



United Benefice News

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



25th April 2010 - 4th 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.

My sheep hear my voice, says Jesus, I know them and they follow me.



Hearing Jesus voice doesn't seem too difficult.

We are faced with choices all the time. Every time we steer toward a good decision we are listening to Jesus' voice. Every time we make a poor decision we are tuned in only to our own agenda. Surely hearing Jesus' voice is just about doing the right thing in each of the circumstances we find ourselves in? But what if it's not quite as simple as that? Imagine how sad it would be to meet Jesus, to hear him say, didn't you hear me? I was inviting you to travel the world, open a nursing home, be an ethical banker, become a campaign leader, write a book, adopt a child, raise funds for a well in a third world country. Weren't you listening? How would we reply? Well, I thought I was listening but, perhaps, I was spending too much time watching the TV? Hearing Jesus' voice means more than just resisting poor decisions. It means exercising a sense of innate vocation and some radical thinking. For those of us who go that extra mile, Jesus promises. ***'I give them eternal life'***

Daily Worship.

St Georges stands in that tradition where “The Daily Offices” (Morning & Evening Prayer) are said daily, in accordance with the law, and following the scriptural imperative to, ‘pray without ceasing’. I do wish we could take seriously the challenge to be a praying community and join together (8 am & 6pm) for 20 minutes. Also the Daily Eucharist offered Tuesday through Sunday. I saw a notice outside a church once that read; **“The Daily Eucharist is for those who have nothing better to do, which means all of us”**.

Please become a Prison volunteer

Prison Fellowship, through its volunteers, shines God’s light in the darkest of places and aims to transform the lives of prisoners and their families. Do you have some spare time and want to support one of the most vulnerable groups in our society? If so, then why not consider volunteering with us? There are many different ways in which you can get involved including:

- praying for a local prison
- supporting chaplaincy,
- fundraising/taking part in Angel Tree - a programme that provides Christmas presents to children who have one or both parents in prison
- Helping to run Sycamore Tree – our restorative justice course in prison.

If this sounds like the kind of challenge you are after then please come and join us! Together we can be God’s instruments of change; to offer a message of hope instead of despair, love instead of hatred, light instead of darkness. If you want to find out more email info@prisonfellowship.org.uk or phone 01621 843232

A timely reminder please.

I have elected to take Monday as my rest day and whilst I am always around to deal with urgent matters the increasing number of calls that are prefaced with the words, “I know Monday is your rest day but...” can be just a little frustrating. If something is not urgent and it’s Monday please call the Parish Office, where the ever helpful Peter will do his best to assist. Equally for Fr Robert, his rest day is Friday.

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.

United Tuesdays: What happens in the End?

Our next sessions of the Parish Study group will look at what is known as 'eschatology.' This comes from the Greek for 'the end.' In this course we will look at issues of what happens after personal death and the end of the world! So if you want to come and explore together the Christian traditions on such issues as life after death, judgement, heaven and hell this course is for you.

The book that accompanies it will explore these issues from quite a conservative Roman Catholic angle so will be a good conversation partner and should lead to much discussion! Copies of this book: *O Sweet and Blessed Country: The Christian Hope for Heaven*, by John Saward; are available for 10 at the back of the Church. As ever you not have to come to the course to attend the book group evening.

April 27th Death and Resurrection

May 4th Judgement and Eternal Life

May 11th The Coming of Christ

May 18th Book Group: *O Sweet and Blessed Country*

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).

St George's church

Did you know that **our church is open every day from Monday to Friday from 8:00 to 12:30**? It might be a good idea to make a break during the day and come to the church for private meditation. Do you feel pressured, can you not find enough time for yourself, can you not find enough space for yourself? Why not try to come to the church, and spend a little time in silence praying for your own needs as well as for your loved ones and soon you will notice a difference in your life.

Why not give God a chance to speak to you?

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!



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Church Wardens:

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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: Acts 9, 36-43

2nd: Rev 7, 9-17

Gospel: John 10, 22-30

Next week readings:

1st: Acts 11, 1-18

2nd: Rev 21, 1-6

Gospel: J 13, 31-35



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DON'T GET ALL WORKED UP FELLAS, I'M HERE WITH THE NEW HEAVEN/HELL EXCHANGE PROGRAM