

# Holy Trinity St Mary's

**SUNDAY 18 April 2010**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**WELCOME**

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **Planned Giving**

The Parish Revenue Group has prepared a leaflet which outlines the three key priorities set by the PCC for 2010 and explains the running costs of the Parish and the important role that regular giving has in meeting these costs.

Each year at this time, when we set out the priorities for the year ahead, we invite members of the Parish to consider how they can best offer their support financially and otherwise.

One of our objectives is for all regular worshippers to be regular contributors through Planned Giving.

There is an envelope for all members of the parish at the back of both churches today, with spares if you cannot find one addressed to you. Please take it home and consider whether you might become a regular contributor through Planned Giving. Please return the Response Form, in confidence, to Graham Smith, Planned Giving Recorder, by 31<sup>st</sup> May.

**Parish Supper Parties** Today is the very last day to sign up for the Parish Supper Parties next Saturday. Please speak to Margaret Foulkes if you would like to come.

## **Christian Aid week 2010: looking for volunteers**

This year Christian Aid week is from **Sunday 9-Saturday 15 May**; seven days of fundraising, prayer and action against global poverty.

Every year our parish joins other churches nationwide to bear witness to human rights for the poorest communities in the world, and part of our witness is taking part in a house-to-house collection in our parish. Around **300,000 volunteers** give their time to deliver envelopes and put on events. We are part of this movement for change.

*The focus for this year's Christian Aid week is on the many who live in "informal settlements" on the edges of big cities in Africa who have no access to basic sanitation and clean water. One example: sixty percent of the population of Nairobi, Kenya live in such settlements and Christian Aid with its partner organisation MNU is working to bring water and sewage systems to these communities. Catherine Kithuku lives in the Matopeni settlement where there are no toilets and tap water. Catherine has already formed a group that has organised rubbish collections and educated people about health and other issues. Catherine said she dreams of an environment fit for humans to live in. She believes that change is possible.*

We can help Christian Aid make a difference this year to people like Catherine and her family. We need **volunteers to distribute and collect Christian Aid envelopes** in the residential roads in the parish between 9-15 May. **Please let me know as soon as possible if you can help-** why not enlist a friend/ family member as well. Many thanks - Mara Uzzell G'fd 427585

[mara.uzzell@btinternet.com](mailto:mara.uzzell@btinternet.com)

**Silent Prayer** – this will be held at St Mary's at 12.30pm tomorrow lunchtime. All welcome.  
*Brian*

## **Reflection on the Parish's Times of Silent Prayer at St Mary's**

For me the times of Silent Prayer at St Mary's are times of gentle meeting. Gentle meeting with the fifteen or so who come together once a month to spend time to ponder and to pray. Gentle meeting with God who comes to receive us. God is often a very subtle companion. I arrive early, before any one else. After I've moved the furniture around and lit some candles I sit there anxiously waiting for some others to turn up, feeling quite alert and busy inside of me. And then I feel I'm being told to stop fretting and to settle down calmly, as if I am being gently led into an open space where many things might happen, some challenging, some reassuring. When half past twelve comes I welcome everybody and then I read a passage from the Bible which I have chosen for the day. We all then become silent and you can feel the palpable fellowship as people reflect and pray. I start off thinking about the Bible passage and how it speaks to us today. My mind sometimes wanders off in maverick directions, and I try to discipline my straying thoughts and focus my prayers. I even find myself waiting for God to respond as if we are fitting in a quick business meeting before lunch, which I know is daft but I still do it. More often though I allow my thoughts to take me wherever they will go. And language then ceases, and I enter a world of images and sounds, memories and feelings. Out of this sometimes come questions which I know I am putting to God, and I know God will answer sometime in some way. And I am quite content with that. And then it's nearly one o'clock and I rouse myself to bring everyone together to pray the Lord's prayer. And I am grateful for the time we have all shared together in prayer. *Brian*

**The Parish Annual Meeting** will follow a united parish service at Holy Trinity next Sunday, 25 April. This is an annual opportunity to hear an account of last year's activities, approve the financial accounts for 2009, elect officers to represent the parish and endorse forward plans. We will pray about this during the service; we will discharge the formal business afterwards, finishing by 12 noon. You are being asked to come and support the parish on this day. We are seeking new members of the PCC and if you would like the chance to make a real contribution to the running of the parish in this way, please speak to one of the wardens, Margaret Foulkes or the office – 567716.

At the meeting on 23 March PCC **agreed** the following:

- to express grateful thanks to those leaving PCC and also to Graham Morris, Assistant Treasurer for their hard work, advice and support; and to Lucy Harris for agreeing to succeed Graham;
- to approve unanimously the Annual Report and Financial Statements, subject to audit;
- to approve plans from the Parish Revenue Group for measures to increase Planned Giving;
- to proceed with an application to the Diocese for a training curate for summer 2011;
- to adopt the future scope of fundraising activities outlined by Capital Funding Group;
- to congratulate and thank all involved in achieving Borough planning permission for building of the ramped access to HT Church;.
- to endorse the aspiration to employ a youth worker for a year initially via the Matrix Trust, provided a suitable agreement can be made;
- that a church warden, the Child Protection Officer or the Rector be a delegated representative of PCC when permission needed (for insurance purposes) for youth activities to take place off church premises;
- to donate to the Guildford Museum three badges of office owned by the Parish and currently on loan to the Museum.

**Addison Court celebrates Eastertide** On Tuesday 27 April at 7 o'clock in the evening we will be holding a service of Easter Praise in the Chapel and Common Room at Addison Court. All the residents and members of the parish are warmly welcome to come and join together in hymns and songs and words of praise. *Brian Roberts, Jane Gillbe, Jan Hancock*

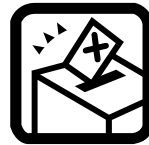
**Trinity Club** - Come to the next meeting of the Trinity Club to hear Hilary Cotton, Vice chair of *WATCH, Women And The Church*, speak on 'how the church has viewed women over the centuries, and the current debate about whether women should be bishops,' and offer your own thoughts in the ensuing discussion. The place- The Trinity Centre, the date - Wednesday 28 April 2010 at 10.30am. *Brian and Jonathan*

**Come on Pilgrimage** This summer and autumn I am planning to lead two pilgrimage walks: the first is on Saturday 3 July 2010 walking to Compton and back and finishing with a cream tea at our home; the second is on Saturday 2 October 2010 when we will go to Chichester. Planning is at a very early stage but please let me know if you would be interested in coming along. *Brian* 01483 570556 or [b.roberts44@ntlworld.com](mailto:b.roberts44@ntlworld.com)

**Trooping the Colour.** I have been allocated a good number of tickets for the 1st Dress Rehearsal (free but no Royals attending). It is on 29th May, seated by 10.am, finishes around 12.15. All bids to me please. Anthony Jacques (823765).



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## **THE 2010 GENERAL ELECTION HUSTINGS**

**MEET THE CANDIDATES WHO WANT YOUR VOTE AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION!**

**SEE WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY ABOUT YOUR FUTURE**

**Date: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2010 - 7.00pm**

Venue: Millmead Centre, Bury Fields, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 4AZ

Venue Location: <http://www.guildfordbaptist.org/findus.htm>

All the candidates have been invited to come to this important meeting. The format allows them to present their own case and policies for being elected; there will be questions pre-selected from those sent in and some from the audience on the night.

If you want to submit a question then please do so, in order that a cross selection of varied issues can be covered and the candidates may give their differing perspectives on topical issues.

Questions should be sent to: [bill@ndcitl.com](mailto:bill@ndcitl.com) and will be collated and edited before the meeting.

Deadline is 19<sup>th</sup> April 2010. Contact *Bill Nelson* 01252 782666

### **Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme**

Would you like to support this major source of funding which is due to end on 31 March 2011? The Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme (LPWGS) enables listed places of worship to claim back 100% of VAT incurred on repairs and maintenance to the building, professional fees and repair works to fixtures such as bells and organs. The LPWGS has provided great relief to places of worship faced with raising enormous sums for maintenance and repair, and has enabled those who look after these valuable heritage and community buildings to maintain them for future generations. The scheme was introduced in April 2001 and to date has paid out over £100 million to places of worship across the United Kingdom. Do consider supporting the campaign to extend the LPWGS beyond March 2011 by signing the petition at

<http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/VATrefundscheme>

*To those who may be visiting South Africa soon, from Robert*

When I was last in South Africa, we had a driver for a day who was very impressive: Thabo Molefe. He was one of the drivers we hired during the parish tour in 2008. He has always been reliable, polite, enthusiastic and safe. I am writing to say that, if you are visiting Johannesburg, South Africa, especially during the soccer World Cup, I can thoroughly recommend him as a driver.

- He will meet you at the airport and return you there.
- He is prepared to drive to other provinces in South Africa (a long long way).
- He is familiar with the area around Johannesburg, including many good holiday sites and game reserves.

Please pass this message on to any friends who you may know are visiting South Africa.

**Special parish organ recital – date for your diary.** As part of the tenth birthday celebrations for the rebuilt organ at Holy Trinity, I am very pleased to announce that there will be a special organ recital given by a number of past and present organists of Holy Trinity (including John McElroy and Clive Stroud) on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May. This should be a most entertaining evening of music and I encourage you to put the date in your diary to enable you to support it.

**Using St Mary's for different functions.** We celebrated Jo's birthday with a drinks party for about 50 guests at St Mary's last weekend. Lots of flowers, live music, lots of eats and drinks, no damage, no sacrilege - and all the people new to Guildford, or to St Mary's said 'Wow - what a lovely venue'. It is a brilliant location for so many uses - and we need the lettings for income. Let's hope we now see lots more. *Anthony J*

**This week - Morning Prayer** will be said in the Queen's Chapel at 8.30am Monday to Friday, and on Saturday at 9.30am

Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Silent Prayer	St Mary's
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Holy Communion	Abbot's Hospital

NEXT SUNDAY – 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL – Fourth Sunday of Easter

## HOLY TRINITY

**Joint Parish service followed by Annual Parish Meeting**

**10.00am**

Preacher: Robert Cotton  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ephesians 3.14-21 Mary Alexander  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Meditation from Oscar Romero – Margaret Foulkes  
Gospel: John 10.11-16  
Intercessions: Jillian Doran  
Hymns: 175, 437, 301, -, 612  
Setting: *Llewellyn* in C  
Anthem: The Lord is my shepherd *Will Todd*  
Jesus Christ is risen today *from 'lyra Davidica' arr G R Woodward*  
Organ: Resurrection (Symphonie Passion ) *Dupré*

## Choral Evensong

**6.30pm**

Preacher: Rod Pierce  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 63. 7-14 David Uzzell  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Luke 24. 36-49 Alison Ney  
Hymns: 158, 151, 138  
Responses: *Byrd*  
Psalm: 126 *Walford Davies*  
Magnificat &  
Nunc dimittis: *Sumsion* in G  
Anthem: Now the green blade riseth *trad. French carol arr Simon Lindley*  
Organ: Prelude et Danse Fuguée *Litaize*

## ST MARY'S

**Holy Communion**

**8.00am**

Preacher: Brian Roberts  
Chalice: Yvonne Cameron

**Russian Orthodox Liturgy**

**9.00am**

TODAY – 18<sup>th</sup> April

**HOLY TRINITY**

**Sung Eucharist**

**10.00am**

Preacher: Robert Cotton  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2.42-47 Venetia Howes  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 9.6-15 Simon Miller  
Gospel: Matthew 6.19-24  
Intercessions: Pippa Mitchell  
Hymns: 162, 627, 377, -, 401  
Setting: *Llewellyn* in C  
Anthem: This joyful Eastertide *trad. Dutch carol arr. Wood*  
Awake! Thou wintry earth (from Cantata No. 129) *J S Bach*

**Choral Evensong**

**6.30pm**

Preacher: Brian Roberts  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 38. 9-20 Sue Bull  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: John 11. 25-44 Marion Arbuckle  
Hymns: 141, 148, 372  
Responses: *Smith*  
Psalm: 114 *Bairstow*  
Magnificat &  
Nunc dimittis: *Jackson* in G  
Anthem: Awake! Thou wintry earth (from Cantata No. 129) *J S Bach*  
Organ: Fugue sur le Carillon des Heures de la Cathedrale de Soissons *Duruflé*

**ST MARY'S**

**Holy Communion**

**8.00am**

Preacher: Robert Cotton  
Chalice: David Carlé

**Matins**

**11.15am**

Preacher: Helen Poole  
Reader: Jean Bridger  
Hymns: 409, 524, 627  
Psalm: 30

**All parents need to be aware that they are responsible for their children when they are not in their groups, especially after the service.**