

COMING UP (Dates for your diaries)

Tue 7th Communion at Beacher Hall 3 pm
Wed 8th Mass 10.30 am at St Mark's
Thu 9th Mass 10 am at All Saints, coffee and chat after Deanery Synod meets this evening!

Fri 10th *S Scholastica*
Communion at Abbeyfield 11 am
Mass at All Saints 6 pm

Sat 11th Mass 9.15 am at All Saints
Tea at Claridges 3 pm All Saints hall

Sun 12th Second before Lent (6th of Year)
All Saints: **Mass 8 am; PARISH MASS 10.30 am**
St Mark's: **PARISH MASS 9.15 am**

Tue 14th Ss Cyril and Methodius
Mass at Beacher Hall 3 pm

Wed 15th Mass 10.30 am at St Mark's
Communion at Parkside House 11 am

Thu 16th Mass 10 am All Saints, coffee and chat after

Fri 17th S Janani Luwum
Communion at Abbeyfield 11 am
Communion at Bath Lodge 2 pm
Mass 6 pm at All Saints

Sat 18th Mass 9.15 am at All Saints

Sun 19th Next before Lent (7th of Year)
All Saints: **Mass 8 am; PARISH MASS 10.30 am**
St Mark's: **PARISH MASS 9.15 am**
Family Communion 3.30 pm

NEWS AND EVENTS:

Anyone interested in exploring the Christian faith further with a possible view to Confirmation (or not!), please speak to Fr. Nicholas or Fr. Graham.

TEA AT CLARIDGES Saturday 11th February (not 4th) in All Saints Hall at 3 pm. Raffle, Bring and Buy. Tickets £2.50. All welcome.

SHROVE TUESDAY 21st February - fish and chip supper in All Saints Hall. Contact either Wendy Clarke 9548448 (St. Mark's) or Ivor and Val Snape 9582065 (All Saints) for information on time, cost etc.

OUTING to LAMBETH PALACE: It is planned to arrange a guided tour of Lambeth Palace for a group of parish people, with friends, on Friday March 23rd at 11 am. Cost £10 each in advance (entry to Palace), plus rail fare to Waterloo (suggested train 8.42 am from Reading). Our guide at the palace will be Val Pretlove. Those wishing to join please book with Val on 959 0273.

The first edition of **The Parish Magazine** incorporating Saints Alive and Good News is now available. Please get one and send in your comments!! **NB.** Articles deadline is 11th February. (It's a short month!!)

All Saints is holding a **Table Top Sale** on the afternoon of Saturday 3rd March. Cost is £10 per table - you man it yourself, sell your own stuff and keep the proceeds (unless you want to give them to the church!). To book a table ring John 0118 959 4273.

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL 2012. The current roll is being updated for 2012 during February. Please let us know of any change to information you previously provided. New applications are always welcome. Paul Alexander at St Mark's, John Bourne at All Saints, or the Churchwardens will be pleased to advise.

Our service booklets for use at Benediction, which have served well for many years, could do with a re-vamp. Speak to Fr Graham if you have any suggestions for hymns, prayers or readings which you would find helpful in worshipping the Lord among us during that service. If you want to know more about what Benediction is, have a word with Fr Nicholas, Fr Graham or indeed anyone you know who attends it.

Parish Outing Saturday 14th April to visit the Olympic sites - booking forms are now available from Stella Tyers or from both churches.

FOOD COLLECTION for FAITH. Please add an extra can or packet to your weekly shop, there really is a need in Reading.

**St. Mark & All Saints
Reading**

Newsletter 5th February, 2012
THIRD BEFORE LENT

Welcome!

Please make yourself at home as we gather to worship God.

The Crib has been dismantled and our Christmas/Epiphany celebrations are done for another year. Many thanks to all who have helped organise and lead our worship during this season.

Now the dust has settled the colour we use to help us reflect as we worship has changed once again. As the children of year 3 at St. Mary & All Saints School were reminding me this week, we've changed from the white/gold party colour that speaks to us of celebration to the green of growing which marks what for us is 'ordinary time'. When our worship is not perhaps ordinary, but usual, and we settle into what is our usual diet that allows us to grow towards God.

Worship in our churches today

- 7.30 am Morning Prayer (sung) at All Saints'**
- 8.00 am Holy Communion (said) at All Saints'**
(See inside Newsletter, but not the hymns!)
- 9.15 am PARISH MASS at S. Mark's**
(See inside Newsletter)
- 10.30 am PARISH MASS at All Saints'**
(See inside Newsletter)
- 3.30 pm Family Communion at All Saints**
- 5.45 pm Benediction at All Saints**
- 6.30 pm Solemn Evensong at All Saint**
Hymns: (A & M) 17, 304, 181. Psalm 5
Readings: Num. 13.1-2 & 27-33; Phil. 2.12-28

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED: For all who work for the National Health service; for the unity of the Church and for the General Synod of the Church of England; for our parish and its people; for those on low income and those who are facing redundancy; for our work of discipleship and evangelism; for our ministry team.

For those in need of prayer: Emma Cairns; Ruth Scott; Christina; Joan Johnson; Kathleen Collett; Joyce Watts; Muriel White; Culbert and Ruboan Browne; Trevor Atkins; Princess; Daniel Cobb; Andrew Falconer; Nussy; Forest School; Margaret Thomas; Cerys; Reg Jarvis; Tyno; Doreen Campbell; Beti Wilkins; Monica Coates.

For the departed: For Wendy Radcliffe; Robert Bolton; Joe Holyer; and Sally Watters; recently departed and for James Trethewey, Alfred Beard, Otto Brann whose anniversaries of death are at this time.

OUR CHURCHES:

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OUR STAFF:

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We are called to be a loving, welcoming, worshipping Christian community; working together to share the love of Christ with everyone in our parish(es) and beyond.

TODAY'S READINGS

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God,
who alone can bring order to the unruly wills
and passions of sinful humanity: give your people
grace so to love what you command and to desire
what you promise, that, among the many changes
of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
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.

Amen.

FIRST READING (Job 7:1-4,6-7)

A reading from the book of Job

Job began to speak: "Has not man a hard service on earth, and are not his days like the days of a hired hand? Like a slave who longs for the shadow, and like a hired hand who looks for his wages, so I am allotted months of emptiness, and nights of misery are apportioned to me. When I lie down I say, 'When shall I arise?' But the night is long, and I am full of tossing till the dawn. My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle and come to their end without hope. Remember that my life is a breath; my eye will never again see good."

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 146:1-6

RESPONSE: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

1. Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due. **(R.)**

2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. **(R.)**

3. Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the Lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. **(R.)**

SECOND READING (1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

This is the word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL (Mark 1:29-39)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

And immediately Jesus left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her

up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

MUSIC AT THE PARISH MASSES

S. Mark's (9.15 am)		All Saints' (10.30 am)	
Hymn Book: NEH		Hymn Book: A & M	
Processional:	439	Entrance:	271
Psalm:	540	Offertory: <i>Here in this.</i>	
Offertory:	296	Communion:	78
Communion:	305		220
Recessional:	373	Recessional:	382

1. Here in this place, new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away,
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

2. We are the young our lives are a mystery,
We are the old who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of history,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.

3. Here we will take the wine and the water,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion,
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away,
But here in this place the new light is shining,
Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us for ever,
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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ORGAN VOLUNTARY 5th February at 10.30 am

Fugue in D major - Bach

Once the theme has been announced, the fugue takes off, stating the subject many times in this closely argued piece. There is a long pause before the final bars.

Refreshments will be served at the hall after mass