

PLEASE PRAY FOR: the sick – Ron, Peta, Colin, Barry, Dudley, Helen, Shamsa, Victor Byatt, Clive, Jane, Jeanette Newman, Earl, Joyce, Nina, Brian, Peter.

FOR COUPLES PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE: Timothy and Hannah, Warren and Sally, Ross and Lauren.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: George Mortimer.

FOR THE WORLD: the people of Haiti and Chile, for Bishop Ishmael and the people of Central Zimbabwe; USPG and their work in Ethiopia, the Mothers' Union and their work in Cameroon

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Vicar's Surgery – Sundays 11.15 am – noon; to book baptisms, weddings, etc.

- Mon 8th 9.15 am Morning Prayer
8.00 pm Lent Group -Vicarage
- Tues 9th 9.15 am Morning Prayer
2-4 pm Contact Group Pop in
5.15 pm Evening Prayer
- Wed 10th 9.15 am Morning Prayer
10.00 am Eucharist
11.00 am Lent Group-Committee Room
7.00 pm Read the Bible! Committee Room
8.00 pm Lent Group on Prayer -18 Linden Avenue
- Thurs 11th 9.15 am Morning Prayer
2.30 pm Site Meeting- Tower works
3.30 pm Site meeting- Interior works

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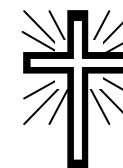
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The church has a hearing loop and LARGE PRINT service sheets. Please ask a sidesman.

During communion, please avoid talking, if possible, until after the post communion prayers. The silence is appreciated, particularly as some people may receive at their places.

Welcome to the Church of St Andrew Church of England



**7th March 2010
3rd Sunday of Lent**

Unless you repent, you will all perish as they did

9.45 am Parish Eucharist

President : Revd Vickie Sims

Preacher : Revd Teresa Munro

Hymns: 146; 149; 277; 73.

Anthem: Bread of the world *Trad Scottish*
arr Alan Bullard

Communicant members of other Churches are invited to receive Holy Communion at this service. Alternatively, please come forward at the time of communion for a blessing, keeping your hands below the rail as you kneel or stand.

There are toilet and baby changing facilities through the glass partition to the right. 'Happy bags' are available for young children during the service,

11.15 am 1st Communion preparation

11.15 am Refresh!

**12 noon Meeting of Sunday School
parents and teachers**

5.00 pm Come and Sing Compline

Next Sunday: Mothering Sunday

**9.45 am Mothering Sunday Eucharist
followed by Cake Stall and special
refreshments (see notices)**

**12 noon Burial of Ashes (the late Eileen
Jewell)**

5.00 pm Evening Prayer (said)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55.1–9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The LORD says this:

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 63

- 1 O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee.
- 2 My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee: in a barren and dry land where no water is.
- 3 Thus have I looked for thee in holiness: that I might behold your power and glory.
- 4 For thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself: my lips shall praise thee.

- 5 As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner: and lift up my hands in thy Name.
- 6 My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with marrow and fatness: when my mouth praiseth thee with joyful lips.
- 7 Have I not remembered thee in my bed: and thought upon thee when I was waking?
- 8 Because thou hast been my helper: therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.
- 9 My soul hangeth upon thee: thy right hand hath upholden me.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10.1–13

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

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, ‘The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.’ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has

overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 13.1–9

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All say: Glory to you, O Lord.

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them ‘Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them – do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’

Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?”

He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”

This is the gospel of the Lord.

All say: Praise to you, O Christ.

ST ANDREW'S NOTICES FOR 7TH MARCH 2010

A GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: congratulations to Phil and Stella Corney, who marked their 50th anniversary the weekend of 28th February. We are all invited to share in the celebration by joining them for special refreshments in the Hall after the Mothering Sunday service next week.

EASTER DAY SERVICE: will include 1st communion for Matthew and Anna and a renewal of our baptism vows as a congregation. During Lent please take time to give thanks for your own baptism and to reflect on what it means to be a beloved son or daughter of God. *'We have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.'* Romans 6.4 Vickie's husband is also being baptised and confirmed at the Easter Vigil at their local Catholic church outside Milan. Vickie will be attending that service. Teresa will preside at the Easter celebrations at St Andrew's

BURIAL OF ASHES: the burial of ashes of the late Eileen Jewell, a much loved and long time member of our congregation, will take place on 14th March at 12 noon. All are warmly invited to attend this brief service at our Garden of Remembrance.

CONTACT GROUP POP IN TEA. 9th March. The usual scrummy tea and good company! We are fortunate to have the Croydon Pop Service visiting us between 2 & 4 pm. They will have experts from Age Concern, Health Visitor, Pharmacist and from the Stroke Association. Have your blood pressure taken and bring your medicines for a Medication Review.

BISHOP'S LENT CALL: although we don't have Bishop at the moment, we do have a Lent Call for charities nominated by people from around the Diocese. Envelopes will be available for you to make your donations to the appeal. If you are saving up coins, please count them up at the end of Lent and write a cheque or put in paper money for the equivalent amount. We will collect up the envelopes the Sunday after Easter. See the noticeboard display and the centrefold of the magazine for information about the nominated charities.

CHILDREN'S GOOD FRIDAY WORKSHOP: Friday 2nd April 9.30-10.45 in church. The Walk of Witness begins at 11.00 with worship in the Hall. We have scheduled them so that people can do both if they wish. The Walk of Witness concludes at Brighton Road Methodist.

SWEET SOUNDS: an organ recital on Mothering Sunday by Andrew Wilson. 14th March, 3.30 pm followed by afternoon tea. St Mary's Beddington. £8/£6 concessions [includes very full tea!]

REFUGEE CENTRE urgently needs household goods [bed linen], dry / tinned food [tuna,tomatoes popular], toiletries and clothes, please.

RETREAT ON THE STREET 16th March: The Church Urban Fund—one of the charities we support—is holding a day in the city to give people a chance to experience life on the street away from their usual daily routines. The day starts and finishes at St John's Hackney 9.30 am-6.30pm and finishes with a light meal together at St John's. Flyer and booking forms in the Narthex.

MAKE A MOTHER'S DAY: Ethical Mothers' Day gifts for mums and carers or in memory of a mum or someone special. Catalogues and order forms available in the narthex. Or buy on-line at www.makeamothersday.org or telephone 020 7222 5533. All proceeds to the work of Mothers' Union

APCM REPORTS: Please send these to maureenbashforth@hotmail.com by the 18th March. Many thanks.

INTERIOR REDECORATION: During the painting of the church all midweek worship will take place in the Committee Room, Sunday services will take place in the church. As the church is officially a building site during the week we are asked to avoid coming into the church during the week. If someone does need access, the foreman is to be notified.

READ THE BIBLE: The Readers are now on 2 Maccabees chapter 6 of the Apocrypha. Please do come and join us on Wednesday at 7.00 pm to 7.50 pm in the Committee Room, as we read this interesting and little known part of the Bible, All welcome.

CROYDON MALE VOICE CHOIR. returns for another Concert at St. John's Church, Old Coulsdon on Sat 13th March at 7.30 p.m, together with The Swift Singers, a Ladies' Choir from Essex, and a Guest Soloist, for what promises to be a wonderful evening, Tickets only £8.00 each (including refreshments) – from St. John's Parish Office (01737 552461) or at the door (*with half the proceeds for St. John's funds*) We hope you can come and join us!

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN COULSDON DATES:-

23rd May Pentecost: united service St. John's Church
8th June Enabling Group meeting: St.Aidan's Church 8.00pm
8th Sept Enabling Group meeting: Coulsdon Christian Fellowship 8.00pm
24th Oct Bible Sunday: united service St.Andrew's Church
11th Nov Enabling Group meeting: Whitethorn Methodist Church 8.00pm
18th - 22nd Jan 2011 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
To include a notice in this sheet please email RoseMJAnderson@aol.com or phone 020 8660 6708. Deadline Wednesday 8.00 pm