

DIARY DATES

Tue 21 Feb: **Communion before Confirmation meeting** 10.00am in church (also Mon 27 Feb in evening).

Wed 22 Feb (Ash Wednesday): **Holy Communion with Ashing** 9.00am at St Mary's Olveston, and 7.30pm at Olveston Methodist Church.

Fri 24 Feb: **Stuart Townend** in concert at Christ Church Downend – tickets £6 from Alison 613223.

Sat 25 Feb: **Breakfast for Blokes** 9am in Pilning Vicarage.

Tue 28 Feb: **Lent Film** 7.30pm at St Mary's Olveston.

Sun 4 Mar: **Bring & Share lunch** at 7 Knole Park following Robert Cockram's baptism.

Sun 11 Mar: **Prayer for Severnside** at 6pm in St Mary's Olveston.

Sat 24 Mar: **Northavon Singers Concert** in church.

Sat 21 Apr: **Dursley Male Voice Choir Concert** in church.

Fri 18 May: **'Uganda Fire' Concert** 7.30pm at St Mary's Stoke Bishop. Please put it in your diary, it is going to be a fantastic evening!

Thur 31 May: Jubilee Concert **'An Evening of Flowers and Music'** in church.

Sun 3 Jun: **Jubilee Service.**

The Vicar:

Rev Philip Rowe (613223)
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Rest Day: Thursday

Curate (Training):

Rev Ruan Crew (633067)
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Rest Day: Friday

Verger and

Church Diary Custodian:

Trevor Llewellyn (616047)

Mug shots please! We'd like to have a picture of everyone in the congregation ASAP so that we can make a display with everyone's photo and name on. If you can spare a photo of you, please give it to Alison or Pam.

Please send **notice sheet items** to office@stmaryssevernside.org.uk or put in the box in the church porch, by Wednesday of each week if possible. Our website includes the notice sheet, so please be aware that all information will be on the internet. *Susan Bridgewater*

Daily Readings: 'Love'

Pray daily before study: "May your unfailing love be my comfort, according to your promise." *Psalms 119:76*

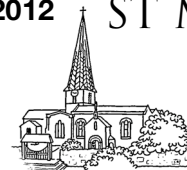
Day 1: 1 John 4:7-21
Day 2: Galatians 5:22
Day 3: Ephesians 3:11-21
Day 4: John 15:13
Day 5: 1 John 3:16
Day 6: Jeremiah 31:3

God loved us first, so that we can love others.

Sunday 19 February 2012

Next Before Lent

'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him' (Mark 9:8)



8.00am Holy Communion
Ruan Crew

9.15am Choral Holy Communion
Margaret Roberts,
Ruan Crew

Hymns: 105, 84, 457, 758

(During Communion: 67)

The Communion setting is at 956

*Voluntary: Prelude on Lasst uns
Erfreuen (June Nixon)*

Readings at 8am and 9.15am:
2 Corinthians 4.3-6 (NT p.177)
and Mark 9.2-9 (NT p.42)

Fresh coffee and other refreshments will be served after the 9.15am and 10.45am services – do stay for a drink and a chat.

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

- Sun 19 12.00pm Discussion about Communion before Confirmation
4.00pm SNACs at Pilning Vicarage
- Mon 20 9–11.00am Café Almondsbury in church
12.30pm Funeral of Monica Rendell
7.30pm Bell ringing practice
7.30pm Parenting Course in the Vicarage
- Tues 21 10.00am Communion before Confirmation meeting in church
4.45pm Prayer for St Mary's, in the chancel
- Weds 22 9.00am Holy Communion with Ashing at St Mary's Olveston
7.30pm Homegroup at Appledene, Townsend Lane
7.30pm Homegroup at 55 Gloucester Road
- Thurs 23 7.30pm Choir practice
- Fri 24 10.00am Parenting Course in the Vicarage
12.30pm Funeral of Maureen Purnell
- Sat 25 9.00am Breakfast for Blokes, Pilning Vicarage
4.00pm Praise Group practice
- Sun 26 8.00am Holy Communion – Philip Rowe
9.15am Choral Holy Communion (BCP) –
Margaret Roberts, Philip Rowe
10.45am All-Age Service – Ruan Crew, Philip Rowe

ST MARY'S CHURCH
ALMONDSBURY

All-Age Service
10.45am

Led by Paul van Rossum
and Ruan Crew

Today in our groups we
continue the series
'The Promise of God',
and we are also
exploring the topic of
'Communion before
Confirmation'.

Mark 9.2-9 (NT p.42)

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

From the Vicar:

We are planning to take candidates to a **Confirmation Service** on Wednesday 28th March at 7.30pm in St Peter's, Lawrence Weston. Please contact Philip Rowe, Ruan Crew or Roly Bain if you would like to know more.

The new copies of **Word for Today Bible Reading Notes** are available on the book rack. Please take a copy, they are an excellent way of feeding from the Bible every day.

You are welcome to contact me (613223), Jill Kirby (412399), Clare Jefferis (615471) or any Pastoral Assistant with any **problems** for you or others as they arise. It is good to talk.

Philip Rowe

You are warmly invited to come and support Robert Cockram at his Baptism on Sunday 4th March during the 10.45am All-Age Service. There will be coffee and cake following the service, and afterwards everyone is invited to a Bring and Share lunch at Mike and Celia Jenkinson's house (7 Knole Park, BS32 4BS). It would be lovely if young and old could join Robert and Nita on this special day.

Collect for Next Before Lent:

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

SNACs (Sunday Night At the Crews) is happening this Sunday afternoon at 4pm, for our secondary-school aged youth. This time it's movie night – a film and popcorn, followed by some good grub, finishing around 6pm. Hosted by Ruan and Lisette at Pilning Vicarage (01454 633067).

Diamond Jubilee Events: Could anyone who is organising an event in the parish of Almondsbury to mark Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee please inform me and I will fly the flag from the Church Flagstaff to mark the occasion.

Trevor Llewellyn (616047)

Wanted: Volunteer Deputy Editor for the Lich Gate

Applicants should have: email, MS Office including Publisher, familiarity with Word, Excel, jpeg and other image software, organizational skills, 2 days per month to spend on production of the copy and 15–30 minutes per day on administration. Please contact Sue and Paul Beech: 01454 615466 paul.beech@talk21.com.

Women's World Day of Prayer:

The local service will be held at Tockington Methodist Church at 10.15am on Friday 2nd March (phone Judith 613057 if you want a lift from Church).

The next **'Prayer for St Mary's and Beyond'** is on Sunday 4th March at 6.30pm in the Chancel. This is an opportunity for all of us to pray for God's work here and afar. Please pray for:

- Confirmation candidates
- Youth ministry

Prayer Afternoon for the Persecuted Church:

On Saturday 25th February there will be talks and prayer at Thornbury Baptist Church from 2.00–4.30pm concerning the persecuted church. For more information call 01454 415280.

Real Easter Eggs: Please see the poster in the porch about the "Real Easter Egg", a Fairtrade chocolate egg, complete with a cartoon "The real meaning of Easter" on the box. Please fill in an order form from the book trolley by the door, or let Chris or Barry Coltham know. They will be placing an order so that they are received in time for Easter Day.

Ash Wednesday (22 February) Services of Holy Communion with Ashing: 9.00am at St Mary's Olveston, and 7.30pm at Olveston Methodist Church.

What's Lent?

What's happening?

You can –

Read Tom Wright's "Lent for Everyone – Mark": check out the book on the table.

Join a Study Group on readings in Mark. See the green Flyer for details of groups.

Join a Study Group: "Handing on the Torch – sacred words for a secular world". See the green Flyer for details of groups.

Watch faith-related Films at St Mary's Olveston on Tuesdays at 7.30pm – contact Roly Bain for details (616593).

Communion before Confirmation:

The PCC is encouraging all of us to explore and discuss this topic before reaching a decision on whether or not to proceed further. Opportunities to engage include a sermon at **all three services today** (19th), followed by more detailed discussion at 12 noon, and two open meetings on Tues 21st February (10am) and Mon 27th February (evening). For more information please see the letter from Philip, available at the welcome desk, or speak to Philip or Ruan.