

Today

at St Mary Magdalene Church

Companion to
"Together"
St Mary
Magdalene's
month!

SUNDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2012 THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Dear Friends,

Welcome to St. Mary Magdalene church in the heart of Taunton. If you are visiting us, we are delighted you have come. Do stay for coffee after the 10.00am and 6.30pm service.

Today we remember the 60 years since the accession of Queen Elizabeth II to the throne and give thanks for her long reign over us. We celebrate with BCP Choral Evensong and we are honoured to have Lady Gass and the Mayor with us.

We will be remembering particularly the following events: *George VI health declined during 1951, and Elizabeth was soon frequently standing in for him at public events. In October of that year, she toured Canada, and visited President Truman in Washington, D.C.; on the trip, her private secretary, Martin Charteris, carried a draft accession declaration for use if the King died while she was on tour. In early 1952, Elizabeth and Philip set out for a tour of Australia and New Zealand by way of Kenya. On 6 February 1952, they had just returned to their Kenyan home, Sagana Lodge, after a night spent at Treetops Hotel, when word arrived of the death of Elizabeth's father. Philip broke the news to the new queen. Martin Charteris asked her to choose a regnal name; she chose to remain Elizabeth, "of course". She was proclaimed queen throughout her realms, and the royal party hastily returned to the United Kingdom. She and the Duke of Edinburgh moved into Buckingham Palace. With Elizabeth's accession it seemed likely that the royal house would bear her husband's name. Lord Mountbatten thought it would be the House of Mountbatten, as Elizabeth would typically have taken Philip's last name on marriage; however Elizabeth's grandmother Queen Mary and British*

Prime Minister Winston Churchill favoured the retention of the House of Windsor, and so Windsor it remained.

At 10.00am we have the Church Family Service and today's theme is "water". We welcome the families of Benjamin Gay and Harry James White who have been brought for Baptism.

I am pleased to see more people signing up for 24 hours of prayer on 29th February. Remember you only have to commit to one hour and you can do this at home. It has been suggested by Tear Fund we eat a diet of porridge, beans and rice for the day - as this is the limited diet that most of the world's people live on. We will try to do this at the Vicarage - why not join us?

The next Magdalene Fair Team meeting is Saturday 25th February at 10.00am. This year's event, on July 21st, is being coordinated by Sasha Collard, Nik Hurst (Caretaker) and Sue Goddard. If you can help in any way or have some ideas to make it a truly memorable day do get in touch with them or come to the meeting on 25th.

Has the Accession Service inspired you to do more to celebrate our Queen's Diamond Jubilee? Why not come to the Vicarage on Saturday 11th February to help plan for a street party on Sunday 3rd June. We meet at 10.30am.

Every blessing

Rod

THIS SUNDAY **5th February THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**
8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION BCP - Septuagesima**
President & Preacher Revd Rod Corke

10.00am **HOLY BAPTISM & CHURCH FAMILY WORSHIP**
President & Preacher Revd Rod Corke
Organist Rebecca Kirkman
Hymns As per hymn sheet
Welcome Team Bob Stenhouse

6.30pm **ACCESSION SERVICE - CHORAL EVENSONG**
Leader Revd Sheila Murray **Preacher** Revd Rod Corke
Organist Andrew Carter

NEXT SUNDAY **12th February THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**
8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION BCP Sexagesima**
President & Preacher Revd Rod Corke

10.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**
President Revd Rod Corke **Deacon** Revd Sheila Murray
Preacher Revd Dennis Cavaghan

Organist Julia Steward
Hymns As per hymn sheet
Readings Col 1:15-20 John 1:1-14 **Reader** Rosie Brown
Welcome Team Shirley Gurnham **Intercessor** Daphne Seddon

6.30pm **EVENSONG**
Leader & Preacher Daphne Seddon
Organist Julia Steward
Hymns AMNS 100 238 201 125 Ps 65
Readings Gen 2:4b-end Luke 8: 22-35 **Reader** Morton Dunn

We pray for:

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Norma Punshon; Swannie; Henry Lucas; Pat Broach;
Doris Edwards; Peter Dale-Thomas; Stephen Croad; Muriel Collis; Joan Habgood; Lilla Richards;
Marie Sawyer; Linda Dicks; Margaret Wade. Diane Bayliss; Nigel Welby

DEPARTED: Frances McKirgen

YEAR'S MIND: Jack Anderson (5.2.96); Harold Bailey (5.2); Peggy Hancock 5.2.01); Leonard
Bosley 5.2.97); Bill Holway (6.2.00); Alan Thomas (6.2.07); Ian Adams (8.2.07); Bernard Reynolds
(9.2.99); Jill Shobbrook (10.2.75); Aileen Norman (11.2.99).

PAUL TULLETT will be unavailable to St. Mary Magdalene for four weeks from Monday,
16th January. He is on placement with St. Andrew's Church in Taunton.

TUESDAY 7th February, 12.00 noon to 2.00 pm there will be a Homemade Soup & Puddings Lunch, with live music and cake stall. This will be in aid of the Marakissi Clinic, The Gambia (In conjunction with Queens College Students and the Methodist Church in The Gambia). Price £5

SERVICE OF LIGHT Tuesday 7th February 7.30pm. This is a short time of worship using chants, readings and psalms in the Taize style.

PANCAKE EVENING & QUIZ NIGHT - Tuesday, 21st February 7.00pm. Price £3.50. All are welcome. Please sign up on the form at the back of Church. If you are willing to make pancakes please let us know by signing the appropriate form which also at the back of Church .

ROD & RITA'S Home Group will be meeting on, 8th Feb; (22nd Feb is Ash Wednesday so there will not be a meeting); 7th March, 21st March.

ONE VOICE: PRAYER AGAINST GLOBAL POVERTY: 29th February, starting with a service at 7.30pm, we are holding a 24 hour prayer vigil. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church, please do try to commit to this.

CAN ANYONE please help? Do you or does anyone you know have experience in the design & maintenance of websites? We are looking for a volunteer to help with **Taunton Christians Together** website. Please contact Anna on 327771 or annazrelli@aol.co.uk

CALLING ALL COFFEE SHOP VOLUNTEERS - A meeting to discuss new legislation and various other important issues relating to the coffee shop. There are two opportunities to attend. Saturday 18th February and Friday 24th February, both meetings commencing immediately after the closure of the coffee shop. We realise everyone is very busy but we would be really grateful if you could sign up to one of these meetings on the form at the back of Church.

PALM CROSSES - Ash Wednesday is the 22nd February so please would you let us have all contributions of Palm Crosses by Sunday 19th February.

DESKTOP COMPUTER needs a new home. It has no operating system so needs to be rebuilt. Also a small TV which is surplus. Please ring 324445 if you are interested.

ROSIE'S RAMBLERS Spring Walk, Saturday, 18th February at Hestercombe. Meet in the car park at 10.30am. Each 'Friend of Hestercombe' can take one person in free during February. Details and sign-up form at the back of Church.

MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESAN MEMBERS - Coffee Morning at The Cornerstone Book/Coffee Shop on Tuesday 7th February from 11.00 am onwards.

WEEKLY PLANNED GIVERS During March new sets of weekly envelopes will be issued for April 2012 - March 2013. Should anyone wish to make any change to their method of giving, please advise Geoff Hay or parish office as soon as possible please."

TCT Open Forum Meeting (Taunton Christians Together) at Riverside Church, Hamilton Rd on 15th February at 7.30pm. ALL WELCOME. Find out what is going on in various churches in and around Taunton and forthcoming events being arranged. A talk from a Taunton Deane Project Worker on a new voluntary scheme to help guard against homelessness in the young.

**COLLECT for
THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

Almighty God,
who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:
give your people grace
so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
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

PRAYER FOR AFRICA

God Bless Africa
Guard her children
Guide her leaders,
And give her Peace. **Amen**

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Mon	6th	Feb	7.30pm	The Mount Home Group
Tues	7th	Feb	11.00am	Mother's Union Coffee Morning Cornerstone's
			2.00pm	Agape Bible Fellowship Upper Room
			7.30pm	Service of Light
			7.30pm	Deanery Synod, Bishops Hull
Wed	8th	Feb	7.30pm	Rod and Rita's Home Group
Thurs	9th	Feb	11.00am	Holy Communion (Revd Rod Corke)
			7.00pm	Bell Ringing Team Meeting Upper Room
Fri	10th	Feb	8.00am	Holy Communion (Revd Rod Corke)
			10.00am	Mothers & Toddlers - Upper Room
			7.00pm	Choristers' Practice
			7.30pm	Adult Choir Practice
Sat	11th	Feb	9.30am	Parish Prayers
			10.30am	Street Party Planning Meeting in Church

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

CONCERT featuring Wellington Silver Band and Somerset Opera Group at Temple Methodist Church Sat 18th February 7.30pm. Details at the back of Church.

CONTACTS

Vicar: The Revd Rod Corke
rodcorke@tiscali.co.uk

Curates:

The Revd Paul Tullett
Tel: 01823 254126
paulof3decades@hotmail.com

The Revd Sheila Murray
(Thursdays/Fridays & Sundays)
Tel: 01823 326876
revsmurray@aol.com

Musical Director

Miles Quick

Organist Team

Julia Steward
Rebecca Kirkman
Andrew Carter

Days off:

Mondays: Rod Thursdays: Paul

Parish Office:

Tues to Fri. 10.00am - 1.00pm
01823 272441
stmarys.taunton@btinternet.com
stmarymagdalenetaunton.org.uk