

Today

at St Mary Magdalene Church

Sunday 28th February 2010

Second Sunday of Lent

Companion to
"Together"
St Mary Magdalene's
monthly magazine

Dear Friends

Welcome to St. Mary Magdalene Church in the heart of Taunton. If you are visiting us, then a special welcome. Do stay for coffee afterwards.

Our theme for this morning's service is "God's perfect love drives out our fears". If you are worried about something or someone, why not come to the side chapel after the distribution of the communion and people will pray with you. What is said there is treated in the strictest confidence and the "Laying on of Hands in Prayer" team are very experienced, lifting our troubles to God through his Holy Spirit.

The Alpha course continues to be very successful. We are looking forward to the Alpha Away-Day at Bishop's Lydeard Church next Saturday. Please hold us in your prayers. The theme for that day will be "Taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34 v8).

We are preparing hard for Easter. We would love to have a donkey for Palm Sunday on 28th March. Does anyone have any contacts?

Our magazine will be out soon. Richard and Dennis would love to receive interesting articles. Do you have an interest you could write about? What about a book review? Has something happened in your life that you would like to share? Do see Dennis or Richard if you would like some details.

Ken Gratrex is working hard on the glass angels because there has been a good de

mand. It is still possible to order one, however.—just sign up at the back.

Last Sunday evening some of our young people were involved with Eternity Café in the Upper Room. The place was transformed into a cosy environment with soft furnishings and lights. There was worship and a word and prayers and throughout the evening coffee and doughnuts were served. Those who went found it a very spiritual evening. The next Eternity Café is on Palm Sunday.

Very shortly we will be settling up a ring of 2p's in our Coffee shop. This is an invitation to rid ourselves of these large coins and donate them to our two mission projects, Taunton Town Centre Chaplaincy and our link with Lusaka Cathedral in Zambia.

Rita and I will be away next week as we will be returning to Norfolk so I can conduct the funeral of Rita's Aunt Joan. We will return for the confirmation at All Saints Church, Halcon, at 7.00 pm. Please pray for Brett White, Marie Amesbury, Marie Sawyer, Peter Underwood and Nicholas Mort who have attended the Alpha course as they take this important step. The Holy Spirit is moving powerfully among us.

Our prayers go also with 40 Commando from Taunton who are leaving for a tour of duty in Afghanistan.

Please also remember the Lent Lunches in church on Friday lunchtimes.

Blessings

Rod

THIS SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY—SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8.00 am

HOLY COMMUNION

President and Preacher: Revd Dennis Cavaghan

10.00 am

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President: Revd Rod Corke

Preacher: Revd Dennis Cavaghan

Welcome team led by Sandra Jordan

Readings: Genesis 15:1—12, 17—18; Luke 13:31—end

Reader: Rita Corke

Intercessions: John Lee

Hymns: Per sheet

6.30 pm

EVENSONG (No organised robed choir)

Leader: Revd Paul Tullett

Preacher: Revd Rod Corke

Readings: Jeremiah 22:1—9, 13—17; Luke 14, 27—33

Reader: Peter Roe

Hymns: AMNS 336, 217, 219, 214

Psalm: 135

NEXT SUNDAY 7TH MARCH—THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8.00 am

HOLY COMMUNION

President and Preacher: Revd Richard Jay

Readings: Isaiah 55: 1—9; Luke 13: 1—9

10.00 am

CHURCH FAMILY WORSHIP with Baptism

Leader: Revd Paul Tullett

Preacher: Revd Rod Corke

Welcome team led by Bob Stenhouse

Hymns: Per sheet

6.30 pm

HOLY COMMUNION

President and Preacher: Preb Terry Stokes

Readings: Genesis 28:10—19a; John 1: 35—end

Reader: Margaret Roe

Hymns: AMNS 172, 122, 231, Choir anthem, 214

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We pray for:

THOSE WHO ARE SICK John Bower, Nigel Crayford, Linda Dawson (wife of Rodney Dawson, Salvation Army), Shirley Graves, Faith Gunter, Kenneth Higgins, Ruth Hodgson, Julia Mann, Alison Mollan, Norma Punshon, Frances McKirgan, Marianne Ring

IN HOSPITAL Joan Green, Colin Matthews, Rosemary Thomas, Jane Carpenter, John Sweeting

YEARS MIND Frank Mollan (28.02.1982), Andrew Stevens (28.02.2008), Frank Dewes (01.03.2001) John Burgess (01.03.1999), Jim Catton (02.03.2008), Barbara Gimlett (04.03.2001)

THANKS Elizabeth Stevens is very grateful to all at St Mary Magdalene for your prayers and kind thought for her wellbeing when she was in hospital recently.

SHELTERBOX A total of £980 has been sent to SHELTERBOX to help those suffering the effects of the earthquake in Haiti, which will exactly cover the cost of two boxes (including two tents for a total of 20 people).

BABY HATS Please keep knitting as hats are urgently needed for our Musgrove outreach and we are so grateful to all knitters. Jane Maclure is away but please give them to the Bookshop and Ann Tomlinson will pick them up from there for immediate distribution. Warmest thanks.

Please note that the meeting regarding the **MOTHERS' UNION**, with tea in the Vicarage, will take place at 3.00 pm on **Friday, 5th March 2010**, not 7th as published last week.

TALK A talk on Oberammergau, followed by a Lent Lunch, will take place on Tuesday, 2nd March 2010 at St George's Church, Wilton, organised by Wilton Mothers' Union.

CMS BOXES and annual donations are due in March. Please bring them to the church. Thank you. Joan Martin

The **PASTORAL COMMITTEE MEETING** will take place on Tuesday, 9th March at 7.30 pm in the Upper Room.

**COLLECT for
the SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light
of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship
of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things that are contrary to
their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable
to the same;
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

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Thursdays: Paul

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Mon 1st

Tues 2nd 7.30 pm Home Group, 13 The Avenue

Wed 3rd 1.15 pm Holy Communion (Preb Terry Stokes)
7.00 pm Alpha Course, Session 7

Thurs 4th 11.00 am Holy Communion (Revd Dennis Cavaghan)
7.00 pm Confirmation Service at All Saints' Church, Halcon

Fri 5th 8.00 am Holy Communion (Revd Rod Corke)
3.00 pm Meeting to discuss Mothers' Union (Vicarage)
7.00 pm Choristers Practice
7.30 pm Adult Choir Practice
7.30 pm Voice

Sat 6th 9.30 am Parish Prayers for All (Chapel)

Monday to Friday 2.45 pm Evening Prayer is said in Church.