

Worship and Activity This Week

Today	5.00pm Office hour @ St Anne's 7.00pm Critical Mass @ St Joseph's
Mon	7.30pm Men's Group @ St Anne's Church Hall (see below) 8.00pm Book Group at Vicarage "The Vows of Silence" Susan Hill
Tue	3.30pm Sunbeams After School Church @ Church Hall
Wed	10.00am Eucharist 12 noon Lunch in the Church Hall - open to all 7.00pm GIG Evening Prayer @ St Anne's
Thu	11.00am Worship Leaders' meeting @ Vicarage 2.00pm Bible Study @ St Francis 8.00pm Women's Group @ St Francis' Hall (see below) 8.00pm Hall Management Committee @ Vicarage
Fri	7.15am Eucharist 9.00am Morning Prayer @ St Francis 9.15am Mothers and Toddlers @ St Anne's Church Hall 6.45pm Junior Choir Practice 7.15pm Full Choir Practice

Next Sunday - 31st January - Epiphany 4

8.00am Eucharist
9.30am Eucharist with Hymns [St Francis]
10.30am Parish Eucharist [St Anne's] (afterwards 'Route Ginger' will hold a cake stall in the hall.)
12.30pm Baptism of Austin Curtin
6.00pm Evening Prayer @ St Anne's

Men's Group

The Men's Group meeting tomorrow at 7.30pm in the Church Hall is entitled "How to maintain the Church Hall". In order to better access the Hall, Group meetings have been changed to the fourth Monday evening in the month.

Women's Group

On Thursday evening at 8pm the Thursday Girls will be at St. Francis' Hall for a "Round the World" Quiz. 'Girl' of all ages welcome to attend and bring nibbles and drinks from around the world to enhance.

Contact Details

Baptisms, Blessings, Weddings - speak to any of the clergy after the service. They will be at the back of church.

Spot the dog collar!

Our monthly parish magazine **The Spire** has a full list of contact details for clergy and organisations on the back cover. For this sheet, email by Wednesday please joanie@sneakmail.zzn.com

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3rd Sunday of Epiphany

24th January 2010

We hope you will enjoy being with us. If you're not familiar with our services, don't worry. We follow a written order of service and we'll tell you from time to time which page we're on.

Children are welcome in church and in Sunday School or crèche across the road in the hall. If your children get restive in church, don't be afraid to get up and move around if this helps. There is a toilet at the back of church.

At St Anne's today

8.00am Eucharist

Giving in Grace Service order leaflet
President: Janet Parker, Curate

10.30am Parish Eucharist

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Assisting: Paul Edwards, Reader

6.00pm Evening Prayer

Led by: Paul Edwards, Reader

At St Francis' today

9.30am Eucharist

Giving in Grace Service order leaflet
President: Julian Heaton, Vicar

Bible readings for today's services are on the next page.

The Administration of Grace

The safeguards around handling money are not always perfect, as we know to our cost in the recent banking crisis. When we give someone our hard-earned cash, we expect that they will deal with it appropriately, store it carefully and use it wisely.

In our reading from 2 Corinthians this week we discover that Paul was anxious to be as transparent as possible. He kept an arms length from the money that was being collected and ensured that those who were to carry it to the Christians in Jerusalem were a group made up of folks with different agendas.

In our Parish we follow this pattern. The Vicar doesn't know how much folks give; the PCC decides on how the money is deployed; the people who handle the bank accounts and cash are different again.

What matters is that we seek to honour and respect what people offer. Our aim is to reflect our Vision Statement in our Budget and be obedient to God.

Today's readings

A Reading from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians

(2 Corinthians 8:16-24)

I am grateful that God made Titus care as much about you as we do. When we begged Titus to visit you, he said he would. He wanted to because he cared so much for you. With Titus we are also sending one of the Lord's followers who is well known in every church for spreading the good news. The churches chose this follower to travel with us while we carry this gift that will bring praise to the Lord and show how much we hope to help. We don't want anyone to find fault with the way we handle your generous gift. But we want to do what pleases the Lord and what people think is right. We are also sending someone else with Titus and the other follower. We approve of this man. In fact, he has already shown us many times that he wants to help. And now he wants to help even more than ever, because he trusts you so much. Titus is my partner, who works with me to serve you. The other two followers are sent by the churches, and they bring honour to Christ. Treat them in such a way that the churches will see your love and will know why we bragged about you.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

(Luke 12:13-21)

A man in a crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to give me my share of what our father left us when he died." Jesus answered, "Who gave me the right to settle arguments between you and your brother?" Then he said to the crowd, "Don't be greedy! Owning a lot of things won't make your life safe." So Jesus told them this story: A rich man's farm produced a big crop, and he said to himself, "What can I do? I don't have a place large enough to store everything." Later, he said, "Now I know what I'll do. I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones, where I can store all my grain and other goods. Then I'll say to myself, 'You have stored up enough good things to last for years to come. Live it up! Eat, drink, and enjoy yourself.'" But God said to him, "You fool! Tonight you will die. Then who will get what you have stored up?"¹"This is what happens to people who store up everything for themselves, but are poor in the sight of God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

There will be a Service at **Trinity Methodist** (Trinity Road) on **Sunday 31st January at 5.00pm**. This will be followed by refreshments. Come and join us as we worship the Lord as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Giving in Grace Prayer

Heavenly Father, give grace to us, the living stones who form your Church, to reflect prayerfully at this special time on our love for You and our neighbour.

Make us mindful of the many gifts You bestow upon us and we ask that your Holy Spirit will inspire and direct us in our choice of giving; remembering that we are only giving back that which is truly yours.

Strengthen us, Lord, to meet this challenge according to your will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord who has given all that we may live. **Amen.**

Used Stamps



Sue Heath wishes to

*thank the congregations for collecting stamps for **USPG**. John Wallis the co-ordinator is grateful and they do raise quite a lot of money.*

Lent Activities

Next week we will have our Lent Booklet available. All the various elements that go to make up Lent, Education, Worship, Fellowship will be described. A whole variety of things are going to be offered to refresh and inform the soul.

As we think through all that God gives us in our Giving in Grace Campaign, it might be quite a good idea to commit oneself to something different, new and extra before the booklet appears - then choose from the smorgasbord that is on offer.

For those reasonably new to St. Anne's, it is worth knowing that during four Sundays in Lent we will be offering "Lent Lunches" - simple food on a Sunday. Young families are very welcome - there will be things for children to do. This year we will be raising money for Haiti.



Please may we have your palm crosses for ashing by Sunday 7 February. Boxes are provided.

Church Family

Birthday remembrances of Harry Hughes, beloved husband of Peggy.

Diary note! The APCM is 21st March. Reports are requested by 7th March.