

Forthcoming Events and Notices

Changing lives Thursday 4 March, 7.30pm at St. Paul's. Gordon Gaddes will introduce the latest DENS DVD (20min) which reviews all the current work of DENS and clearly shows the impact it is having on some lives. Then there will be an opportunity to ask questions, followed by refreshments around 8.45pm Please join us!

Lunchtime Concert The next Tuesday lunchtime concert at St Mary's, to be held on Tuesday 9th March at 12.30pm. It will be given by Katherine Boyce (soprano) and Nicholas King (piano). Bring your lunch, to eat either during or after the concert
Admission: £3 suggested minimum donation. Proceeds to St Mary's Organ Restoration Fund

Confirmation The Confirmation for our Benefice will be held on May 16th at 6.30 pm, the venue to be announced later. If you have not been confirmed and would like to take part in sessions of preparation for Confirmation or have questions, please contact Diana (262133)

St Albans Abbey Welcomers Do you enjoy meeting people and have a couple of hours to spare once or twice a year? Would you consider becoming part of St Mary's team of Welcomers at the Abbey? If your answers are 'yes' please contact either Maureen Stacey (01442 254086) or Emmeline Lambert (01442 268705) for more information as soon as possible.

Bargain Dagna has an almost new Morphy Richards slow cooker to dispose of. If you could use it a donation of £5 to church funds secures it. Contact Dagna on 258586.

Haiti Collection The amount raised by the retiring collection for the Haiti Earthquake Appeal was £165.52, This has been sent to the Disasters Emergency Committee.

challenge

Jesus said,
"Do not judge and you will not be judged; do not condemn and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven."

Luke 6: 37

read it • learn it • pray it • do it
Website: www.challenge2010.org

St. Paul's Church is open every Saturday morning 10.00am –12.00noon for tea, coffee and chat.

An **induction loop** is provided for the benefit of hearing aid users. Switch your hearing aid to T.

Items for the bulletin should reach Jeff Wallis by the preceding Thursday lunchtime at the very latest. Email: jeff.wallis@ntlworld.com — Tel: 391923. To receive an electronic version each week, email a request or visit our website.



For further information about St Mary's and our life of worship, witness and service talk with one of the clergy or welcome team after the service or, during the week, contact one of the churchwardens Leslie Crossley 264647 or Emmeline Lambert 268705 or Assistant Priest The Revd Diana Spink on 262133.



28th February 2010 : The Second Sunday of Lent

Welcome to St Mary's. We hope newcomers will soon feel at home. If you have children with you, please feel free to make use of the Children's Corner.

No collection is taken during the service: there is a plate for offerings near the entrance door. Tax-payers, please use one of the gift-aid envelopes.

Visitors or newcomers who are used to receiving communion in a church of another denomination are welcome to do so here.

You are warmly invited to stay for tea and coffee in the church hall after the service.

"Having loved her own who were in the world, she loved them to the end. She died a mother hen, and afterwards she came back to them with teeth marks on her body to make sure they got the point: that the power of foxes could not kill her love for them, nor could it steal them away from her. They might have to go through what she went through in order to get past the foxes, but she would be waiting for them on the other side, with love stronger than death."

She then suggests the lovely image of the "church of Christ as a big fluffed up brooding hen, offering warmth and shelter to all kinds of chicks, including orphans, runts, and maybe even a couple of ducks. The church of Christ planting herself between the foxes of this world and the fragile-boned chicks, offering herself up to be eaten before she will sacrifice one of her brood."

We often refer to 'Mother Church,' and perhaps that is apt: "It is where we come to be fed and sheltered, but it is also where we come to stand firm with those who need the same things from us ("Chickens and Foxes," in Bread of Angels).

What a lovely image for the church: a big, fluffed up brooding hen!

Barbara Brown Taylor

Today

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Sung Eucharist
6.30pm Service of Prayers for Healing

Readings:

Communion: Genesis 15: 1–12, 17–18;
Philippians 3: 17–4: 1, Luke 13: 31–end.

Readers:

8.00am David Gambling,
9.30am Stanley Hartland, Shetha Henderson

Intercessor

Ena Hartland

Hymns and Anthems

9.30am 22, 78, 339, 383
Stanford: Pray that Jerusalem may have

Collect

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings
and by following in his Way
may we come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 27

R The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then shall I be afraid?

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid? **R**
 - 2 When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.
 - 3 Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid, and though there rise up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him. **R**
 - 4 One thing have I asked of the Lord and that alone I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
 - 5 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek his will in his temple. **R**
 - 6 For in the day of trouble he shall hide me in his shelter; in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me and set me high upon a rock. **R**
 - 7 And now shall he lift up my head above my enemies round about me;
 - 8 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord. **R**
 - 9 Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy upon me and answer me.
 - 10 My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.' Your face, Lord, will I seek. **R**
 - 11 Hide not your face from me, nor cast your servant away in displeasure.
 - 12 You have been my helper; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
 - 13 Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up. **R**
 - 14 Teach me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path, because of those who lie in wait for me.
 - 15 Deliver me not into the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen up against me, and those who breathe out violence. **R**
 - 16 I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
 - 17 Wait for the Lord; be strong and he shall comfort your heart; wait patiently for the Lord. **R**
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Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal Glory. (x2)

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal Glory. (x2)

Intercessions

Diocesan Prayers

Nicky Marshall: Chaplain of Beds and Luton Community NHS Trust Hospital.

Luton Council of Faiths.

The Church of England and Rowan Williams, its Archbishop.

Deanery Prayers - The Prison Chaplaincy

Please pray for:

For prisoners that they may get the appropriate support and help from their families and community while in custody and on release

For the challenges faced in working more effectively with the resources given - may God grant wisdom to those who are given stewardship of the resources.

Residents: Concorde Drive

First Communion Please will you keep in your prayers these children who are preparing for their first Communion on March 14th, Mothering Sunday: Francesca Dymock-Budd Lauren Hart, Lucy Munro, Haydn Williams, Ralph Williams

The sick: Jamie Andrews, Kathleen Andrews, John Budd, Michael Clinton Serene Henderson, Christopher Howie, Don Lister, Bethan Shamar, Maureen Saunders, Helen Thornton, Pauline White, Christian Wyatt

Those who have died: Elizabeth Cook

Welcome

Today we welcome Cameron Malcolm and Evie Slater who will be baptised at 11.30 am.

This Week

Tue 2nd	8.00am Holy Communion <i>Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672</i>
Wed 3rd	10.30am Holy Communion 1.30pm Toddler Church
Thu 4th	8.00pm Bellringing Practice
Fri 5th	7.00pm Junior Choir Practice 7.30pm Choir Practice
Sat 6th	2.30pm Wedding Paul Kenneth Buckoke & Clare Louise Arnott
Daily (except Saturday)	5.15pm Evening Prayer

Next Sunday 7th March

The Third Sunday of Lent

8.00am	Holy Communion
9.30am	Sung Eucharist
6.30pm	Sung Evensong

Readings:

Communion: Isaiah 55: 1-9; 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13;
Luke 13: 1-9

Readers:

8.00am	Maggie West
9.30am	Emmeline Lambert, Stuart Harrison

Intercessor

Stuart Harrison
