

Worship and Activity This Week

Today	12 noon	Communion before Confirmation @ St Anne's
	12.30pm	Office hour @ St Anne's
	7.00pm	Critical Mass @ St Anne's
Mon	8.00pm	'When I survey' Lent Course @ Vicarage
	8.00pm	Book Group at 7 Wrayton Lodge, Whitehall Hall Road
Tue	1.00pm	Funeral in Church of Jean Stone
	2.00pm	Social Afternoon @ St Francis
	3.30pm	Sunbeams After School Church @ Church Hall
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross @ St Anne's
Wed	10.00am	Eucharist @ St Anne's
	12 noon	Lunch in the Church Hall - open to all
	8.00pm	Taize Worshjp @ St Anne's
Thu	8.00pm	Hall Management Committee @ Vicarage
	8.00pm	House Group @ 8 Russell Avenue
		House Group @ 15 Broad Road
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 - 21st March - 5th Sunday in Lent

8.00am	Eucharist @ St Anne's
9.30am	Eucharist with Hymns [St Francis]
10.30am	Parish Eucharist [St Anne's]
12 noon	Communion before Confirmation @ St Anne's
12.30pm	Lent Lunch @ St Anne's
1.00pm	APCM @ St Anne's
6.00pm	Café Church @ St Anne's Church Hall
7.00pm	Critical Mass @ St Francis

Easter Flowers

Donations towards Easter flowers for St. Anne's will be gratefully received by Janet Phillimore or Moira Garnett.

Book of Remembrance

If you would like to have someone's name inscribed in the Book of Remembrance please give the details to John Phillimore.

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 list of contact details for clergy

and organisations on the back cover. For this sheet: joanie@sneakmail.zzn.com by Wednesday. **(I apologise to any who emailed items for today's sheet—my email is down, but help is on its way!)**

INSPIRATION

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Mothersing Sunday

14th March 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: Julian Heaton, Vicar

10.30am Parish Eucharist

We use the purple service book
President: Julian Heaton, Vicar
Assisting: Alan Ward, Reader

6.00pm Evening Prayer

Led by: Paul Edwards, Reader

At St Francis' today

9.30am Eucharist

We use the black service book [p 207]
President: Norman Hayton, Asst Priest

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

Messy Families

Families are back in the news. They are in the news because the question of how best society should support and encourage family units is going to be one of the areas over which the forth coming election is to be fought.

What is the Christian "take" on the family? We need to be very careful here and not confuse the "nuclear family" (mum, dad, children) with the models we encounter in the bible.

Biblical models are a confusing roller-coaster of parents, concubines, children, cousins, uncles and aunts. Boundaries of family, who is in, who "counts", are quite different from the image that we might carry in our heads. In fact the Lent course I am part of had this really arresting insight from John Bell who said that Jesus reversed the common saying by making water thicker than blood (ie the family that matters is the family of the Church, the baptized, not our human family). It is from ideas like this that we come up with the idea of Mother Church. Be careful when you pass judgment on other's relationships.

This is not to down play our human attempts to create family and to foster close intimate relations. There we can practise our skills in loving and nurturing others and, in turn, be cared for and loved. Today we think of, pray for, give thanks for and encourage mothers in their key role in creating and sustaining family life.

Today's readings

A reading from the Book of Joshua
[Joshua 5:9-12]

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
[Luke 15:1-3, 11-32]

Glory to You, O Lord

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he

said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

Annual Meetings - 21st March 2010

Next Sunday, after Lent Lunch, we will be having two meetings. Our first meeting will be our Annual General Meeting at which we elect our Church Wardens. The second will be our Annual Parochial Church Meeting when we elect a third of our Parochial Church Councillors, appoint sidespersons, receive the accounts and other reports and have the opportunity to reflect on the year gone by and think about the future together.



"I hope this bullhorn will make this meeting a little less boring."

At the time of writing, we are still looking for five (5) PCC members. To be eligible you need to be on the Electoral Roll. We meet six times a year to discuss the practical elements of Church life and think through some strategic matters. At this point in our life we are very keen to welcome "new blood" whose new ideas and unburdened questions will provoke us into new areas of work and new styles of ministry.

Let's be frank about this. Annual Meetings have the capacity either to be dull or fractious. They can be seen as a necessary chore. As it happens, with the GAP (Growth Action Planning) process we are undertaking, there are things for us to hear about in terms of future direction and priorities of our life together.

So we really encourage you to come; stay for lunch (Lent Soup money is going to Haiti) and listen and join in our conversation. And pray for our Parish.

**THANK YOU to everyone who has attended the last two Lent Lunches—
the total raised so far is £300.00.**

Praying for people

Do you want the whole congregation to pray for someone on a Sunday? If so, please write the name in CAPITALS on the sheet of paper at the back of Church. You need to do this before the service starts.

Those leading us in prayer will collect the sheet and weave the names on the sheet into our intercessions.



Volunteers needed

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 could help, or just want to hear more about it, please ring Ken Bailey 973 5633 or 07751 743811. Many thanks.