

WEEKLY UPDATE Sunday March 14th 2010

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SERVICES IN THE WEEK

Wed Mar 17th 10.00am Holy Communion St Leonard's

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICES

Sunday 21st March	Passion Sunday	Lent 5
9.45am Holy Communion		St Leonard's
11.15am Matins		Holy Trinity
4.30pm Holy Communion		St Mark's

Please note new time for the evening service

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Benefice Crafts A 'sit and chat and do' craft group are meeting on the 2nd & 4th Fridays in the month, the next meeting will be **26th 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,**

AGAPE MEAL 30th 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 19th March 8pm, Holy Trinity with
final rehearsal 6.30pm and performance 7.45pm

Wednesday 24th March 2010 at Holy Trinity Church Belbroughton

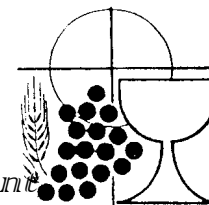
Children's Workshop for Good Friday 9.30am Belbroughton Church Hall, going across to Holy Trinity Church at 11.15am for a service to mark Good Friday and bless the fruits of the workshop activities. Children must be accompanied by a parent (primary school age) See magazine for details.

MEETINGS

Tues 16 th March	Clent PCC	7.15pm	Church Office
Wed 17 th March	Lent Group	7.30pm	Church Office
Thurs 18 th March	'Giving for Life' meeting	7.15pm	The Old Palace
Sun 28 th Mar	Belbroughton w Fairfield PCC after Service		

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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

PARISH INTERCESSIONS We praise God that we can trust in his love, rejoice in his mercy & know his forgiveness through repentance. We pray now for a deepening personal faith through a proper keeping of Lent. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Province of the Church of the Indian Ocean & their Archbishop, & in the Porvoo Communion we remember the 3 Bishops of Lincoln Diocese & the Bishop of Armagh & 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 relief for families torn apart by natural disasters, warfare and diseases caused by poverty. 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 those who love and nurture us. We give thanks for mothers, grandmothers, godmothers & all who reflect God's love in their caring for others. We pray for families separated by distance or time or disputes. **In our Benefice weekly cycle,** we pray for the homes & families of Mount Rd, Fairfield, Nash Lane, Belbroughton & Walton Rise, Clent. **We pray for those suffering** in body, mind or spirit & ask for healing & strength for Irene Riding, Margaret; Jamie; Nina; Angela; Edie Merrick; Ken Lees; Beulah Parkes; Lyndsey McDonald; Geoff Morris; John Babb, Hilda Wright; Margaret Cole & Arthur Cox. We give thanks for the improvement of James & Helen Wright **We pray, for those mourning** the death of loved ones, especially the family & friends of Margaret Passey, Stanley Keeley & Robert Raybould. **Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer**

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COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Merciful Lord,
absolve your people from their offences,
that through your bountiful goodness
we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins
which by our frailty we have committed;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

SUNDAY'S COMMUNION READINGS

1st Reading: Joshua 5: 9 - 12 (p.219 in blue bibles)

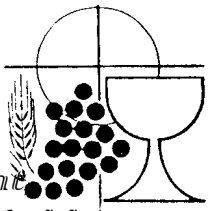
2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16 - end (p.1161 in blue bibles)

Gospel Reading: Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-end (p.1048 in blue bibles)

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: '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 travelled 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

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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