



# United Benefice News

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



11th April 2010 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

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.

## You doubting Thomas!



**We would all like to be unhampered by doubt and uncertainty, but few of us truly are. Thomas was no different. He desperately wanted to believe in the risen Jesus, but he wasn't the sort of person that could pretend he didn't have doubts when he did. Who could blame Thomas for wanting proof? Would we have done the same in his shoes? Jesus gives Thomas the proof he needs but adds, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." What is Jesus telling us about doubt? It is healthy to have doubts, after all doubt is not necessarily the same thing as disbelief. Doubt simply means we are still looking for answers. But when Jesus tells us 'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe,' perhaps he is telling us that the questions we ask should lead us into a place of greater trust, rather than a place where the only way forward is a demand for hard evidence.**

## For your diary.

**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.

## Do you know your neighbours in Kensington?

Don't know your neighbours? Well now there's a chance – go along on Thursday 15th April 18.30 – 20.00 as The Kensington Magazine and the Milestone Hotel are hosting a 'Meet your neighbours in W8' event. Complimentary champagne and canapes. an ideal opportunity to meet people living in w8. It's all free!

# ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

Aubrey Walk, W8 7LG  
(Near Notting Hill Gate tube)



A celebration of St George  
our Patronal Festival  
&  
the Patron Saint of our Country

Friday 23rd April at 7.30pm

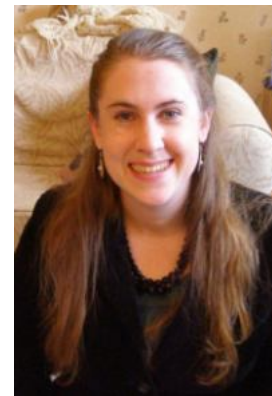
## Sung Eucharist

Guest Preacher:  
Reverend Canon Dr Giles Fraser  
Canon Chancellor  
St Paul's Cathedral

In the presence of the  
Mayor The Worshipful Councillor  
Timothy Coleridge

## 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

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



PEI-JEE NG cello

PEI-SIAN NG cello

## Confirmation preparation.

Confirmation will be held on the 27th May at St Mary Abbots Church. Do you need to be confirmed? Are your children ready to be confirmed? Please talk with me **NOW** and we'll set up some time to talk through confirmation. Also if you think your child is old enough to receive their first Holy Communion please talk with me and we can get moving on this also. (Confirmation and First Communion are not necessarily the same thing).

## United Tuesdays & Bible Study.

These groups will not resume after the Easter break until the 20th and 21st respectively.



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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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**Church Wardens:**

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**Julian Metherell 020 7610 4254**

**Organist: Paul Joslin**

**Services: Sundays: 18:30 Sung Mass**

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



**This week readings:**

1st: Acts 5, 27-32

2nd: Rev 1, 4-8

Gospel: John 20, 19-31

**Next week readings:**

1st: Acts 9, 1-6

2nd: Rev 5, 11-14

Gospel: J 21, 1-19



(See John 20:1-18)

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