



United Benefice News

for the churches of St George's and St John's



1st August 2010 - Trinity 9

Come, you who have much faith and you who have little, and you who have not been for a long time, you who have been here often, you who have tried to follow and you who feel you have failed. Come, not because I invite you, but because God does; and, as you are welcomed, go, and welcome others.

We welcome you to our worship today. We hope God's Holy Spirit will touch your heart and that you may be strengthened by Word and Sacrament.



What are you most attached to??

It is easy for most of us to accumulate many possessions and equally difficult for us to part with them, for all sorts of reasons. Fashionable lifestyle programmes now entertain us by freeing us from the material and emotional clutter to which we become attached. The immediate benefits are obvious, but on a deeper level Jesus warns that, if the desire for possessions gets out of hand, we cannot be rich in the sight of God. This applies equally to individuals, families and nations, in a world of surplus and starvation.

Advance Notice

October 4th Grand Harvest Quiz night. Venue to be announced nearer the time.

Sir John Riddell RIP

Sir John, who had been ill for a little while, died last weekend. We send our love and prayers to his widow and family. Sir John was a regular attendee at the 8 o'clock Communion when in London. May he rest in peace. Amen

From the Children and Youth Worker:

Thank you to everyone who helped make this last term such a success - Sunday School teachers, parents, and staff, and of course the children themselves! We look forward to welcoming you again on September 5th.

Over the summer, children are invited to participate in our worship together. Our booklet, "Let Us Pray" will be available, so children can follow the service, and it includes space to draw and colour. However, we ask that the Community Space at the back of the church be used only for smaller children, not as a playroom for unsupervised older children. The purpose of this space is to provide a relaxing place for babies and toddlers who become fussy during the service, and it is difficult to calm a fussy child, or to breastfeed, if the community space has large numbers of 8-and-9-year-olds playing with the toys.

Older children are welcome to play with the toys before and after the service, but should remain with their parents in church during the service.

Also, we still have about 5 places left for our summer programme for 5-11-year-olds, "Rivers of Living Water," which runs from August 23rd to August 27th, and which includes drama, art, storytelling, outdoor play, worship and music. If you would like to register your child, please email margaret@stgeorgescampdenhill.co.uk

We can make a difference – We are persuasive people!

The Iconic US civil rights leader, the Rev Jesse Jackson, will give his public backing to the UK-based global Development agency, Christian Aid, this autumn. Jackson, who was famously with Martin Luther King when he was assassinated, and has been an outspoken campaigner for social justice, will be the keynote speaker at Christian Aid's Supporter Day on Wednesday, 20 October 2010. The Day is a chance to celebrate the NGO's achievements in working for and with the world's poor – and to back its initiatives for change on everything from trade, aid and debt to the corporate tax avoidance that cripples many poorer communities while lining the pockets of the wealthy.



This will be Christian Aid's main event of 2010. Prior to an afternoon's campaign action there will be a supporter event at Methodist Central Hall in central London, opposite the Houses of Parliament. The Day runs from 11am to 4pm. Jesse Jackson will address supporters alongside Christian Aid's new director, Loretta Minghella, and head of Christian Aid Scotland, the Rev Kathy Galloway - a former leader of the Iona Community. There will also be an opportunity to hear about the day-to-day reality of the fight against poverty and injustice from partner staff and community members from India, Zambia and Haiti.

This may not be the sort of thing you have ever taken part in previously, but it might be an opportunity to make things change for the better. For others as well as making us feel better about ourselves. I have 5 tickets for the Central Hall rally, if you would like to organise your own day or for more information or for registration details go to: <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/ActNow/dosomething/october-event.aspx> I really hope our parishes will try to be involved in the eradication of poverty and injustice. Please, for God's sake?

Lunch at St Georges

We had our pre-holiday lunch in the Community part of the church on July 15th. We have a break in August to give the team of helpers a rest from fetching and carrying, arranging whose to do what when, laying up the tables and clearing up afterwards. Our pattern is now well established after nearly six years. The helpers meet two weeks before the third Thursday in the month at 28 Edge Street for coffee when we review the last lunch and plan the next. A start is then made in allocating those who will need a lift, to those who are available on that particular third Thursday in the month. We have eighteen potential helpers for this and would welcome more especially from March onwards when so many people go away. We have a kitchen team and others who lay up the tables. We aim to provide restaurant standard in every respect with flowers, candles, a printed menu and guest list and a really first class cuisine provided by top local chefs. In July we had a delicious fish pie and green peas followed by a succulent pudding of Summer Berry Fool with a cream topping enjoyed by 37 guests plus the helpers and kitchen staff. Wine is served before the meal and coffee and chocolates afterwards. We remember people's birthdays and they each have a card and a small box of chocolates. We make no charge for the lunch but invite a £3 voluntary donation. Our next lunch will be on Thursday 16th September when we shall welcome a fresh team of sixth form students from Holland Park School who greet guests who need help and who also serve at the tables, thus providing a valuable link for both parties.

The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)



The DEC was formed in 1963. They are an umbrella organisation for 13 humanitarian aid agencies. At times of overseas emergency, the DEC brings together a unique alliance of the UK's aid, corporate, public and broadcasting sectors to rally the nation's compassion, and ensure that funds raised go to DEC agencies best placed to deliver effective and timely relief to people most in need. I am delighted to say that their chief Executive, Mike Walsh is coming to talk on the 14th October on the subject "where do your charitable donations go after a disaster emergency". Representatives of Christian Aid will be present as well. Please book this important occasion in your diaries now.

From the Church Mouse

As you know we mice come in different modes, the live variety living outside the church and the very 'useful' variety that control the computers inside the church. I write this week in my indoor 'useful' mode to apologise for letting down my 'outdoor live' cousin. Between the time that he wrote his letter about the damaged gates and my printing it in the newsletter, the gates had been repaired! What a really good job too they have made of it and so quick. Would that the Royal Mail could be shamed into repairing the pillar box, likewise damaged from the lorry driver's lapse in concentration. I understand that the opening for letters is still firmly sealed. Fortunately no outside cousin was sheltering from the rain in the box but it is a nuisance for all human beings who have been accustomed to post their letters on the way to church. Perhaps I might prompt a letter or e-mail of complaint from my work station. Until next week.



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Services:

Sundays:

8:00 Holy Communion (Prayer Book);

10:00 Sung Eucharist & Sunday School

Weekdays (Tuesdays to Fridays):

8:00 Morning Prayer;

18:00 Evening Prayer; 18:30 Holy Eucharist

Mondays:

18:00 Prayer and Meditation

Additionally on Wednesdays:

12:00 Holy Communion (Prayer Book)

Saturdays:

8:00 Morning Prayer; 8:30 Holy Eucharist;

18:00 Evening Prayer



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Services: Sundays: 18:30 Sung Mass

Confessions in both churches are heard by appointment.

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This week readings:

1st: Ho 11,1-11

2nd: Col 3,1-11

Gospel: Luke 12,13-21

Next week readings:

1st: Dn 7, 9-10, 13-14

2nd: 2 P 1, 16-19

Gospel: Lk 9, 28-36



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