



ST CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH HINCHLEY WOOD



7 March 2010 - LENT 3 - 1st Sunday of the Month

TODAY!

10:00am All Age Eucharist
4:00pm Evening Prayer
6:30pm Youth Groups - Plant a herb garden for Spring

NEXT SUNDAY

10:00am Sung Eucharist -
Mothering Sunday Parade
Service
4:00pm Evening Prayer
6:30pm Youth Groups - Snooker
and Ping Pong Night

WELCOME!

Please let us know if you require ANY assistance. Large-print service sheets are available - please ask. There is always coffee after the 10:00am Sunday service - do join us.

CHILDREN

GodZONE, our children's ministry, is held during the service on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays for those aged 0-11. The children go over to the hall during the first hymn and return for communion.

HOLY COMMUNION

Members of *all* Trinitarian Christian churches are welcome to receive Communion. To receive a blessing, bring this pew leaflet with you when you come forward. Please tell a Welcomer if you need communion to be brought to you.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 8 March

2.00-4.00pm Townswomen's Guild,
Scrabble in the hall

Tuesday 9 March - John's Day Off

7.30pm Line Dancing

Wednesday 10 March

9.00-12 noon Babes in the Wood Café
7.00-10.00pm Sing Live
8.00-9.00pm Lent Group at the Vicarage

Thursday 11 March

10:30am Eucharist
12.00-9.00pm National Blood Service
7.30-8.30pm Choir Practice in Vestry

Friday 12 March

12.30pm "Soup & A Roll" Lunch
During the 5 Fridays of Lent there will be a simple lunch at the back of Church with an opportunity to make a donation to the Bishop's Foundation.

Saturday 13 March

12:30pm Lent Lunch - please see back page for details
2.00-3.30pm Elmbridge Young Musicians

Saturday 20 March

2.30pm Kids on the Catwalk - please see back page for details

St Christopher's Lent Appeal 2010

"The Peace & Hope Trust"

Lent Appeal boxes are available at the back of the Church. If you would like to take one, please sign the list. Thank you.

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Please use the hand sanitizers when you come into the church as a courtesy to other members of the congregation.

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55.1-9

The LORD says this: 1Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. 3Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. 4See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. 5See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of

the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. 6Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; 7let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. 9For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10.1-13

1I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, 2and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3and all ate the same spiritual food, 4and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. 5Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. 6Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. 7Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' 8We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them

did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. 9We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. 10And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. 11These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. 12So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. 13No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 13.1-9

1There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? 3No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. 4Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' 6Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree

planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. 7So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" 8He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. 9If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, he only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYERS

We remember in our prayers all those in need who are known to us. Please pray for Jordan and his family for help and support at this time. We remember the sick, especially Dorothy Adam, Barbara Clauson, Sau-Wah Lam, Julie Lamb, Lena Lovett, Mary Luetchford, Fiona and Joan MacDonald, Howard Mallinson, Pamela Rixon, Margaret Taylor, Ted Trees and Hilda Williams. We pray for the recently departed especially Jean Kathleen Field and Gordon Irving and their families as they mourn.

NOTICES

PEW LEAFLETS FOR THE HOUSEBOUND

For those visiting the housebound, pew leaflets are currently available for collection from the porches at the front and rear of the Church on Thursdays.

LENT LUNCH-SATURDAY 13 MARCH

Please join us for the Lent Lunch at 12.30pm in the Church hall with a presentation by Des Humphrey from Hershams Parish. Recommended donation £5.00 towards our Lent charity, The Peace & Hope Trust. Please call the Parish Office to reserve a place or sign the list at the back of Church.

CRAFT CAFÉ AND NEARLY NEW SALE - SATURDAY 13 MARCH 10.30AM -2.30PM

At Hinchley Wood Guide and Scout HQ, Lynwood Rd. A wide range of handmade crafts, lots of nearly new items along with tea, coffee and cakes. Made and sold by Hinchley Wood Guides, Rangers and their Leaders.

KIDS ON THE CATWALK - SATURDAY 20 MARCH AT 2.30PM

Children's fashion show at St Christopher's Church. An exciting range of new fashions for children will be modelled and available to buy after the show. Tickets £2.50 - available from the Parish Office.



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN THE DITTONS LENT STUDY GROUPS

People from the local churches will be meeting together at various venues including Hinchley Wood Vicarage. To join a group please use the contact details given.

Tuesdays 10.30am from 23 February

At 20 Westville Rd, Thames Ditton. Please contact: Marilyn & Malcolm Studholme (020 8398 4678).

Wednesdays 10.15am from 24 February

At 162, Ember Lane, Esher. Please contact: Karen Connaughton (020 8398 4282)

Thursdays 10.30am from 25 February

In St. Nicholas' Church Hall, Summer Road, Thames Ditton. Please contact: Jane Formby 020 8398 4077/ Carole Potts 020 8398 3163.

Fridays with soup lunch 12.30pm - 2pm

from 26 February at The Rectory, 5 Church Meadow, Long Ditton. Please contact: Revd. Vicki Burrows (020 8398 1583).

Tuesdays at 8pm from 23rd February

St Mary's Community Hall, Church Rd, Long Ditton. 5 sessions, plus a Meditative Service for the Tuesday of Holy Week. Please contact: Revd. Vicki Burrows as above.

QUIZ NIGHT ON SATURDAY 24 APRIL AT 7.30PM

Ploughman's supper - cheese, ham, pate. BYO drink & glasses. Price £12.50 per person (includes tickets for the raffle). For tickets please contact the Parish Office or Jane Barnett 020 8398 4082.

CHURCH CONTACT DETAILS

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