

Family Baptisms

The Baptism will take place this morning of Rueban George Wylie-Deacon

Next Sunday February 14 the Baptism will take place of Isabella Rose, Mo Rey, Alexisa, Aiesha & Daniella May, of the Attryde family, during the Eucharist at 9:45am. The congregation is invited after the service to welcome the children into our church family by a celebration in the church hall. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will also be available with a piece of Baptism cake. **Godparents:** John & Gillian Bathurst Hoile, Margaret & Robert Caroe, & Ruth Ekblom.

2010 Lent Groups

As in past years, we will be running Lent Groups to help us focus on the meaning of this season. There will be two available, one on Wednesday afternoons and one on Wednesday evenings. The evening one consists of a general invitation to join the already existing Wednesday evening house group that meets in the home of Peter and Mary Dawe. Both groups will follow the same material, one of the well-known York Courses entitled 'When I survey...', with the subtitle 'Christ's cross and ours'.

The times are:

Wednesdays at 1.30 pm in the Vicarage.

or

Wednesdays at 7.30 pm at 37 Post Street. If numbers for this are too great, it may move to 59 London Road (Mary Jepp's house).

The groups will begin on ***February 24th***, and then be held on ***March 3rd***, ***March 10th***, ***March 17th*** and ***March 24th***.

There is no need to bring anything other than yourself to the groups, as the course material will be supplied. Please bring your own notepaper and pen if you want to take notes.

So that we can order the right amount of course material, it would be very helpful (but not absolutely essential) to have advance notice if you intend to come.

Please sign up on the sheet provided by the south door of the church (unless you are a regular member of the Wednesday evening group).

For more information, contact ***Mary Jepp (411734) or myself (436400)***. Please do consider coming – it can help to make Lent, and Easter, a more profound experience.

David Busk

Haiti Earthquake Disaster Appeal

I promised to provide the final figure for the Haiti retiring collection as soon as it became available. Colin Thirlwall has provided the following breakdown:

Sun 17 Jan - retiring collection -	£192.70
Soup Lunch -	£736.49
Sun 24 Jan - retiring collection -	£161.81
Sun 31 Jan – retiring collection -	£109.00
Giving a total of:-	£1200.00

Colin has already sent the money to Christian Aid. I think all will agree that this is a magnificent sum. Thank you all for your generosity.

Roy Norris - Charities

Can you host a missionary for five nights?

Claire Gelder, a mission partner in Japan with USPG, is in the UK on leave and hoping to spend a few days visiting parishes in this area. Can anyone provide her with bed and board from the evening of Monday 22nd February until the morning of Saturday 27th? Please contact me if you can. David Busk (436400)

Altar Servers

There will be a meeting on Saturday the 13th February at 10am in church for all those who currently serve as well as for anyone who thinks they might like to. ***Further information from Richard Bunn telephone 810911.***

Help wanted for Churches Together

Churches Together in Huntingdon and Godmanchester has a new Chairman, Father Nicholas Kearney of the Catholic Church. He needs some secretarial help, including minute taking, to enable him to carry out this role as well as his parish commitments. The body also needs a new treasurer - this is not a very big task, I'm told. Please contact me if you can help, or Father Nicholas directly (phone: 453257. e-mail: michaelarch@tesco.net) David Busk (436400)

Flower Guild

Our AGM will take place on Saturday 27th February at 10am in the church hall. As most will know, I will be standing down as Chairman at the meeting and we need someone to fill my shoes and carry on the good work of the Flower Guild. Is there any one amongst our members, or the congregation, who feels they could take on the Chairman's role; does anyone have hidden talent that we do not know about? We have a good committee, secretary and treasurer who will help all they can, and I will happily guide someone through the Church's flower calendar if they so wish. Please give this some thought and have a chat with me if you would like to know more. **Jean Miller (437488)**

Wives' Group

Tuesday 9th February - David Busk will give a talk on Nagasaki, Japan & the West at 7.30pm in the church hall. New members are always welcome. **Contact Barbara Thirlwall (457018)**

The Bible Group resumes at 8.00 pm on Wednesday 10 Feb at 9. Dove House Close - the home of John and Linda Watson. We are continuing with the Corinthian correspondence. **Jeremy Craddock**

Fairtrade Fortnight 2010

This year Fairtrade Fortnight is 22nd February-2nd March. The youth group will be doing their bit to promote this when they serve Fairtrade coffee and other goodies after the 9.45 service on Sunday 28th February. Please make a note in your diaries to stay for a cuppa on the 28th if you can

The 100 Club winners for January were Jean Nicholls £ 15 and Maureen Mendham £ 10. There is still time to take a second membership for the next five months from February to June 2010 at a cost of only £ 5. **Please contact John Bathurst Hoile by telephone on 01480 465442 for an application form."**

Time 2 Talk

The next meeting of Time 2 Talk will take place on Wednesday the 17th of February at Queen Elizabeth Hall between 2.00 and 3.30. Come for a cuppa, a cake and a chat...All Welcome

Prayer Corner

Let us take a moment to remember all those in local government where we live. Let us ask God that He would guard their hearts and guide them into responsible and effective action.

Newsletter Compiler

Bizz Thackray will be Newsletter compiler for February and March. Contact Bizz on (457722) or bizzthackray@hotmail.com. Contributions should be in by 8pm on the Thursday before publishing.

DIARY

Sunday 7th February

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist (Children's Church)*
- 11:30 *Holy Baptism of Rueben George Wylie-Deacon*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45 *Youth Group – Lent Mardi Gras (Church Hall)*

Monday 8th February

- 10:45 *Churches Together Ministry Meeting (59 London Road)*
- 13:30 *Stepping Stones (22 Porch Close)*
- 19:30 *Nelson Mass rehearsal (Church)*

Tuesday 9th February

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 12:30 *Churches Together Lunch Club (Baptist Church Centre)*
- 14:00 *Signing Group (18 Windsor Road)*
- 19:30 *Churches Together Members Meeting (St Michael's, Huntingdon)*
- 20:00 *Wives' Group –Nagasaki, Japan & the West - David Busk (Church Hall)*

Wednesday 10th February

- 10:30 *Holy Communion (Oak Tree Court)*
- 19:30 *House Group (37 Post Street)*
- 20.00 *Bible Group (9 Dove House Close)*

Thursday 11th February

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 09:45 *Holy Communion*
- 10:00 *St Mary's 0-5s (Comrades' Club)*
- 19:30 *Deanery Synod*

Friday 12th February

- 19:15 *Young Choristers' Practice (Church Hall)*
- 19:30 *Choir Practice (Church Hall)*

Saturday 13th February

- 10:00 *Altar Server's Meeting (Church)*
- 19:00 *Film Night: 'Last Chance Harvey' (Church Hall)*

Sunday 14th February

- 8:00 *Holy Communion*
- 9:45 *Sung Eucharist & Holy Baptism – Attryde Family*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*
No Youth Group (Half Term)

Refreshments are served after the 9.45am Eucharist. Everyone is welcome

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