



United Benefice News

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



8th August 2010 - Transfiguration

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.



We all need a change!

Today we are celebrating the Feast of Transfiguration. The first and single most important factor in staying motivated is to have a vision. Having a vision gives us a reason to act. Students struggling to sit at a desk and revise on a hot sunny afternoon motivate themselves with a vision of that much sought after career. As Christ's disciples we might motivate ourselves with a vision of a world without poverty or war ... or simply to improve the life of one other person. The second most important piece of advice is to imbue that vision with a passion. It's no good having a lack lustre vision, we need a vision that will make us feel passionate about our goal ... something that we can conjure up in our mind's eye and make us leap into action.

Jesus is an excellent life mentor. Today we see him recognise that Peter James and John were downhearted and in need of some kind of emotional boost. He took them up a high mountain and treated them to a vision. The vision showed a transfigured Jesus, as dazzling as the sun speaking with Elijah and Moses. The vision showed the disciples a glimpse of the glory that they would one day share. Doubtless it was a vision they could conjure whenever they were in need of motivation.

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?

Are you away for the weekend or off on holiday? This does not mean that you need to neglect your attendance at the Eucharist. If you can't make the 10am on Sundays at St Georges there are other opportunities. On Friday evenings there is a said Eucharist at 6.30pm, on Saturday morning at 8.30am on Sundays at 8am all at St Georges and then on Sunday evenings at 6.30pm there is a full Sung Eucharist at St Johns. If you are going away and not sure where your nearest church might be, do please ask and I'll be happy to look it up.

West Africa Food Crisis

Christian Aid has launched an appeal to provide immediate help for those going hungry in the Sahel region of West Africa. With ten million people facing the prospect of severe food shortages across the Sahel, Christian Aid is calling on supporters to donate so that the charity can ensure that help reaches the communities in need.

A combination of cyclical drought and irregular harvests has led to seriously reduced food production with disastrous results across the region:

In Niger, more than 7 million people – half the country's population - risk going hungry
Of these 1.6 million are children with 400,000 children facing acute malnourishment
In parts of the Sahel, people are being forced to scavenge for wild leaves and seeds and drink dirty water.

Food is available in the markets but soaring prices have put it out of reach of many of the most vulnerable groups.

Donate online at www.christianaid.org.uk/emergencies/current/west-africa-food-crisis

Acts 435.

Want to help others but have limited surplus resources? Acts435 is a fantastic initiative which puts people who are in need in touch with those that can help. It is a very simple idea but a very exciting one! It is an initiative launched by the Archbishop of York at the recent General Synod, he said, "I am proud that the Church is taking practical steps to help those facing practical difficulties". This is a wonderful scheme which is about to be rolled out. Check out their website for more details; <http://www.acts435.co.uk/>

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.



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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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Next week readings:

1st: Is 61, 10-11

2nd: Ga 4, 4-7

Gospel: Luke 1, 46- 55

This week readings:

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

2nd: 2 P 1, 16-19

Gospel: Lk 9, 28-36

MOSES GETS A
PRIVATE BURIAL
FROM GOD...
ELIJAH GETS
A COOL FIERY
CHARIOT!

YEAH!
THEY'RE
HEROES
OF GOD'S
PEOPLE.

JESUS
GETS A
RAW DEAL!
A TORTURING
CROSS?

BUT TED—
THAT CROSS
GIVES HIM
THE NAME
ABOVE
EVERY
NAME!

IF I HAD
A CHOICE,
I'D GO FOR
A MYSTERIOUS
DISAPPEARANCE
—LIKE JIMMY
HOFFA.

TED—
WE KNOW
WHERE
HOFFA
IS
BURIED.



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LUKE 9: 28-36

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