



United Benefice News

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

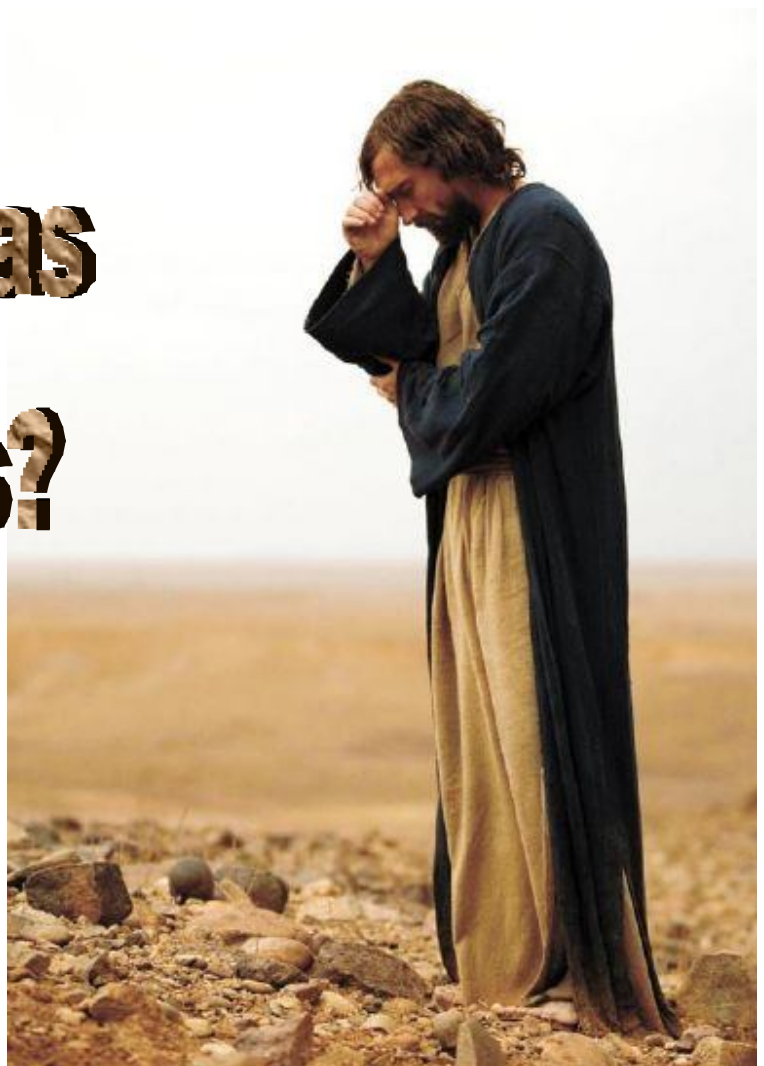


21st February 2010 - First Sunday of Lent

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

Who was Jesus?



Was Jesus really like us? To be human is to be tempted,

to face temptation, just as Adam and Eve did, to face it just as we do – and just as Jesus did. The difference is in how Jesus faced it. He didn't argue or struggle; he lent back on God, on scripture – he trusted and he overcame it. Temptation comes regularly in life to all of us. Leaning upon God – upon his character, his commands, his promises – shows up temptation for what it is: lies which might ultimately destroy us!

Pancakes and Piano

Surely one of the most delightful evenings for a while at St Georges was last Tuesday for Shrove Tuesday pancake party, with music to introduce new piano. Andrew Wells, as usual, produced some great music, accompanied by the great singing of Joy Puritz. Angela Lascelles Steve Egget and their team conspired to feed us and water is with lovely pancakes and blinis all washed down with nice wine. Thank you to all who so generously contributed to this evening.

Events

In addition to the services listed on the back of the newsletter we draw your attention to the following:

Monday of this week at 1.30pm will be the funeral of Kathleen Herbert. On Tuesday we resume the Tuesday United Benefice education sessions and this week we are looking at 'The Body of Christ'. The session begins after the 6.30pm Eucharist.

The Wednesday Bible Study will continue with lunch after the 12noon Eucharist.

Thursday sees the resumption of our Toddler group at 9.30am – 11.00pm. The memorial service for Sir Richard O'Brien will be held at St Martin in the Fields at 12noon on Saturday 27th February. All are welcome.

People

We remember in our prayers, **Georgina Beadman**, who underwent major brain surgery on Friday, please pray for her and her husband, children and family.

Please continue to pray for **Stefan Rogge**. He is on a very long road to recovery but is making progress. Remember also his parents and siblings.

We give thanks for the improvement in the condition of **Gordon & Vanessa Riley** following their recent accident.

We pray for **Iona Meek** recovering from surgery and for **Jill Parker** who is in the Royal Marsden.

We remember before God those who mourn the death of loved ones and pray for the repose of the souls of **Robert Oresko** and **Kathleen Herbert**.

May they rest in peace.

We pray for **Helen & Tom Boundy** as **Helen** prepares to give birth to their second child.

Please also pray for **Fr Robert** who is on a well earned holiday.

People

Jean Southworth QC. died mid January. Jean was a distinguished Barrister and for a number of year she had been a loyal and hard working supporter of St Georges Church. In memory of her father she made an enormous contribution to the maintenance of the organ. She had stoically braved her illness as she did with her physical limitations brought about by an earlier illness. Her funeral was held in the Chapel of Gray's Inn of which Jean was a member. Conducted by the Master of the Temple, The Reverend Robin Griffith-Jones it was dignified, formal and used her beloved Book of Common Prayer and the Authorised Version of the Bible. The tribute spoken by H H Neil Denison QC told us of her eminent career and touched briefly on her personal life, her love of travel, her pets and her interest in wine. She was a remarkable person and we pray for the repose of her soul.

Saint David 1st March



What makes a great person? Skills, talent, motivation and courage can get us so far, but at the end of the day we discover the necessity for self discipline, hard work and doing the little things well. 'Do the little things well', were the last words of St David to his followers today a well-known phrase in Wales, and an inspiration to many. Particularly relevant to us today in the twenty first century, Saint David is a model to us on living simply and

sustainably.

West London Churches Homeless Concern

Winter Reception on 24 February 2010, 7:30 – 11pm
The Great Hall of the Royal Hospital Chelsea
A Standing Dinner, cocktails, canapés, tasting plates and desserts provided by Rocket
Dress up for an evening of light-hearted entertainment and a feast of culinary delights, with all proceeds in aid of WLCHC's emergency winter night shelters.

Tickets £75 each more details www.wlchc.org/event.





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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.



Next week readings:

1st: Gn 15; 1-12, 17-18

2nd: Phil 3.17-4.1

Gospel: Luke 13, 31-35

This week readings:

1st: Deut 26, 1-11

2nd: Rm 10, 8b—13

Gospel: Lk 4, 1-13

ALTAR EGO by Len Jones



"That concludes my presentation on time-tested, sure-fired statements that will stunt church growth. Any Questions?"