



# United Benefice News

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



4th April 2010 - Easter Day

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.



# He is Risen!

**Belief in the Resurrection is central and imperative to our faith, and because it is central and imperative it really ought to be rock solid. For many, this truth is distinctly uncomfortable. The account of Jesus' Resurrection is so lacking in detail and full of apparent contradictions, that it can leave us with more questions than answers. For many, belief is far from rock solid. A rock solid belief that Jesus died and rose again to give us a clean slate would mean us living our lives very differently, but more often than not, this is not the case. How do we really know he rose from the dead? 'Cause He's still with us!**



## For your diary.

**April 12th** in St Georges Community Space **Christian Aid** planning meeting **7.30pm**. This is to begin planning our activities for the coming year in support of the work of this amazing charity. Please come and help even if you are not sure what you might be able to contribute in respect of activities. Ideas so far include the usual Quiz night; a repeat of the picnic in Holland Park; an upmarket Bric-a-Brac fair; children's' cake stall; sponsored dinner parties. Do you have any ideas? Please join us. Refreshments.

**Thursday 15th April** at 12.30pm. **Lunch group**. New guests and Volunteers always welcome.

**Sunday 18th April** at 5pm. **St John the Baptist Annual Parochial Church Meeting**. All are welcome to this meeting to review the past year and set a direction for the coming year. This will be followed by a **Sung Eucharist at 6.30pm**.

**Tuesday 20th April at 7pm**. The Deanery Synod meets at St Thomas School, Kensal Rise. Guest speaker, Sam Donahue Diocesan children's ministry officer.

**Thursday 22nd April** at 9.30am Toddler Group resumes at **St Georges**

**Friday 23rd April** at 7.30pm. A celebration of St George our Patronal Festival & the Patron Saint of our Country. **Sung Eucharist**. Guest Preacher; **Reverend Canon Dr Giles Fraser**, Canon Chancellor St Paul's Cathedral. In the presence of the Mayor The worshipful **Councillor Timothy Coleridge**. Refreshments.

**Saturday 24th April** at 2.30pm. **St Georges Day Children's Party**. Children from both parishes are welcome at **St Georges** to celebrate St George; healthy refreshments, entertainers and games.

## Holy Humour Month

To recognize the healing power of Christian joy, humour and celebration, April has been nominated Holy Humour Month. Christianity is about life and death, but that isn't an excuse for Christians to take themselves too seriously. A smiling face and a cheerful outlook surely has to be the best kind of evangelism. We are also encouraged to remember that, in the same way that Christmas does not end on Boxing Day, so Easter continues for a further 50 days, until Pentecost.

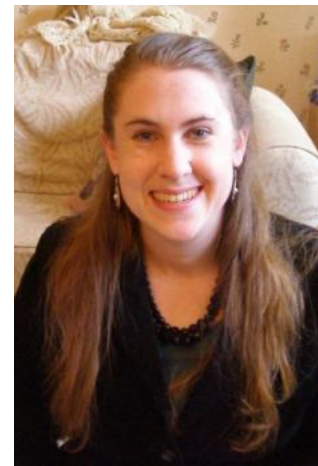
## Parish choir



The choir needs some additional singers, please. I know there are some good voices in the congregation, would you please consider joining up? Rehearsal is at 0930 on Sunday and all voices are welcomed, we are especially looking for younger male voices, no sexism or ageism intended!

## Appointment of Parish youth worker.

I am delighted to announce the appointment of **Margaret Houston** as our new youth worker. Margaret is an American expat, with a background in arts education. She began her ministry at Trinity Episcopal Church in Hartford, CT, USA, developing an education programme for their junior choir, and has also worked as a teacher in an East London primary school, as an education manager for the Icarus Theatre Collective, and as a writer and director, bringing her play, "Alexander" to the 2008 Edinburgh Fringe Festival. She is chairman of the Hampstead Players, a drama group based in Hampstead Parish Church and dedicated to supporting the work of the church through theatre. Her interests are liturgical drama and creative Christian education, and she looks forward to becoming part of the community at St. George's. She lives in Leyton, with her husband Malcolm, two cats, and her best friend Catherine as a lodger. Margaret will initially only work 20 hours a week but it is hoped that this will develop as time goes by. Please remember Margaret and Malcolm in your prayers. She will begin her work with us on the 4th May and be commissioned on the 9th May during the 10am Eucharist.



## KCMS Concert

Kensington and Chelsea Music Society Concert—  
St George's Church, 13 April 2010, 7:30pm

Sonata for two cellos  
Cello Suite No. 3 in C, BWV 1009  
Suite, Op.16 for two cellos  
Nos 1, 4 and 5  
Cello Suite No.4 in E flat, BWV.1010  
Phoenix Story for two cellos



PEI-JEE NG cello  
PEI-SIAN NG cello

Tickets £15 (KCMS Friends £10) at the door

## Bookstall



It is my intention in the near future to open a bookstall , perhaps on a monthly basis at St Georges to start with and if the response is good then at St Johns. It is intended to supply Spiritual books and books explaining the basis of other faiths as well as offering material for families and children. I am not intending to compete with Waterstones or Amazon but to provide stimulating and informative reading material .Let me have your thoughts.



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**Church Wardens:**

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**Christopher Buckmaster 020 7229 7508**

**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: Acts 5, 27-32

2nd: Rev 1, 4-8

Gospel: John 20, 19-31

**This week readings:**

1st: Acts 10, 34-43

2nd: 1 Cor 15, 19-26

Gospel: J 20, 1-18



**CUTE TRADITION v AMAZING TRUTH @ LOVE**  
Have fun with the cute tradition, BUT be sure to celebrate OUR RISEN SAVIOR.