



# United Benefice News

for the churches of St George's and St John's

10th January 2010 - The Baptism of Christ



**The Feast of the Baptism of Christ recalls the beginning of Jesus' adult ministry. In our own Baptism all of us share in the ministry of God's Church: we are all priests! Today provides us a space to hear and respond to the call of God in our own lives. In what ways is God calling us to develop our Christian commitment in 2010?**

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

Today we welcome **Chris Hoppett** as our preacher. Chris is a Licensed Lay Reader in the Diocese. She primarily exercises her ministry in the parish of St Martin's, Ruislip, where Father Robert was an Assistant Curate. Chris has also been heavily involved with lay ministerial formation in the Diocese through the auspices of Cursillo. As we reflect on the ways in which we should live out our own Baptismal faith and how we wish to develop as Christians this year some of us may want to think about taking part in some of the activities of this organisation. If you would like to find out more please ask Chris after the service.



Cursillo (pronounced 'kooor-see-yoh', from the Spanish word for a short course) is a movement of the church providing a method by which Christians are empowered to grow through prayer, study and action and enabled to share God's love with everyone. At the heart of the Cursillo way lies the vision of a Christian community journeying together as saints and apostles.

The movement provides a structure to support and encourage people in their Christian life as those called by God to ministry of any kind. This is done primarily through meeting regularly in a small group with others in the locality. There are also occasional area gatherings where people gain inspiration from hearing the experiences of others.

People are introduced to Cursillo by a three day weekend, which usually runs from Thursday evening to Sunday. Lay people and clergy give a series of talks which offer a concentrated course in Christian living. Participants and staff form a Christian community lovingly enfolded in prayer throughout the weekend—a community learning, praying, talking, sharing, singing, eating, living and laughing together. There is a daily Eucharist, morning and evening prayer and time for silent reflection, though it is not a conventional retreat.

Anglican Cursillo is organised on a diocesan basis, supported by the British Anglican Cursillo Council. London Cursillo, in existence since 2000, holds weekends twice a year at the Royal Foundation of St Katharine in Limehouse. The dates in 2010 are 4-7th March and 28-31 October. More information can be found at the back of the church or on the London Cursillo website: [www.londoncursillo.org.uk](http://www.londoncursillo.org.uk)

**The Memorial Service of Hilary Claire Macpherson  
will take place at  
St Georges Church, Campden Hill on  
Thursday 14th January at 15:00.**

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN THE UNITED BENEFICE 2010

## Bible Study

- This group meets fortnightly on Wednesday at 12.30 pm.
- It is preceded by a celebration of Holy Communion at Midday (BCP)
- It meets in the social space at the back of church
- One of the clergy leads the group in understanding a passage of scripture.
- At present we are looking at St Luke's gospel.
- There is a soup and cheese lunch

**Bible Study will resume on January 20<sup>th</sup> 2010**

## United Tuesdays

- This group meets on Tuesdays from 7-8.30pm
- It is preceded by a celebration of the Eucharist at 6.30pm (CW)
- Venue: the social space at the back of church or in the small room upstairs
- One of the clergy leads an interactive study of a particular topic or book.

**The next meeting is on January 12<sup>th</sup>: Book Group**

Discussing *How to Read the Bible* by Stephen McKenzie.

Copies are available in Church for £15

- We then begin a four session course **Introduction to the Church**.  
This will flow into the next course **Introduction to the Sacraments**  
This will also function as our **Lent Course 2010**

**You can come to as many of the evenings as you are able**  
**You do not have to come to a whole course**



Jan 12	Book Group
Jan 19	What is Church?
Jan 26	What does Church do?
Feb 2	We believe in Church
Feb 9	<i>No Meeting</i> (St George's PCC)
Feb 16	<i>No Meeting</i> (Shrove Tuesday Concert in Church)
Feb 23	The Body of Christ
March 2	The Worship of the Church
March 9	The Sacramental Life
March 16	The Eucharist: Entering the Easter Mystery
March 23	The Healing Sacraments

The collections during Christmas Services:  
24/12 4pm Children's Carol Service: £695  
Midnight Mass: £815  
25/12 Christmas Day: £621  
Total: £2131



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**Organist: Andrew Wells 07885 133817**

**Services:**

Sundays:

8:00 Holy Communion (Prayer Book); 10:00 Sung Eucharist & Sunday School

Weekdays (Tuesdays to Fridays):

8:00 Morning Prayer; 18:00 Evening Prayer; 18:30 Holy Eucharist

Mondays:

18:00 Prayer and Meditation

Additionally on Wednesdays:

12:00 Holy Communion (Prayer Book)

Saturdays:

8:00 Morning Prayer; 8:30 Holy Eucharist; 18:00 Evening Prayer

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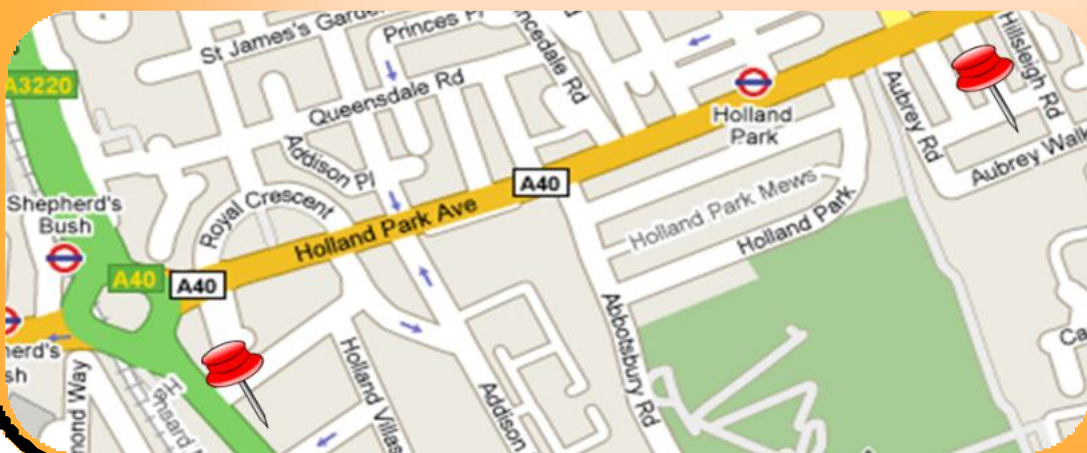
**Organist: Paul Joslin**

**Services:**

Sundays:

18:30 Sung  
Mass

**Confessions  
in both  
churches  
are heard by  
appointment.**



**This week readings:**

1st: Is 43, 1 - 7

2nd: Acts 8, 14 - 17

Gospel: Luke 3, 15-17, 21  
-22



**Next week readings:**

1st: Is 62, 1-5

2nd: 1 Cor 12, 1-11