

All Saints' • Willian



The Third Sunday of Lent

TODAY we welcome **Rev Margaret Dack** to preside and preach at our Parish Communion Service, assisted by **Mrs Jill Thomson**.

Please pray for : Joan Baker, and for the many soldiers coming home injured from Afghanistan (military hospitals are working at capacity).

Lent Course: Our Lent Course continues tomorrow and is based on the course by Bishops Alan, Christopher & Richard. Venue this week is 3, Netley Dell, 7.45pm for a prompt 8pm start (tel 671817).

Prayer Group: we meet again on **Tuesday 9 March** for prompt 10.30 start in the church.

Prayer Meeting for Simon & Louise: the next meeting will be on **Sunday 14 March** at 6.30pm at St Paul's.

Water Aid: We are aiming to raise £200 by the end of Lent. Please collect *coppers* in a jar, and give them to Margaret Hannon *after* 10 March. She will count them and bank them. Alternatively please put them in the bucket on the notice board at the back of the church.

Easter Cards: there is now a supply of recycled Easter cards for sale at the back of the church. The money goes to the Restoration Fund.

Diary Date: Willian Fair this year will be on **Sun 11 July** starting at 2pm.

Considering Confirmation?: If you have been thinking about being confirmed, are curious to know what it means, or are just looking for an opportunity to learn more about what it means to be a Christian, please see info on St Paul's notices.



WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S

Tel/Fax: 01462-637373 email: churchoffice@ntlworld.com / www.stpaulslethworth.co.uk

If you are new to St Paul's, we hope you will feel welcome here. You will find a *Welcome* leaflet and card in the back of the seats. Please feel free to take this with you to browse at your leisure. We would be delighted if you could join us for refreshments in the church hall after the service.

This week in church

Wed 10 March
8.30 am Holy Communion

Sun 14 March
8.30 am Morning Prayer
10.00 am Family Communion



MEETING ... POINTS Opportunities to meet in homes for prayer, bible study & fellowship

Monday Group— 8 March
23 Upper Maylins : 7.45 pm
Rae Glenn • tel 635253

Wednesday Group— 10 March
For venue, call
Harold Brown • tel 676765

Thursday Groups— 11 March
11 Kestrel Walk : 8.00 pm
Clyde & Judy Watson • tel 486894

324 Norton Way South
7.45 pm for 8.00 pm start
Jill Thomson • tel 623613

The first Sunday of each month we have our quiet, reflective service -
HOLY SPACE at 6.30 pm which may include Taizé or Celtic styles of worship with
readings and periods of silence
For further information contact **Clare Pedrick** on 641140



SIDE BY SIDE - A fellowship group for Mums with small children, meet Tuesdays
8-9.30pm at 22 Allison. Contact **Rebecca Kelly** on 686365.

READINGS for 7 March ▶ 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 & Luke 13:1-9
(pages 1151 & 1046)

COLLECT FOR 7 MARCH

Eternal God give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Topics for Prayer: March 2010 - The revised Prayer Calendar, now called 'Daily Topics for Prayer' is available now -you will find copies in the Church Porch if you did not receive one as you came into Church. On one side you will find that every day of the week has a specific area for prayer. Within these areas there are four or five bullet points, each highlighting a particular topic for that day. The idea is to focus on, and open our hearts and minds to, the various needs of: the worldwide Anglican Communion; ourselves; the world; our nation; the local community; others; St Paul's. On the other side you will find prayer requests from the Ministry Team and others, for specific events they are involved in. There is also information about the missionaries we support. If you have any questions or comments relating to the new-look Prayer Calendar please let us know. Rev. Margaret Dack; Jill Thomson; Judy Watson

Mothers' Union Lent Meditation—in church **Wednesday 10 March** at 2pm, speaker Rev Wendy Heaney. Hot Cross buns with tea/coffee after the service. Everyone (including gentlemen) very welcome.

Confirmation of young people — If there are any more young people keen to dig deeper into the Christian faith and consider what confirmation is all about sessions will take place in the Distinctive room in the church hall on Tuesdays at 6.45pm starting on **13 April**. The confirmation takes place on **10 May** at 8pm at St George's. See Clare or Amanda for more information.

Children's Society Quiz Night—**Saturday 20 March** at Wilbury Hall, St Thomas' Church. Teams of 6: £8 per person. Fish and chip supper (or alternative), 7pm for 7.30pm start. Contact Rae Glenn on 635253 or Hilary Brain on 620905.

Total Encounter— Fun morning 10.30-12.30 for 7-11 year olds on **Saturday 15 May**. We're planning a fun morning—holiday club style, inviting children who have previously attended Holiday Club, local school children and our own Encounter Group. This will only be possible with some extra pairs of hands, so if you can help please see Clare or Madeleine (CRB checked is essential).

SIDESMEN and WOMEN.—The number of people offering to act as sidesmen/women this year is disappointing. We really need another 4-6 people for the 10 o'clock services. This is a vital role in the church and is not particularly arduous. If you can offer your help please see Huw or phone 643919 asap so that the new rota can be drawn up. New people are most welcome and training will be given. Thank you.

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Quiz Night for Team Albania Saturday 24 April - Following recent notices tickets are on sale (from Steve & Jane Robson on 636911), but if anyone is unable to participate in the quiz and would like to support the event then the donation of a raffle prize would be much appreciated. Please pass any donations to Mary Deary. Thank you.

Passion for life—From **14 March to 21 March** starting at 8pm there will be a series of events involving some well known speakers. All take place at The Free Church and admission is free.
Sunday 14 - Anne Atkins
Monday 15 - Jonathan Aitken
Tuesday 16 - Zigmund Rogoff
Wednesday 17 - David Hamilton
Thursday 18 - Tim Allan
Friday 19 - Dan Walker (TBC)
Saturday 20 - Bella Scott
Sunday 21 March - Henry Olonga
For more info on the speakers, and other events visit www.apassionforlife.org.uk or contact Bernard Palmer on 683064.

Posies for Mothering Sunday—Mothers' Union will be making these on **Sat 13 March** 2pm in the Main hall. Helpers and gifts of flowering shrubs, greenery, and flowering heathers very welcome. Tea/coffee provided.

Considering Confirmation? - If you have been thinking about being confirmed, are curious to know what it means, or are just looking for an opportunity to learn more about what it means to be a Christian you are warmly invited to attend an informal get-together at Jill Thomson's home, 324 Norton Way South, at 3pm **TODAY** with a view to setting up a series of "Start" course meetings. Please contact either Jill (623613) or Amanda (834627) if you would like to come or merely wish to have further information.

May Elmer - May, a member of St Paul's for many years, died peacefully on Saturday 20 Feb, aged 101 years. All who remember May are welcome to attend the funeral, 1pm **Tuesday 9 March** at Stopsley Crematorium.

ABSOLUTELY FREE.- A carpet in need of a new home. Approx 3.7 by 6.1 m. Currently residing in the vicarage lounge. See Huw for details.