

# Worship and Activity This Week

Today	12 noon	Communion before Confirmation @ St Anne's
	12.30pm	Lent lunch @ St Anne's
	5.00pm	Office hour @ St Anne's
	7.00pm	Critical Mass @ St Anne's Church Hall: Healing Theme
Mon	7.30pm	Men's Group @ St Anne's
	8.00pm	'When I survey' Lent Course @ Vicarage
Tue	3.30pm	Sunbeams After School Church @ Church Hall
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross @ St Anne's
	8.00pm	Standing Committee @ Vicarage
Wed	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Eucharist @ St Anne's:</b> Healing Theme
	12 noon	Lunch in the Church Hall - open to all
	12.30pm	LMT Meeting
	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Taize Worshjp @ St Anne's</b>
Thu	2.00pm	Bible Study @ St Francis
	8.00pm	Spot the Difference Lent Course @ 8 Russell Ave
	8.00pm	Talking about Jesus Lent Course @ 15 Broad Rd
	8.00pm	Women's Group in Church Hall (Farewell to Janet.....)
Fri	<b>7.15am</b>	<b>Silent Eucharist</b>
	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer @ St Francis</b>
	9.15am	Mothers and Toddlers @ St Anne's Church Hall
	6.45pm	Junior Choir Practice 7.15pm Full Choir Practice

## Next Sunday - 28th February - 2nd Sunday of Lent

8.00am	Eucharist
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Eucharist with Hymns</b> [St Francis]
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> [St Anne's]
12 noon	Communion before Confirmation @ St Anne's
12.30pm	Farewell Lunch for Rev. Janet in the Church Hall
4.30pm	Baptism Preparation in St Anne's
6.00pm	Evening Prayer @ St Anne's Church Hall
7.00pm	Critical Mass @ St Anne's Church Hall

**ANNUAL CHURCH FAIR—SATURDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER** A project manager and team are needed to organize this year's Annual Fair. As one of the biggest events on our church calendar, it requires a dedicated team to enable it to run successfully: if you can help please ring Ken Bailey 973 5633 or 07751 743811.

Please pray for the family and friends of Robert (Bob) Henry Parkinson R.I.P. and for all who mourn loved ones at this time.

Please email Organisational Reports by end of month to [jackiesheldon@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jackiesheldon@yahoo.co.uk)  
Items for this sheet by Wednesday please to: [joanie@sneakmail.zzn.com](mailto:joanie@sneakmail.zzn.com)

# INSPIRATION

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## First Sunday in Lent

21st February 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

We use the black service book [p 207]  
President: Janet Parker, Curate

#### 10.30am Parish Eucharist

We use the purple service book  
President: Julian Heaton, Vicar  
Assisting: Olwyn Marlow, Asst Priest

#### 6.00pm Café Church

Led by: Julian Heaton, Vicar

### At St Francis' today

#### 9.30am Eucharist

We use the black service book [p 207]  
President: Janet Parker, Curate



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

## Who is your God?

*"A wandering Aramean was my ancestor"* It's not the catchiest of lines. Yet, hidden in this line is a clue as to what it is to be a person of faith.

The line is said as part of the ritual of offering the first fruits of the harvest to God. As the priest takes the produce, the person offering it begins a statement that describes who he is. It is a bit of life history - "we came from there, lived there a bit and now live here". More precisely, it says we came from Nomadic stock, we were slaves in Egypt, we now live in the Promised Land. More precisely still, all this movement happened, we are not free from slavery, because the Lord is the sort of God who rescues his people and gives them a new start in life.

So when the phrase *"A wandering Aramean was my ancestor"* is spoken it carries with it all this history, all this belief in the God who rescues, conviction that where we are now is no mere accident of history.

As we begin Lent, I wonder what sort of faith statement each of us might make, what it says about God, what it says about our vision of how we might live, pray and act.

## Today's readings

**A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy** [*Deut 26:1-11*]

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him: "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the

LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

*This is the word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke [*Luke 4:1-13*]

**Glory to You, O Lord**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him: "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him: "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him: "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him: "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him: "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

**Praise to You, O Christ**

## Lent Lunches

If you've not joined us before for our well-established and popular annual Lent Lunches of soup and bread, in a time of fellowship and learning, please consider coming today at **12.30pm** in the Church Hall. The money raised by giving what we might have spent on our usual Sunday lunches this year will go to the reconstruction in Haiti. *3 more Lent Lunches will be held on March 7, 21 & 28 in the Church Hall.*

## Lent Observance

Lent began Ash Wednesday. This week we start a variety of Lent activity. We encourage you to do one of two things (or both if you have the energy and time...)

### 1. Lent Courses

Monday - "When I survey"

Thursday - "Spot the Difference"

Thursday - "Talking about Jesus"

Each Course will give us opportunity to deepen an understanding of what it means to follow Jesus Christ today.

### 2. Lent Worship

We have some additional worship during this season.

Tuesday - Stations of the Cross

Wednesday - Taize Worship

Friday - Silent Eucharist St. F

Come and worship our Lord in a different style for this season.

## Anthem by the choir

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; Shut not, shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayer; But spare us, Lord, spare us, Lord most holy, O God, O God, most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, Thou most worthy Judge eternal, Suffer us not, suffer us not, at our last hour, For any pains of death, for any pains of death, To fall, to fall from Thee. Amen.

*(Music: Purcell. Words: BCP 1662)*

## Fairtrade Fortnight

The theme of Fairtrade Fortnight **Feb 21 - 7 March** is the **Big Swap** ..it's about encouraging people to swap their usual goods for fairly traded brands, especially tea. The massive inflated mug in church may help as a reminder! Please visit the Traidcraft stall today for ideas of fairly traded goods you can buy.

## "Thank you"

Moira wishes to thank everyone who sent *Get Well* messages to her at Christmastide when she was in hospital, and especially to St. Anne's Choristers who sang carols at the foot of her bed on Christmas Eve—it helped to soften the blow of being in hospital at Christmas and was much appreciated.



**NOT TOO LATE!** If you haven't returned your Giving in Grace reply you can still do so. Simply put it in an envelope marked "Giving in Grace" and pop it through the vicarage letter box.