

*Ecumenical Parish of Stantonbury
St James' Church, New Bradwell*



7th MARCH 2010
3rd Sunday of Lent

10.00am Eucharist and Baptism

WELCOME TO ST JAMES' CHURCH

Welcome to everyone in church especially the family and friends of Felicia who is being baptised today.

We hope that you will all feel at home and be blessed by this time of worship.

We also remember Morgan who is being baptised here this afternoon.

Children are very welcome to use the "Children's Corner" on the left of the church, with books, toys and activity sheets.

Coffee is served after the service.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:1-9

"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labour on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of the peoples. Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations that do not know you will hasten to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendour." Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 13:1-9

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them — do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree, planted in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it, but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' " 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.' "

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

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WORSHIP & EVENTS

Today

3.00pm **Baptism** of Mindy and Ted's baby Morgan, followed by light refreshments. You are **all warmly invited** to the event!

Monday 8th March

6.30pm **Soup and sandwich run**

Wednesday 10th March

10.00am **Tiddlers**

3.30pm **Dolphins**

7.00pm **Eucharist**

Thursday 11th March

12.00 **Lent Lunch**

Saturday 13th March

10.00am **Church open for coffee**

Sunday 14th March

9.00am **Said Eucharist**

10.00am **Open Door Service**

6.00pm **Be Still**

Monday 8th March

7.30pm **ROOM'N'ATE**

Next meeting at Wolverton Mill for a buffet meal and a "getting to know you" session. Speak to Roy for more details

Community Arts Festival

Christ Church, Stantonbury

March 27th-31st

You are invited to contribute artwork, crafts or photographs on the theme of Easter/ Spring/New life/Death and resurrection. These will be displayed at the church throughout the festival. Also performers

(on the same themes) are welcome to a cafe style Music and Poetry evening on the evening of March 30th.

Please contact Anne Slee (anne.e.slee@googlemail.com, tel 660957) if you would like to contribute in any way.

Be Still

Does your week seem to fly by without you having a moment of silence or experiencing any peace?

Our 6.00pm contemplative service may be perfect for you.

Our half hour service will include music, an opening prayer, readings, a story, a time of silence, and a closing prayer. The silence can give time to listen to God, to reflect on the story or simply recharge for the week ahead. Just being present in the moment offers us a time of renewal.

Everyone is welcome.

St James Church New Bradwell

6 - 6.30pm Second Sunday of the month

(Starting Sunday 14th March)

If you would like more information call

Rev'd Dave Bell on 01908 564434

Please remember to collect your used stamps and put them in the basket at the back of Church. All in aid of Willen Hospice.

Reminder

Please remember to take a copy of March issue of *the Door* (Diocese of OXFORD News) on your way out.

Advanced notice of the Flower festival 22nd and 23rd May 2010. For further details see St. James web site (address overleaf) or contact Heidi Thomas on 316918.

If you have any notices to be included on the pew leaflet please e-mail or phone John by Thursday evening.
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