

# WEEKLY UPDATE Sunday March 7th 2010

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## SERVICES IN THE WEEK

Wed Mar 10th 10.00am Holy Communion St Leonard's

## NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICES

| Sunday 14th March              | Mothering Sunday | Lent 4       |
|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 8.00am Benefice Holy Communion |                  | Holy Trinity |
| 9.45am Together in Worship     |                  | St Leonard's |
| 11.15am Together in Worship    |                  | St Mark's    |
| 4.30pm Together in Worship     |                  | Holy Trinity |

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Benefice Crafts** A 'sit and chat and do' craft group are meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays in the month, the next meeting will be **12th March at 2.30pm - 4.30pm** at the Church Office, Belbroughton. All Welcome.

Please continue to pray for all involved in the **Lent Course** taking place in the **Church office on Wednesday evenings during Lent**,

**Belbroughton Coffee Morning** Fri 12<sup>th</sup> March 9am - 12noon at Church Hall

**AGAPE MEAL 30<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Belbroughton**  
with Bishop Christopher Mayfield Please sign up in Church or telephone  
Mary 0121 460 1938 or Church Office 01562 730777.

Come and Sing "**The Crucifixion**" Sir John Stainer  
Single rehearsal Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 8pm, Holy Trinity + final rehearsal  
6.30pm & performance 7.45pm **Wed 24<sup>th</sup> March 2010**  
Holy Trinity Church Belbroughton

**Sat 13th March-"CHORISTER FOR A DAY"**, Holy Trinity Church, Belbroughton. Come and find out what it feels like to be a member of a Church Choir. See posters in church.

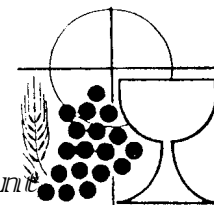


## MEETINGS

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| Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> March   | Lent Group                    | 7.30pm | Church Office        |
| Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> March | Music eve for wedding couples | 8pm    | St. Leonard's        |
| Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> March  | Clent PCC                     | 7.15pm | <b>Church Office</b> |
| Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> March | 'Giving for Life' meeting     | 7.15pm | The Old Palace       |

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**Holy Trinity** *Belbroughton* with **St Mark's** *Fairfield*



## Sunday 7th March

9.45am Holy Communion  
11.15am Holy Communion + Baptism  
**4.30pm** Fairfield Praise

## Lent 3

St Leonard's  
Holy Trinity  
St Mark's

## Please note new time for the evening service

**PARISH INTERCESSIONS** We praise God that he is more ready to hear us & forgive us than we are to come to him in prayer & repentance. We pray now for a deepening personal faith through a proper keeping of Lent & for a renewed thirst for God at all times. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church in Hong Kong & their Archbishop, & in the Porvoo Communion we remember the Bishop of Lund & the Bishop of Cashel & Ossery & our own Bishops, John & David & the peoples they each serve; we also pray for our Lay Reader Pauline, Rector Barbara, our Benefice administrator Philippa & our Peruvian friends Penny & Juan-Carlos in their new ministry in Lima. **In our world**, we pray for those needing relief following the earthquake & tsunami in Chile last week & the earthquake in Haiti last month. We also continue to pray for lasting peace in Iraq, Afghanistan & Pakistan & in so many other countries. We especially pray for our armed forces facing danger, & for their families. **Locally**, we continue to pray for the country area churches as we get ready for the future. We pray for our local employers & those who work in our villages or commute elsewhere to work as well as those seeking work, especially the young unemployed. We pray for all in our villages with financial worries. **In our Benefice weekly cycle**, we pray for the homes & families of Orchard Villas, Fairfield, Moorhall Farm, Belbroughton & Walton Pool, Clent. **We pray for those suffering** in body, mind or spirit & ask for healing & strength for Irene Riding, Margaret; Jamie; Nina; Angela; Edie Merrick; James & Helen Wright; Ken Lees; Beulah Parkes; Lyndsey McDonald; Geoff Morris; John Babb, Hilda Wright & Margaret Cole. **We pray, for those mourning** the death of loved ones, especially the family & friends of Margery Phillips, Margaret Passey, Stanley Keeley & Robert Raybould. **Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer**

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## COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
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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## SUNDAY'S COMMUNION READINGS

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 55: 1 - 9** (p.742 in blue bibles)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1 - 13** (p.1151 in blue bibles)

**Gospel Reading: Luke 13: 1 - 9** (p.1046 in blue bibles)

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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

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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**

