



United Benefice News

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



7th March 2010 - Third 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.



The two disasters in today's gospel story prompted people to ask whether the victims had somehow deserved their demise. Were they sinners? Why else would God let them die? Were these disasters some kind of punishment? Jesus replies very promptly that of course disasters are not sent as a punishment from God, but adds that we too will similarly perish if we don't repent.

"Repent or perish!" It sounds like a chilling threat, but it's more of an invitation. Jesus invites us to repent, but he isn't asking us to wallow in guilt and shame or shuffle round wearing sackcloth. Repenting means changing the way we live and this is a very positive and exciting prospect. Jesus illustrates his point with the story of the fig tree. The fig tree had not borne fruit for three years and the exasperated owner was on the verge of giving it the chop. The merciful gardener on the other hand suggested cultivating it and giving it one more chance.

St George's church
SATURDAY 6 MARCH 2010
7.30pm
COMPOSERS PRESENT

Lloyd Buck

Songs from the Heart David Norton (tenor); Lloyd Buck (piano)

Andrew Wells

Piano Sonata No.3 'Albert!'

GrongarHili (from 'Ten Tone-Poems')

Lloyd Buck (piano)

Julian Dawes

'I never saw another Butterfly' - (Holocaust Songs) Camille

Maalawy (mezzo-soprano); Andrew Robinson (piano)

Celia Harper

Funeral Sentences Chiswick Baroque

John Carmichael

Fetes Champetres - Clarinet & Piano Suite Peter Cigleris

(clarinet); John Carmichael (piano)



Tickets £9 (Concessions £7) in advance
£10 (Concessions £8) at the door
£5 (students) at the door (student cards); free for under 16s
Advance Booking - 020 8994 8810
Refreshments available from 7.00pm

Events

There are some important events on the horizon that I would encourage you to put in your diary now, please.

Saturday 6th March.

'Composers Present' Concert at St Georges. Details on Notice Board.

Sunday 21st March @ 1115

The Annual Parochial Church meeting at St Georges.

Sunday 28th March PALM SUNDAY

Thursday 1st April HOLY THURSDAY

Friday 2nd April GOOD FRIDAY

Saturday 3rd April HOLY SATURDAY

Sunday 4th April EASTER DAY.

Sunday April 18 @ 1700

The Annual Parochial Church meeting at St John the Baptist

May 14th-16th. @St John the Baptist a weekend Music Festival

Things to consider in March

- March 8th is International Women's Day. During this week make an effort to challenge any racist or sexist comment you may encounter.
- Throughout Lent the charity Tearfund is promoting a 'Carbon Fast'. The Carbon Fast makes us think about how we're treating God's world; the savings go to the Climate Justice Fund to help those suffering from the effects of climate change.' For ideas on how to join the carbon fast visit and donate online at www.tearfund.org
- March 21st marks 'International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.' Do something simple on this day to promote racial harmony in your family or community.
- March is the 30th anniversary of Archbishop Oscar Romero, martyred in El Salvador in 1980. Read his amazing story at www.myhero.com

International Women's Day 2010 8th March *Equal rights, equal opportunities: Progress for all*

Each year around the world, International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated on March 8th. Hundreds of events occur not just on this day but throughout March to mark the economic, political and social achievements of women. The theme for 2010 is 'Equal rights, equal opportunities: Progress for all.' For the women of the world, this is an occasion to review how far they have come in their struggle for equality, peace and development. It is also an opportunity to unite, network and mobilize for meaningful change. During this week let's make an effort to challenge any racist or sexist comment we may encounter.

General

May I encourage you to please try and arrive a little earlier for the service and, as far as you are able, to move forward from the back rows of pews to leave them free for those who unavoidably arrive late. That would be a good, Christian thing to do. Can I also once again ask you to consider your financial support of St Georges and St Johns? Our giving is dropping dramatically in spite of increased attendance. The most effective way of giving is by standing order, there are forms at the back of the churches or you can set up an order on-line. Our Bank Account number for St Georges is 03411907 and the sort code 50-30-10 and we bank with the NatWest. St Johns Acc no: 10821144 and the sort code: 20-35-90—Barclay's Bank.



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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.



Next week readings:

1st: Ex 2, 1-10

2nd: 2 Cor 1, 2-7

Gospel: Luke 2, 33—35

This week readings:

1st: Is 55, 1-9

2nd: 1 Cor 10, 1-13

Gospel: Lk 13, 1-9



OH, I'M SURE THAT SOME OF THESE WERE
LEGAL IN A MAJORITY OF THE STATES, BUT
YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE OPERATE
ON A DIFFERENT SYSTEM UP HERE

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