

DIRECTORY

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Bookings:		
Chapter House	Ann Lawrence	358950
St. Cuthbert's Hall	Hannah Potter	352675



Church Flowers: Please see the Rota at the back of the church or ring 270514

DIARY

July

- 1st Bible Study in church at 3pm
- 6th Modern Mums 7.30pm
- 7th Doubters Anonymous look at The Holy Spirit at Do's.
- 18th Inter Faith Cricket match in the Park 11am onwards.
- 20th Parish Quiet Day at Haynes

August

- 27th 10.15am service planning group meets 2-4pm
- 31st Car Treasure Hunt 10am

FUN OPEN DAY

Sunday 12th July 2009
12 noon — 6 pm

Come and Explore Chellington

Try the Coconut Challenge, Discover the Chellington Treasure Trail, Bring your teddy bear for the Teddy Bears Picnic (free pencil and certificate for all bears attending), Face Painting, Stalls including stationery from the 'Royal Roses' collection, and lots more for everyone.

Felmersham Road Nr Carlton
Bedford

TOWN CENTRE CHURCHES SUMMER EVENING SERVICES

- 26th July 6.30pm St. Paul's
- 2nd August 6.30pm St. Peter's
- 9th August 6.30pm (Mass) St. Joseph's
- 16th August 6.30pm St. Martin's
- 23rd August 6pm Salvation Army

Bedford Prison Visit

On Sunday 24th May 2009, Val Tarlo, Pam and I went to H M Prison to support one of the inmates, Stuart, who was being confirmed on that day as a Christian. We went along as witnesses representing our church as the prison is situated within the parish of St. Peters.

After security checks we were admitted to the chapel and greeted by Sally White, the prison Chaplain. We assisted the staff by handing out the service sheets and songs of praise books to the men as they entered the chapel. The main service was well attended, the congregation almost filled the chapel and the volume of male voices quite powerful and uplifting.

Respecting Stuart's wishes for a private ceremony, his Baptism and Confirmation was carried out after the main service by Richard Inwood, Bishop of Bedford and Sally. This was concluded by a handshake and congratulations all round to Stuart.

Eric J Coppenhall

Inter Faith Cricket Match

Saturday 18th July

In BEDFORD PARK starting at 11am with 20/20 junior matches.

This will be a day of family fun

Informal games and coaching sessions for youngsters throughout the day.

At 2pm Bedford and Luton Council of Faiths join to challenge the Leicester Imams and Clergy.

Details from Revd. Jay MacLeod

290393 or jaymacleod@mac.com

A clergyman who had recently been made a bishop was the centre of attention at the 40th reunion of his old school. "How marvellous," said a former classmate. "Becoming so important hasn't changed you one bit!"

"Actually, it has," admitted the new bishop. "I'm now 'eccentric' where I used to be impolite. And I'm 'delightfully amusing' where I used to be a pain in the neck. And I'm 'a theologian' where they used to just tell me that my sermons didn't make sense."

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Dear Friends,

It seems incredible that it is already mid summer and we are halfway through the year. As a parish we have recently been considering as individuals and as a church what our stewardship of time, talents and treasure should be. I thought it might be appropriate to pray for the Ministry of all Believers – that's us ...

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Lord God, bless all of us whom you have called to serve the Church. Deepen our understanding of faith so that we may share it with others, strengthen our commitment with love, hope and joy that our witness may be effective. Pour your grace upon us all and our loved ones. Give us time and space for renewal of faith and bring about a deep desire to serve you. Amen



Mike's Memos

Quiet Day at Haynes : Monday 20 July 10am-3.30pm

We will be thinking about what it is to be God's beloved. We take our own sandwiches – everything else is provided. The cost depends on how many of us go, but it should be about £5. If you need a lift, say that on the sheet in church.

A group of us will meet in church on Thursday 27th August 2pm - 4pm to consider the services we use at 10.15am on Sundays. All are very welcome - do please come with thoughts opinions and ideas!

The Social Committee are arranging two occasions for us to be joyfully together:

On Monday 31 August, there's to be a Treasure Hunt, and on Monday 28 September, we are having a Harvest Supper.

And don't forget that in between, the King's Chamber Orchestra are coming back with their haunting music on Sunday 20 September.

Much more about all this soon!

A VERY IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY !

20 09 2009

that's Sunday 20th September when the Kings Chamber Orchestra are coming back to St. Peter's to play at 4.30pm and 7.30pm.

If you missed hearing them last year you were very unfortunate, so make sure you do not do so again.

If, however, you experienced them last year, we know you will be first in the queue for tickets!

SERVICES

THURSDAY 2nd

10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

SUNDAY 5th Trinity 4

8am Holy Communion
10.15am First Sunday
6.30pm Evensong

THURSDAY 9th

10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

SUNDAY 12th Trinity 5

8am Holy Communion
10.15am Parish Communion
6.30pm Evensong

THURSDAY 16th

10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

SUNDAY 19th Trinity 6

8am Holy Communion
10.15am Morning Worship
6.30pm Holy Communion with Laying-on of Hands for Healing

THURSDAY 23rd

10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

SUNDAY 26th Trinity 7

8am Holy Communion
10.15am Parish Communion
6.30pm Evening Service at St. Paul's
No service in St Peter's

THURSDAY 30th

10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

SUNDAY 2nd August Trinity 8

8am Holy Communion
10.15am First Sunday
6.30pm Evensong

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

7th June Hannah Hunt
Ethan Carpenter

FUNERALS

15th June Paul Goddard
16th Sheila Lamb
Tracy Townsend
26th June Judith Lewis
1st July Ernest Barron

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REGULAR EVENTS

Refreshments are served every Sunday after the 10.15am service and after Holy Communion on Thursdays.

Sunday School meets each Sunday at the 10.15am service, leaving after the first hymn, on all but the first Sunday in the month when there is a special Children's Service. (All ages welcome).

St. Peter's Choir sings at 10.15am services apart from the First Sunday service. Choir practices are on Sunday mornings. Contact Adrian on 409612. New members welcome.

Women's Fellowship meets on 2nd and 4th Mondays at 2.30pm in St. Cuthbert's Hall but will be on a summer break until September. Details from Doris Hoskins Tel: 304424

Cruse holds a coffee morning in the Chapter House on **Tuesdays from 10am - 12 noon** for those trying to come to terms with bereavement. Tel: 340321 for further details.

The Pastoral visiting team helps to care for the sick, elderly & housebound. Offers of help and requests for visits to Do Vesey. Tel: 353024

St. Peter's eight bells are rung each Sunday from 9.40am. Practices are at **7.30pm on Thursdays**. Details from Richard Entwistle. Tel: 360095

The Mothers' Union meets at **10.30am on the first Wednesday of each month** at 8, de Parys Avenue for coffee, prayer and Bible study. "Modern Mums" meet by arrangement at **8pm**. Details from Pam Coppenhall Tel: 357903

Grapevine Parent & Toddler group meets from 9.30 - 11.30am on Fridays. Details from Andrea Spice. Tel: 341861

St. Peter's Coffee Shop is open from **10am on Saturdays** with books, sweets and (occasionally) cakes for sale. Donations of cakes and offers of help gratefully received. Details from Tricia Oakley. Tel: 211499

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NETWORK

THE NEWSLETTER OF ST. PETER DE MERTON WITH ST. CUTHBERT

July 2009

Dear All,

Listening is an art, they say. And it's a discipline. And in a world that's so noisy, so full of opinions and blogs where everyone has something to say, perhaps we need to be reminded of just how important it is to us, and to those around us.

Last week, Janet and I went one evening to Harpur's, on Tavistock Street, where a friend of my son's was playing. Hannah is a singer with a lovely voice, and she writes the gentlest songs. The space in the cellar bar was perfect. What spoilt it was that there was a group of people there who clearly hadn't gone for the music at all. They talked the whole time, quite loudly, and without appearing to notice there was anything else happening. It felt so disrespectful, and ruined what should have been such a good evening.

I guess it happens everywhere; people so intent on their own world that they simply aren't aware of anything outside it. And we know how dangerous boxes like that are, and how guilty we can all be of doing just that. Life is busy, and there are a hundred things to do – so sometimes it's just easier to fly around, doing what we have to, without paying much attention to anyone or anything else. But it's so dangerous, both to our relationships and the world around us, but also to our soul!

Listening and paying attention to those around us are, as we know, pivotal skills of our faith: listening to God, and to one another. We must never forget that, and we all need opportunities to practise those skills.

Later this month we are having another Quiet Day at Haynes. In one sense this is a great treat – to have space some time and space to ourselves, in lovely, peaceful surroundings. But in another, it's a discipline that demands much of us. To

expose ourselves to God is always a risky thing – and there are many different ways of doing it. But this is one; to move out of our usual lives, and focused on the One who knows all the secrets of our hearts. Come and see!

And another opportunity to exercise our listening skills in a different way is offered to us by Friends for Life. You'll remember that this is an invitation to spend time with those in the residential homes of our town who are often very lonely, and who long to have someone to talk to. They are hidden away, so it's easy not to notice them. But their needs are real and deep. I know that some of us already visit homes to see friends or to bring worship. There is much more to be done. In the autumn, Friends for Life are planning to put on some simple training for those who want to feel a bit more confident about this ministry. Please think about whether this is something you might do, and if you want to talk about it, I'd be more than glad to chat about it with you.

But for now, as we bask in the summer sun and the openness it miraculously bring with it, let's all remember how important it is to be there for those around us, to make space for them, to treat them as the unique part of creation they surely are. Because sometimes we may even be entertaining angels unawares....

With my love,

Mike

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