by Word and Sacrament.

## Today's Gospel Reading; St John 1.1-18.

*The Word was from the beginning, the Word present to God, God present to the Word. The Word was God, in readiness for God from day one. Everything was created through him; nothing—not one thing!— came into being without him. What came into existence was Life, and the Life was Light to live by. The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness; the darkness couldn't put it out.*

This is where it all gets personal. John begins his Gospel with vast scenes – of creation, of life, of light and darkness. Bringing it a little closer to home, he speaks of a presence, active in the world yet unrecognised. Closer still, he makes outrageous claims of family intimacy with God. Then suddenly it's as if the lights are full on, and all is clear: this Word, the Light, the one who called all things into being, is here. We have seen Him, his name is Jesus!

## The Feast of Epiphany. Sung Eucharist on Tuesday 6th January at 7pm

After Christmas comes the great **feast of Epiphany** which almost stands on a par with Christmas. Here we see 'outsiders', who are God's messengers, bringing the news to the obvious place. Yet the King of the Jews responds with fear, secrecy and deceit, for truth is disturbing to those who live their lives denying God. The wisdom of the wise men lies in their trust and perseverance. Through their understanding of the star they trust that what they find in Bethlehem is indeed what they seek. This is faith – faith sees the King in the child, giving that which is most precious in response. I hope you will come, as all wise people still do, to honour the Christ-child.

## An enormous thank you!

**To all who made this remarkable celebration of the coming of Christ so amazing.** Beginning with the Community Carol Service; a very special thank you to **Minh Tam Janssen and Megan Bonetti and ALL her helpers on that evening.** Thank you to **Fr Robert**, who stood in for me, and to **Piotr** who worked so hard in the preparing and clearing up. Thank you also from the Homeless People who benefitted from the **£850, before Gift Aid**, we sent them.

**Thank you to the lunch group** for their organising of the Christmas tea party, what a success! Again thank you to Piotr for appearing in the guise of Santa Claus. My **thanks to Andrew** for his inspiring music and uncomplaining support during the liturgy, a delight to know that he is around. **To Angela and Christopher** our church wardens for supervising things and being on hand! Thank you to the **Tradecraft stall holders** for their amazing efforts before Christmas. Thank you to **Kristina Rogge** for a beautiful Advent wreath and to those **who generously contributed towards the Christmas decorations.** My personal **thanks to all who have been so generous to me** and for the amazing showers of Christmas cards.

## The Kingdom is Yours

A new website highlighting the life of various religious communities is available on [www.thekingdomisyours.org.uk](http://www.thekingdomisyours.org.uk)  
The website looks at Anglican religious communities across the country and includes a PowerPoint presentation of their work.

## Bible study group

This is a quick note to let you know that the Bible Study will resume on Wednesday 14th January 2009 after the noon Holy Communion Service and will meet as usual every two weeks. If there is any take up I am also happy to do an Wednesday evening one as well. We shall continue our study of Luke's Gospel. If you would like to check out the sessions that have already been held go to our website: [www.stgeorgescampdenhill.com/documents.htm](http://www.stgeorgescampdenhill.com/documents.htm)

## A Simple Request, Please

The rear pews of the church are becoming more congested as increasing numbers try to squeeze into the back rows. Please it would help everyone if you **moved forward** a little, PLEASE? It would give those who arrive late somewhere to sit, it would allow parents whose child might be a little restless to pop out into the community space for a while and would also mean that a greater number of you might stop telling me you can't hear!

## Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham

Organised by the Ecumenical Marian Pilgrimage Trust with the support of the Ecumenical Society of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Fellowship of St Alban and St Sergius and The Catholic League.

Devotions, talks and liturgies at the Catholic National Shrine, the Anglican Shrine, St Mary's Parish Church, the Methodist Church and the Orthodox Church of St Seraphim, in the village. Full board Accommodation is at the Anglican Shrine.

**Date 17/03/09 - 20/03/09.** Enquiries: Further details and booking form from the **Revd Peter Marr at [pbmarr@dircon.co.uk](mailto:pbmarr@dircon.co.uk)** or from The Ecumenical Marian Pilgrimage Trust 31 Kingsley Road Plymouth PL4 6QP

## Mission Action Plan



By now you should have received your questionnaire concerning our Mission Action Plan (Business plan). So far only 60 people have responded out of 300 sent.

Firstly, could you please let me know if you did not receive a copy and I'll let you have another one.

Secondly, if you have not returned your form could you **PLEASE** do so as soon as possible (I know you are busy!). We really do want your views about the future plans for your church.

Remember, 'failure to plan is planning to fail' and that applies to our church lives as much as to every aspect of our lives. If for some reason you have not received a copy please pick one up at the back of the church, but could you let me know that you have not received it so that we can check that we have your current details on the ER. Several people have asked for a second copy for their spouse, please collect these, again, at the back of the church.

## Evening Prayer



**Every Monday at 6:30pm** in our sister church - **St John the Baptist, Holland Road.**

The format is a mix of **Taize chants**, Bible and spiritual readings with periods of silence.

**We would be delighted if you were able to join us.**