

A QUIZ NIGHT with Supper on Monday 31 March (All Fools' Eve!) is being organised by the Charity Committee. Our quiz nights are always popular and are a great way of getting to know others at St James the Greater. We have invited fellow churches in the Southern Edge Mission Partnership (SEMP) to join us – St Christopher's always gives us a run for our money! All the questions are answered in teams of 6-8 people, so there is never any embarrassment! A 'Ploughman's Supper' will be served in the interval. **Tickets are available in advance from members of the committee** (Caroline Beardsmore, Michael Bull, Martin Evans, Hilary Simpson and Polly Taylor). **The cost is £6, which includes the first drink and the supper.** Proceeds to *Action Deafness*, the Centre on Welford Road.

RAINBOWS (the local Children's Hospice) is appealing for jewellery in any condition – whether it is genuine, plastic, paste or gemstone – to be repaired or refurbished and sold to raise funds for the hospice. Items of particular value can be sold on a 50/50 basis – speak to Caroline Beardsmore (259 6341). **Please place items in the box at the back of Church by the end of March or hand them to a warden for safe keeping.**

COLDSTREAM GUARDS based in Kabul are appealing for items they can give as gifts to the civilian population, as part of the 'Hearts and Minds' initiative. They would like toiletries, toys for children, notepads, pens, pencils, clothing and bedding. Clothes should be new, other items good-as-new. **Please place in the box at the back of Church by the end of March.**

BUDGET BENEFIT One useful concession is that charities are to be allowed to continue to claim at 22% even though the basic income tax is reducing to 20% in April. This concession is scheduled to finish in 2011. The benefit to St James the Greater will be at least £1,700 per annum. **Please make use of Gift Aid envelopes.**

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING is on **Sunday 27 April at 11.45**, following the 10.30 service, when we shall elect Churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC); receive annual accounts, and review our life together. If you wish to stand for election to the PCC or if you are, or wish to be, a Sidesman, you must be on the Electoral Roll. Ideally, everyone associated with St James the Greater should be on the Roll which is at the back of the Church, should you wish to check your entry. **ACCOUNTS** for the past financial year are available for inspection on the board at the back of the church.

THE SIXTEEN – a world-famous choral ensemble with their internationally acclaimed conductor, Harry Christophers – are coming to St James the Greater as part of their 2008 Choral Pilgrimage on **22 May**. **Tickets (£8 to £24) are available from the Church Office. Spread the word about this super concert among your musical friends.**

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This Week at the Church of
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16 MARCH 2008 - PALM SUNDAY

If you wear a hearing-aid please switch to T to benefit from the inductive loop
Large-print hymn books are available from sidesmen
The Flower Guild invite donations towards the cost of Easter Flowers.
Baskets for retiring collections are available at all exits.

08.30

Holy Communion

Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)
Celebrant: The Very Reverend Dr Derek Hole
Churchwarden: Marilyn Dorum

10.10

Palm Sunday Procession

from the Church Hall

10.30

Sung Eucharist

Common Worship, Order 1

See special Palm Sunday service sheet

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby
Assisted by: Peter Ireson and Philip Jones
Churchwardens: Tricia Dean and David Brunning
Sidesmen: George Daley and Will Warner
Servers: William Woolley, Angela Finn and Emma-Jane Finn

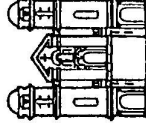
Everyone is invited to the Hall for refreshments after the service
Please support our Traidcraft stall

18.30

Stainer's Crucifixion

See special service sheet

Introduced by the Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby
Churchwardens: Robin Bickerstaffe and Marilyn Dorum
Sidesmen: Chris Geere, Jan Geere, Owen Shepherd and Tom Skinner
Servers: Michael Bull, Gillian Bickerstaffe and Mandy Stephensen



The Rest of Holy Week

Monday in Holy Week

- 18.00 Boys' Choir practice
 19.30 **Compline** (sung by the Boys' Choir) & **Address**

Tuesday in Holy Week

Church Office closed

- 07.15 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order I
 14.00 **Funeral** of Michael John Ashley
 18.00 Girls' Choir practice
 19.30 **Compline** (sung by the Girls' Choir) & **Address**

Wednesday in Holy Week

Church Office closed

- 14.15 Good Companions meet in the Large Hall
 19.30 **Compline** (said) & **Address**

Maundy Thursday

- 10.15 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order I (traditional)
 10.45 Coffee Drop-in in the Small Hall
 19.30 **Liturgy of the Last Supper**, followed by a Vigil until 22.00

Good Friday

Church Office closed – Bank Holiday

10.15 **Christ in the Centre** – drama and processions in the city centre
 This event begins at Castle Yard at 10.15, moving to the Town Hall Square by 11.00, then on to Humberstone Gate by 11.45. The beginning of Jesus' ministry, his teaching, parables and healing will be depicted, ending with the Last Supper, his arrest, trial and Crucifixion.

- 13.00 Frugal Lunch in the Large Hall
 14.00 **Hour at the Foot of the Cross**
 19.30 **Music and readings** in Church

Easter Eve

- 20.30 **New Fire and Easter Eve Vigil**

Sunday Next – Easter Day

- 07.00 **Holy Communion (BCP)**
 08.30 **Sung Eucharist** Preacher: Mr Anthony Green
 Choir breakfast in Large Hall
 10.45 **All Age Worship** Preacher: Canon Glynn Richerby
 12.00 **Holy Communion (said)**
 18.30 **Festal Evensong (BCP)** Preacher: Canon Philip Norwood

Keeping Holy Week 2008

FROM TODAY, please display a poster in your front window to inform neighbours and passers-by that THIS IS HOLY WEEK – with the caption HE IS RISEN folded out of sight until Easter Day.

Compline is sung on Monday and Tuesday, and said on Wednesday at 19.30.

On **Maundy Thursday**, there is the usual morning service of **Holy Communion** and the **Liturgy of the Last Supper** is commemorated in the evening at 19.30. The congregation is encouraged to remain for part or all of the **Vigil** that follows until 10.00 – 'Could ye not watch with me one brief hour?'

On **Good Friday**, everyone is encouraged to be present in the City for 'Christ in the Centre', starting at **Castle Yard at 10.15**. For those who wish to come from that to the **Hour before the Cross** at St James the Greater, a frugal lunch of soup, cheese and bread is to be provided from 13.00 – *please sign the list at the back of the Church before 11.00 am on Maundy Thursday*.

The ancient night service of **Tenebrae** (darkness) at 19.30 is especially recommended to those who have never experienced it.

The **Easter Eve Vigil** is a wonderful anticipation of the dawning of Easter Day, with the blessing of the Pascal Candle from the New Fire in a darkened church – hence the late start at 20.30 – and listening by candlelight to the story of God's saving work from the beginning until the resurrection of Christ. The service lasts an hour and deserves strong support as the first service of Easter.

Easter Day begins with a said service of **Holy Communion** according to the Book of Common Prayer at 07.00, followed by a **Sung Eucharist at 08.30**, with breakfast for the choir members, who stay on to sing for **All Age Worship at 10.45**. A shortened said service of **Holy Communion** follows at noon. The day culminates in a glorious **Festal Evensong at 18.30**.

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

All prevented from worshipping with us

Margaret Bell Alan Clowes Dora Daniels Susan Lacey
 Rest in peace and rise in glory

Michael John Ashley (67), a friend of Reverend David Clark

Harry Middleton (86), grandfather of Walter McAteer, a chorister

Liliane Jones-Katamoso (81), a parishioner

THE SOUTHERN EDGE MISSION PARTNERSHIP LAUNCH EVENT takes place at the Samworth Academy on **Saturday 10 May** from 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Admission is by programme (£1 adults, children free). Programmes and A4 posters advertising the event are available from the Church Office – Tel: 0116 254 2111.