

St Christopher's Church Services

February 2010

Sunday 7th	10.00am Service of the Word	Readings Isaiah 6: 1-13 and Luke 5: 1-11 Topic <i>A Glimpse of God</i> Led by Revd A Roche, preacher Revd Mike Smith
Thursday 11th 3-4.15pm Family Fun Thursday Church at St Christopher's		

Sunday 14th	10.00am Holy Communion	Readings Exodus 34: 29-35 and Luke 9: 28-43 Topic <i>Approved by the Spirit</i> Led by Rev A McCullough, preacher Dr P Cavill
5-6.30pm Tea, Chat and Pray, focus on Education (At the Cavills', 75 Belvoir Drive tbc)		
Academy closed for Half-term 15th-19th No morning prayer or Family Fun or Little Angels		

Lent Course

Sunday 21st	10.00am Service of the Word	Readings Genesis 32: 1-14 and Ephesians 2: 4-18 Topic <i>Lent 1: Who can we trust?</i> <i>(I believe in God the Father Almighty)</i> Led by Revd J Tonkin, preacher Revd A Roche
Thursday 25th 3-4.15pm Family Fun Thursday Church at St Christopher's		

Sunday 28th	10.00am Holy Communion	Readings Genesis 1: 26 - 2: 4 and Romans 8: 18-25 Topic <i>Lent 2: The risk of love</i> <i>(Maker of heaven and earth)</i> Led by Revd A Roche, preacher Revd J Ling
Thursday 4th March 3-4.15pm Family Fun Thursday Church at St Christopher's		

Diary Dates for February

- Tuesday 2nd - SEMP meeting, 7.30pm venue tba
- Thursday 11th - SEMP Quiz evening with buffet, 7pm @ St. James the Greater
- Saturday 13th - Tonkins' 50th Wedding anniversary celebration
- Friday 12th INSET - Academy closed to pupils
- Monday 15th - Friday 19th - half term
- Tuesday 16th - Worship Leaders' meeting, .45pm @ Lings'
- Wednesday 17th - Ash Wednesday communion service, 7.45pm
- Monday 22nd Prayer Meeting, 7.45pm @ Jenny's
- Tuesday 23rd - Church-Academy Partnership meeting, 6pm @ Academy.

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Advanced notice for 7<sup>th</sup> March  
Tearfund Sunday,  
Hunger Lunch follows morning service.

### Regular Activities

- Morning Prayer in church, during term time**  
Tuesdays - Fridays -8.00am  
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- Little Angels** Mondays and Fridays
9.15-11.15am
Not meeting 15th and 19th (half-term)
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- Holy Communion followed by lunch**  
Thursdays at the Academy at 12 noon  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> at Joan Fairbrother's tbc  
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- Scouts** Thursdays 6.45-8.45pm
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- Satisfied** - The Academy Christian Union  
Mondays 3.15 and 4.15pm

### Prayer Topics

- Pray for:**
- all those involved in education locally and nationally with Education Sunday on 31<sup>st</sup> January and TCP on 14<sup>th</sup> February
  - Jordan on placement at Rothley (Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>) and at St Denys' Evington (Sun 21<sup>st</sup> & Sun 28<sup>th</sup> evenings)
  - Pam's recovery
  - the growth of fair wages for producers across the world with the start of Fairtrade Fortnight on February 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - the situation in Haiti.

### Lent Studies

Starting Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February  
for five weeks  
7.45-9.30pm in church  
'Tokens of Trust - the Creeds'

## Mission for the Month

### Crosslinks

If you are not on the PCC, you may wonder how we decide on our giving to missions each year. All the societies we supported have had a St C's member working for them. We then tend to support that society until another link opens up. This is why we are having a change, as Nia Early is now working in South East Asia with Linc Ministries.

Linc Ministries is a branch of Crosslinks. The name changed from BCMS (Bible Churchman's Missionary Society) to Crosslinks in 1992 to emphasis the fact that for Crosslinks mission is no longer 'the west to the rest' but 'everywhere to everywhere'. Also, a fair number of the missionaries are women! The cross of Christ is the main link between God and human beings, and the cross also links race to race, nation to nation and culture to culture. The name also helps to make possible work in some of the 60 or so countries where 'Bible', 'Church' and 'Missionary' are not acceptable.

#### Vicar's comment:

At the risk of bragging about my recent holiday, one of the many things I have reflected on as I came home was how friendly and trusting people seemed to be in Australia. Teenage boys came forward to help my sister and I carry my niece in her pushchair onto trains; my brother-in-law leaves all sorts of expensive work equipment (he installs traffic lights and speed cameras for Brisbane Council - bet he's popular!!) in their open garage, but no-one steals anything; retired people volunteering in museums and botanical gardens spent time chatting to us. I know sunshine and warmth helps us be more cheerful and I was on holiday but people not only dashed around less but felt more trusting. There are less extremely rich and less extremely poor in Australia and recent research has shown that it's not those in richer countries who are happier but those in countries where people are more equal in terms of what they earn or own, even if that's equally less well off.

Our Lent theme this year is 'Tokens of Trust' - it's a deeper look at the Creeds we say most Sundays and Rowan Williams' insightful thoughts on how trustworthy God is and whether we trust him and each other as much as we can. May Lent be a time for you and me to learn to trust God more than ever before.

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Introducing
Crosslinks
an international
mission society
with its roots
in the Bible



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