

Daily Bread for Others: You will have noticed the box of provisions inside the church – these items are being collected for work by the Sisters of the Church in the St Paul's area of Bristol. Do read their letter of thanks on the lid, and please do all you can to keep the food parcels coming. Their particular needs are: **packets** of tea-bags, pasta and rice; **tins** of baked beans, soup, rice-pudding, sweet corn, tuna and hot-dog sausages. Thank you. *John and Heather Poarch*

Church Bookings: If you would like to know what bookings the church building has, there is an events sheet on the notice board in the porch (on the left hand side as you enter the church). This is regularly updated with each new booking. We are also available to answer enquires on 01454 616047.

Trevor & Gill Llewellyn

Please inform our **Pastoral Assistants** of any pastoral need. They are Jill Kirby (co-ordinator), Susan Fairey, Liz Tierney, Lyn Sharp, David Ashford and Barbara Perkin. Generally at least one of them is at each service.

Church Office hours: I am in the Church Office (613223, office@stmaryssevernside.org.uk) from 10am–12pm on Mon–Thurs. *Susan Bridgewater*

Weekly Notice Sheet: Please send notice sheet items by email to office@stmaryssevernside.org.uk or put in the box in the church porch, by Wednesday of each week if possible. Our website (www.almondsburychurch.org.uk) includes the notice sheet, so please can contributors be aware that all information will therefore be available on the internet unless requested otherwise.

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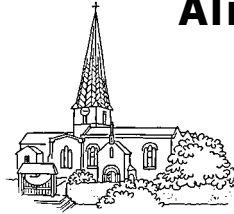
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***The Mission Statement of St Mary's Church
Almondsbury is to know God,
build each other up as Christians and proclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord to our neighbours.***

St Mary's Parish Church Almondsbury



**Sunday 7th March 2010
Lent 3**

*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.
1 Corinthians 10:13*

Sunday Services

Readings at 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.:

*1 Corinthians 10: 1-13 (NT p.168)
and Luke 13: 1-9 (NT p.72)*

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Canon John Poarch

10:00 a.m. All Age Worship
Mr Paul van Rossum, Breakfast Club Team
Hymns: 259, 75, 260, 296

3:00 p.m. Baptism Preparation Meeting in church

6:30 p.m. Holy Communion (BCP) with Choir
Revd Philip Rowe
Hymns: 304, 483, 687, 252
(During Communion: 45)

*Refreshments are available after the 10:30 a.m.
and 6:30 p.m. services.*

***Please pray for our services and events today and
during the coming week:***

This Week

Mon 8th 9am-12pm Café Almondsbury in church
3:30 p.m. Oasis Plus (0-11s) in church
7:30 p.m. Bellringing Practice

Tues 9th 4:45 p.m. Prayer for St Mary's, Lady Chapel

Weds 10th 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion in Olveston
Vicarage
9.30-10.30 Almondsbury School Visit

Thurs 11th 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Fri 12th 12:00 p.m. Funeral of Vera Hicks
2:15 p.m. Funeral of Mary Birtwistle

Sat 13th 6:45 p.m. Quiz Night in the Scout Hut

Next Sunday (Mothering Sunday)

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
Revd Philip Rowe

10:00 a.m. Family Parade Service
Revd Philip Rowe

6:30 p.m. Evening Service
Mr Paul van Rossum

***'Creating a community of wholeness
with Christ at the centre'***

From the Vicar:

The next **Growing for Growth** prayer meeting will be in St Mary's Olveston at 9am on Saturday 3rd April.

Please pick up a leaflet about our recommended book '**The Vicar of Baghdad**' by Canon Andrew White.

The latest financial figures I have for the repairs of the **Church roof** are:

Estimated Cost	£133,375
Given and pledged	£129,920
Still needed	£ 3,455

Thank you to everyone who organised and supported the Dursley Male Voice Choir Concert, which raised a net £1,177. It was an enjoyable evening that raised a good sum.

Many **congratulations** to Tim and Kate Sheldon on the safe arrival of Toby Andrew on 18th February, weighing in at 8lbs in old money. They 'feel very blessed' and Toby hopes to make his first visit to Church soon.

Our Verger, **Richard Ebdon**, is in Glebe House. Please do remember him in your prayers.

We have decided that the **mid-week Holy Communion** will revert to being monthly because of falling attendance. We will be meeting on the 4th Wednesdays of the month. There is a Holy Communion each week on Wednesdays at 9am in Olveston Vicarage.

Philip Rowe

Our next **X-plore** meeting (6:30 p.m. on 21st March) looks at the topic 'The God Who Changes Lives' and our speaker will be **Korky Davey**. Those who came to the Harvest Service last year will remember Korky's talk about evangelism in Albania.

Quiz Night on Saturday 13th March

at 6:45pm-10pm. NB: CHANGE OF VENUE! Now in the **Scout Hut** on A38. Teams of 4 (but we can make up a team for you); tickets £9 per adult from Alison Rowe, includes Fish/Chicken & Chip supper. Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

Review of the Electoral Roll

A copy of the current Electoral Roll will be displayed in the church between March 14th and March 28th. Would church members please take the time to review it and if they identify any changes that are necessary would they please contact Barry or Chris Coltham. Similarly for any new members who would like to go on the Roll so that they are able to take part in the AGM.

Good Friday Activity Morning (2nd April): 10am in the Old School Hall, with a short family service at 11:30. Let Alison Rowe know if you are coming, so that we have enough resources!

Collect for Lent 3:

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Daily Office

<i>Mon 8</i>	Ps. 42.1-2, 43.1-4	Hebrews 4.14 – 5.10
<i>Tue 9</i>	Ps. 25.3-10	Hebrews 5.11 – 6.12
<i>Wed 10</i>	Ps. 147.13-end	Hebrews 6.13-end
<i>Thu 11</i>	Ps. 95.1-2	Hebrews 7.1-10
<i>Fri 12</i>	Ps. 81.6-16	Hebrews 7.11-end
<i>Sat 13</i>	Ps. 51.1-2,6-end	Hebrews 8

OASIS EXTRA (11-!6) God said, "It is not good for man to be alone, I will make a helper suitable for him." Genesis 2:18 We are meeting on March 21st (**NOT March 14th**) for the next Oasis Extra. Our theme is "Good relationships 3 - Marriage." Come and discover how God makes marriages in heaven! Our group meets at 4-6pm and has activities, Bible study/Discussion, Music and making friends. For all those wanting to prepare for baptism/confirmation or ask questions, or discover more about **FAITH, FAMILIES and THE FUTURE**. For more info see Ro, Lizzie or Jan on 01454 415280.

Lent Groups 2010: Not too late to join a group!

"WHEN I SURVEY...Christ's cross and ours"

Lent is one of the Church's reality checks, a period of time to figure out where we are and work on where we are going. Easter is the high point of the Church's year; Lent is the season of preparation for it, but Lent is also of value in itself, a time of opportunity which should be seen as a blessing and not a burden. Leaflets are available near the door with details of Groups meeting during Lent – please take one and contact a leader or host. *Michael Kirby*

OASIS PLUS (0-11's)

Jesus said, "Come and follow Me and I will make you fishers of men." We meet in church after school on Monday 8th March at 3.30pm for an hour of songs, Bible story, activities and making friends. Come and make fishing rods with magnets and try catching fish!! *For more info please call 01454 415280 or see Sandy, Sue or Jan.*

The Service Rotas for April to June are being drawn up shortly. If you are a sidesman, reader or intercessor and will be unavailable for any services (other than your usual preferences) then please let me know. If you are not one, but would like to be included, then also please let me know as new people would be very much welcomed.

Many thanks, *Pam van Rossum 01454 626160*
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