



# United Benefice News

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



11th July 2010 - Trinity 6

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.



**Jesus answers this question with a parable about a person who should be an enemy but who demonstrates compassion. Samaritans were foreigners who had moved into Israel several centuries before Jesus. They were allies of the Assyrians who had conquered the country. They commandeered not only the land of the Israelites but even many of their religious institutions. The bitterness between the two peoples only grew aggravated in the following centuries.**

**Both the Jewish priest and the Levite (a temple aide) avoid the apparently dead victim. They would become ritually impure by touching a corpse. This would prevent them from doing their religious duties. The hated Samaritan has no such obligations and shows true love for the injured stranger.**

**There are still a small number of Samaritans left in Palestine.**

## **From the Children and Youth Worker:**

As the church has been hearing sermons on the sacraments, the Sunday School has been learning about them too. Today, we baked bread to be used in the Eucharist next week. Your children mixed and kneaded the dough, and sculpted it into shapes that have to do with Communion and the Last Supper.

Next week, there is no Sunday School, but the children will be involved in the worship and, as usual, our "Let Us Pray" booklet will be available to help them follow the service. Sunday School starts again on SEPTEMBER 5, 2010, and Youth Group on SEPTEMBER 12, 2010. Youth Group is for young people aged 12 - 18 and meets in the balcony from 11:45 to 12:45 every other Sunday.

We still have places on our Summer Programme, which runs from August 23rd to August 27th. This will be a fun-filled week of games, art, music, drama, outdoor play, worship and storytelling. Email [margaret@stgeorgescampdenhill.co.uk](mailto:margaret@stgeorgescampdenhill.co.uk) for more information or to register your child. Margaret

## **Sunday School Picnic, July 18th: all welcome!**

Next week is our end-of-year Sunday School picnic, at noon, by the Adventure Playground in Holland Park. We'll have cupcakes for the children to decorate, and will provide sandwiches, juice, and a few games. Please bring some food to share (fruit, pasta salad, finger foods, or drinks are all welcome), and come have fun and get to know each other. All are welcome - children, parents, and everyone else.

## **St Paul's Cathedral**

It is good to be reminded at this time of the year of our link, as a church in the Diocese of London, with our extraordinary Cathedral, St Paul's. It's a great place to visit and has some interesting new art. It is possible for members of St George's to visit the Cathedral without paying outside service times (for free entry contact Fr Michael for a ticket. We could always organise a larger trip to the Cathedral if enough people were interested?

On Tuesday 12th July the whole Diocese of London, including the Cathedral, will pray for St George's and our parish. We have been asked to let the Cathedral know if any of us want to attend their services that day: 12.30 pm Eucharist or 5 pm Evensong.

## **Calling all sidesman, chalice assistants, coffee makers and other volunteers.**

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday when the time comes – but could I ask a favour please? If you are rostered to do a duty please see if you can find a deputy, as far as you are able to. That would be really helpful! (Don't forget the tradition that has built up over the years of bringing the church back a tea towel from wherever you're visiting).

### **Lunch Group Reminder**

**The next Lunch Group will take place this Thursday 15th July  
Speak to Ivo or Anne Morshead for more details**

# The Sacrament of Reconciliation

This is the most common term that is now used in a number of churches for 'confession'. Another term used is the 'sacrament of conversion'. These two descriptions are rich in their understanding of what this rite is all about. The confession of sin is only a small part of the process. The process is about us coming close to God by acknowledging our distance from God and our need of God's grace. But it also includes God's movement towards us in continually welcoming us back, re-joining us to himself and re-converting us. As the Common Worship texts put it, this is about 'recovering Baptism'.

This recovery of Baptism in the modern Church of England chiefly takes place within the context of our communal worship. At every Eucharist we seek and receive God's forgiveness. The priest pronounces the words of absolution and makes the sign of the cross over the people. It is only God who can forgive. But the individual priest represents the priesthood of the whole of the church and it is God, through the church, who restores us to himself and to one another.

In the Church of England the sacrament of reconciliation is also practiced on an individual basis, in private. This has been so since its foundation.. The Book of Common Prayer in *The Order for the Visitation of the Sick* contains the following direction: *Here shall the sick person be moved to make a special Confession of his sins, if he feel his conscience troubled with any weighty matter. After which Confession, the Priest shall absolve him (if he humbly and heartily desire it).* The practice of private confession was significantly revived in the 'catholic revival' in the church.

There is no requirement for private confession in our church. But it may be desirable depending on individual circumstances. "All may; none must; some should" as the saying goes! Today it also generally takes place within the context of spiritual direction, in which there is a fuller discussion of one's faith journey.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Confession>

<http://www.cofe.anglican.org/worship/downloads/pdf/cirecon.pdf>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sacrament\\_of\\_Penance\\_\(Catholic\\_Church\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sacrament_of_Penance_(Catholic_Church))

## Accommodation Required

The Venerable Aloka is a Buddhist monk who is a Volunteer Chaplain in the Royal Brompton Hospital. He is a great asset to the Chaplaincy Team – with a great pastoral style. Aloka also runs a very well attended meditation group for patients and staff. At present he is in the process of changing his religious community affiliation. This means that he is looking for some accommodation for the next year. Please let Fr Robert know if you might be able to help.

## Annual Vicarage Garden Party

**14 July—6:30 pm**

Campden Hill Square Gardens W8

**All are welcome**

Tickets £10 at the door





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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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United Benefice  
of Holland Park



**This week readings:**

1st: Am 7, 7-17

2nd: Col 1, 1-14

Gospel: Luke 10, 25-37

**Next week readings:**

1st: Am 8,1-12

2nd: Col 1, 15-28

Gospel: Luke 10, 38-42



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LUKE 10: 25 - 37

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