

St Christopher's Church Services

March 2010

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| Tearfund Sunday 7 th | 10.00am Service of the Word | Readings 1 John 4: 7-19 and Luke 13: 1-9 Topic Lent 3: A man of all seasons <i>(and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord)</i> Led by Dr P Cavill, preacher Revd J Tonkin |
| | Tearfund Lunch follows morning Church Theme <i>Make Life Flow</i> | |
| Thursday 11th 3-4.15pm Family Fun Craft Café Thursday Church at St Christopher's | | |

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| Mothering Sunday 14 th | 10.00am Holy Communion | Readings 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7 and John 19: 25-27 Topic Lent 4: God in company <i>(And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church)</i> Led by Rev A McCullough, preacher Revd A Roche |
| | 5-6.30pm Tea, Chat and Pray, (at Alison's, 256 Milligan Road) | |
| Thursday 18th 3-4.15pm Family Fun Craft Café Thursday Church at St Christopher's | | |

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| Sunday 21 st | 10.00am Service of the Word | Readings Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-end and Luke 23: 26-49 Topic Lent 5: The Peace Dividend <i>(He suffered and was buried, and on the third day rose again)</i> Led by Revd A Roche, preacher Revd S Burns |
| | Followed by AGM and Bring and Share Lunch | |
| Thursday 25th 3-4.15pm Family Fun Easter Party (last session of term) | | |

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| Palm Sunday 28 th | 10.00am Holy Communion | Readings Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-end and Luke 19: 28-40 Topic <i>Blessed is the King!</i> Led by Dr P Cavill, preacher Rev A McCullough |
| | Remember to change your clocks! | |

Diary Dates for March

- 1st-7th Global Poverty Prayer Week
- Friday 5th 2pm Women's World Day of Prayer Baptist Church, Dorset Avenue
- Tuesday 9th 7.45pm PCC @ church
- Saturday 13th all day 'Called?' - Vocations Day - @ St Paul's Oadby; speaker, Dave Male (was curate at St C's)
- Thursday 18th Monthly Prayer Meeting at Jenny's
- Friday 26th 9.15am, Academy Easter end of term service
- Saturday 27th Elaine's daughter Debbie's wedding at St C's

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  
Last meeting of term Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
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- Holy Communion followed by lunch**
Thursdays at the Academy at 12 noon
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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 of us to have time to slow down and reflect during Lent on our relationship with God, others and our world
- those doing marriage preparation on 25th February and 4th March - 2 couples getting married at St C's and others from our Mission Partnership
- Pam to recover and be back with us soon
- aid to continue reaching Haiti now that it has stopped making the news

Lent Studies

- Wednesdays
3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th
7.45-9.30pm in church
'Tokens of Trust - the Creeds'

Remember to support
Fairtrade Fortnight

**25th February -
9th March**



Mission for the Month - Tearfund

You'll survive 40 days without food, three days without water and eight minutes without air. But how long can we go without faith, hope and love? Material and spiritual needs are best met as one.

At our Tearfund lunch this year we will hear more about Tearfund's 'Make life flow' campaign which forms part of Tearfund's ten-year 'Be part of a miracle' vision to see 50 million people released from material and spiritual poverty through a worldwide network of 100,000 churches.

We will follow thirteen-year-old Stidia, who lives in Kigazi village in Uganda. Every day she makes two trips down a steep, dangerous mountain to fetch water from a spring. In her short life, she has walked more than 13,000 miles, collecting water. Yet, she's never left her Ugandan village.

We will learn how Stidia's life and those of the rest of the community are being transformed, thanks to Tearfund's church partners and their mission to make access to clean water and decent sanitation a reality. Large rainwater tanks are appearing as Tearfund's church based partners train groups of village mums to build them.

Vicar's comment:

Most Sundays we recite a version of the creed and, like so much other liturgy, we don't always engage with what it's saying. So Lent this year is a chance to go deeper. At least one of the creeds was written as a result of Christians in the first few centuries arguing over what was true and what wasn't about God - and once they'd decided, they pinned it down (sounds so simple but it took a few decades!). Sounds very neat but much of what Rowan Williams in his book 'Tokens of Trust' is saying is that's exactly what you can't do with God - pin him down. Try to describe someone you know really well - their personality, what makes them tick...you can have a stab at it, but because they're a living and growing being, you will never quite manage it.

God is a living and growing being too so, as we study some of these words, we must remember they're only a shadow of what an amazing God he is and how much he loves each one of us.

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