



# United Benefice News

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



27th June 2010 - St John the Baptist—Patronal Festival

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.



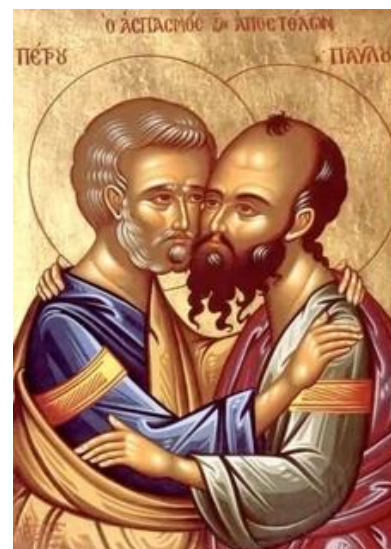
**A spokesman said.....**

**We tend, quite understandably, to see John in relation to Jesus, as a kind of subsidiary player in the drama of redemption. But for people at the time of Jesus and the years immediately after Him, John was probably the better known of the two. The gospels present John without explanation, as if everybody should recognize him. John's mission had two facets. First of all he called people to repentance and baptism. Secondly he prepared the way for Jesus. In a way he was God's spokes person. But that's not where it all ends. God's project of salvation is still to be carried out and it doesn't necessarily take a great prophet like John. A prophet is simply a spokesperson, a job each of us could undertake to varying degrees. The ministry of John the Baptist continues in each of us.**

# Saints of the Week:

## Saints Peter and Paul 29th June

Peter and Paul represent two strikingly different approaches to discipleship. Peter had to learn slowly, make many mistakes along the way, but always experienced the compassionate forgiveness and encouragement of Jesus. Paul, on the other hand, came to the Faith immediately and never backed away from his zeal for Christ after that. We aim to imitate these two great apostles in our own lives. Like Peter, we know we are likely to fail and to get things wrong, yet like Peter we aim to persevere. Like Paul, we must always be on fire for the Lord, and proclaim Him to everyone and in every situation, no matter how difficult it can sometimes be to do so. The Eucharist will be celebrated at 6.30pm



## Saint Thomas the Apostle 3rd July

'Thomas shares the lot of Peter the impetuous, James and John, the "sons of thunder," Philip and his foolish request to see the Father—indeed all the apostles in their weakness and lack of understanding. We must not exaggerate these facts, however, for Christ did not pick worthless men. But their human weakness again points up the fact that holiness is a gift of God, not a human creation; it is given to ordinary men and women with weaknesses; it is God who gradually transforms the weaknesses into the image of Christ, the courageous, trusting and loving one.' The Eucharist will be celebrated at 8.30am



# Sacrament of Marriage

We warmly welcome you to join us on **Sunday July 4th at 10am at St George's Church**. During the Sung Eucharist the Rev'd Ivo Morshead will speak on the Sacrament of Marriage. There will also be an opportunity to renew your marriage vows.

We hope you will join us and stay for a celebratory glass of champagne!

# 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?



Plans are only good intentions unless they immediately degenerate into hard work. *Peter Drucker*

## From the Children and Youth Worker:

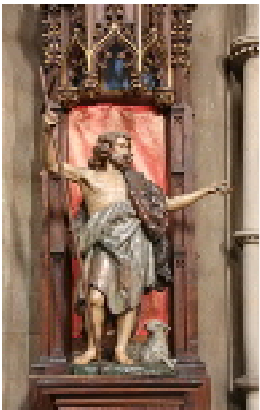
With the end of the year coming up, it's time to plan our **Sunday School picnic!** The date is **July 18th, at noon**, location TBC. We're planning a "classic games" theme, so if anyone has a croquet set, a game of pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey, or another game they'd like to contribute, please get in touch with me in person or by email. Also, if you'd be willing to provide food (juice, sandwiches, un-iced fairy cakes so children can decorate their own, etc.), please let me know.

Also coming up is our summer programme, "**Rivers of Living Water,**" from **August 23rd to August 27th.** That's a Bank Holiday weekend, so the Friday session will let out at 1 p.m. to allow for travel arrangements. The programme will include worship, storytelling, art, drama, music, and outdoor play. Unfortunately, at the moment, we are only able to take children from age 5 to age 11 - however, if we have demand for a nursery group to be included, and enough adults who are willing to help out, we can add on a younger group. Please let me know if you'd like your child to attend the summer programme or if you (or a teenager in your family) would like to help out in any way. There is no cost to families for this programme. Margaret

## The Patronal Festival at St John the Baptist Church,

**Sung Eucharist**

**Sunday 27th June at 6.30pm.**



The Patronal Festival at St John's, the choir 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.

We warmly invite you all to join us at St Johns for this occasion. The service will be followed by refreshments.

## Chronic pain - problems and solutions. Tuesday 29 June 2010

Venue: St. Paul's Cathedral, The Chapterhouse, St. Paul's Churchyard, LONDON, EC4M 8AD organised by the Royal Society of Medicine and St Paul's Cathedral

Background: Both doctors and clergy regularly seek to help people with chronic pain. Doctors know that there is a lot more to chronic pain than acute pain that goes on a long time. And clergy know the difficult pastoral challenges that they face in helping these people. Both groups have specific contributions and skills relevant to the care of people with chronic pain. Can we work together?

One of the speakers on the day will be our very own Fr Robert. Further details and booking form can be found at [www.rsm.ac.uk/academ/stpauls2010.php](http://www.rsm.ac.uk/academ/stpauls2010.php)



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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.

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**This week readings:**

1st: Is 40, 1-11

2nd: Ga 3, 23-29

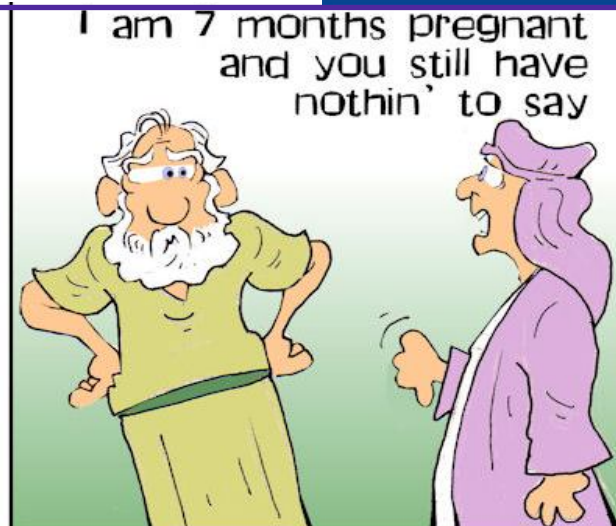
Gospel: Luke 1, 57nn

**Next week readings:**

1st: Genesis 2, 18-24

2nd: Eph 5, 25-27

Gospel: John 2, 1-12



Speechless Zechariah and Pregnant Elizabeth

.. Luke 1