



United Benefice News

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



13th June 2010 - Trinity 2

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.



Today's gospel is beautiful and powerful.

A woman anoints Jesus in the house of Simon the Pharisee and Simon objects. Jesus responds by telling her that her sins are forgiven. Are we like Simon? Do we magnify other people's faults? Are we overly judgmental with our partners or children, our friends and colleagues? Today's reading should prompt us to be more like this woman. She knows her failings and comes to Jesus seeking acceptance, forgiveness and love. Most of us find that so hard to do.

Sunday 27th June. The **Patronal Festival** at St John's, with the choir, who will lead the Sung Eucharist and the service will conclude with Solemn Benediction. The preacher will be **Fr Charles Sargent** and this will be his last visit to us before he leaves his present post as Chaplain to Brunel University. I hope as many as possible will be at St Johns for this occasion.

From the Children and Youth Worker:



I apologise for the confusion last week over where to bring your children. We have been trying out new groupings and new spaces for the Sunday School - and with the community space being unavailable last week due to incomplete soundproofing, we had to change our plans at the last minute. Thanks for your patience and understanding, and thanks particularly to Shy for her flexibility.

This week, and hopefully for the rest of the term, here's how the

Sunday School will be set up:

Children aged 0 - 4 will be in the back Sunday School room.

Children aged 5 - 11 will be together in the upstairs Sunday School room. We may separate them further using the rooms on both sides of the balcony, but they will begin in the upstairs Sunday School room that was previously used for the Over 7's.

We are still looking for volunteers to help with our creche for children aged 0-4. This will involve supervising play, reading stories, and occasionally leading an activity. For more information, feel free to talk to me after church or get in touch by email. Margaret.

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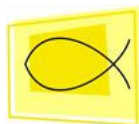
The United Benefice is now on Facebook! Search for "United Benefice of Holland Park" and click "Like" - then upload photos, post events, and stay informed about what's happening.

Garden Party.

Our annual Garden Party will be held on the 14th July in Campden Hill Square Gardens, I do hope you will put this date in your diary now?



United Tuesdays Education Programme continues



This month our course is 'Growing in Prayer'.

There are copies of the course handouts at the back of Church. This means that you can catch up on evenings that you have missed!

The next Book Group is on June 22nd: Copies of *How To Pray*, by John Pritchard are available at £8.

Time: 1900-2030 Venue: Social Space, St George's

Lunch Group Reminder

The next Lunch Group will take place this Thursday 17th June
Speak to Ivo or Anne Morshead for more details

The Sacrament of Healing



Today in our sermon series on the sacraments today we focus on Healing. Throughout history the people of God have used both the laying on of hands with prayer and anointing with oil as part of the ministry to those of us who are sick. Anointing, or smearing, with olive oil was used for medicinal purposes in both the Hebrew bible and the New Testament (Psalms 109:18; Isaiah 1:6; Mark 6:13; James 5:14) The letter of James says: "Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in

the name of the Lord." In today's service there is an opportunity to receive this ministry of healing. A simple prayer is said and the priest lays hands on our heads. Then the priest uses the oil to mark the sign of the cross on our foreheads and on both our hands. This is a sign that we are offering ourselves just as we are at this moment to God and receiving God's grace. Praying for healing and wholeness is not the same as asking God to cure us or make us physically or emotionally perfect. Rather we should understand it as seeking that strength which comes from God to enable us to live more fully and vibrantly in our bodies.

News of general interest.

We are pleased to report that **Vanessa Riley** is back home convalescing after her recent knee operation. **Philippa Kennard Bent** makes slow progress after her recent hand operation and a fall. We remember them both in our prayers.

Today is observed as '**Poverty Sunday**' when we are asked particularly to pray for the in our community and particularly for the work of the Church of England's charity working amongst the poor, 'The Church Urban Fund'. This amazing charity was formed as a result of a report, 'Faith in the City' prepared for the Abp of Canterbury by the late Sir Richard O'Brien.

Are you away for the weekend or off on holiday? This does not mean that you need to neglect your attendance at the Eucharist. If you can't make the 10am on Sundays at St Georges there are other opportunities. On Friday evenings there is a said Eucharist at 6.30pm, on Saturday morning at 8.30am on Sundays at 8am all at St Georges and then on Sunday evenings at 6.30pm there is a full Sung Eucharist at St Johns. If you are going away and not sure where your nearest church might be, do please ask and I'll be happy to look it up.



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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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Services: Sundays: 18:30 Sung Mass

Confessions in both churches are heard by appointment.



Next week readings:

1st: 1 Kings 19, 1-4

2nd: Galatians 3, 23-29

Gospel: Luke 8, 26-39

This week readings:

1st: 2 Kings 5

2nd: Galatians 2, 15-21

Gospel: Luke 7,36—8.3



Thanks to Josiah Gilman

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