

The Parish of Greenford Magna



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Our weekly newsletter at Holy Cross Church

Sunday 7th February, 2010

Candlemas Sunday



The Presentation of Christ at the Temple
by Albrecht Durer (1471-1528)

The strange story which we will hear today from Luke's Gospel has some surprising elements and some unusual people. For the author, it is a way of teaching his readers about the true purpose of the life of the baby Jesus and it both looks back to the Nativity and forwards to Easter, with references to pain and the opposition which will be found in his adult life, ending in his trial and execution.

Candlemas brings to an end the five winter festivals and next week, we will start the approach to Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

Enjoy!!

This Sunday

Malachi 3: 1-5
Hebrews 2: 14-18
Luke 2: 22-40
Intercessions

Candlemas Sunday

Who can endure the day of his coming?
He himself was tested by what he suffered
Jesus is taken to the Temple in Jerusalem

RCL p. 60-64

Cubs and Beavers
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Servers: MC – Susan Wyatt; Crucifer – John Sidebottom; Thurifer – Annabel Radville; Boat – Daisy Taylor; Acolytes – Megan Cumming and Jessica Taylor.

Hymns 466, psalm, 372, 218 omit 5&6, 209

Psalm LET HIM ENTER, THE KING OF GLORY. LET HIM ENTER, THE KING OF LOVE

After holy communion, the Holy Cross Choir will sing the anthem **Christ is the world's true light**, words by **George W. Briggs** (1875-1959) and music by **Walter K. Stanton** (1891-1978)

YOU ARE WELCOME AT HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Under 6's welcome in the Crèche which is in the Parish Room.

5-12's are welcome in Chris...Cross except on Youth Sundays when we are all in Church.

NOTICES for Sunday, 7th February, 2010

Midweek:

Tuesday 9.30am Mass at Edward Betham School (Infant Dept.)
Friday 7.00am Said Mass in the Old Church
Saturday Holy Matrimony at 10.30am, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm

Next Sunday

Sunday, 14th February, 2010

Sunday next before Lent

8.00am Said Mass in the Old Church

9.30am THE PARISH MASS

2pm, 3pm Holy Matrimony

Next Sunday

Exodus 34: 29-35

2 Corinthians 3: 12-4: 2

Luke 9: 28-36

Intercessions

Servers: MC – Peter Fuller; Crucifer – Gerald Najera; Thurifer – Annabel Radville; Boat – Jonah Philip; Acolytes – Isabel Najera and Anaïs Najera

Sunday next before Lent

The face of Moses shines after speaking to God

Paul reflects on the face of Moses shining

RCL p. 811-814

Audrey Pascal

Frank Pascal

John Sidebottom

Lent, 2010

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, 17th February

Lent Groups

All members of the congregation are invited to participate in study and discussion groups held in private houses. Please look at the schedule on the Notice Board and contact the host to indicate your interest.

Lent Lunches

Every Saturday in Lent, from 12 noon to 1pm. Join in the activity around the lunch and please volunteer to be in the kitchen for one of these lunches.

Moneys raised will go to a school in Mozambique (see item 7) as part of the ALMA link with London, Mozambique and Angola.

Lent Reading

Either in a partnership with someone else or on your own, read "Our Sound is our Wound" by Canon Lucy Winkett – copies will be made available on request today from Neil. Lenten activities represent an opportunity not to be missed, so do your best to join in!





**HOT OFF
THE
PRESS !!!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS
and
ADVANCE NEWS**

1. CHRIS...CROSS

As this is a Youth Sunday, there is no Chris...Cross session. Back on 14th February as usual.

2. VISITORS FROM GERMANY

The dates are from 13th – 16th May, 2010 and we expect a large group, so please put the date in your diary today and be sure to volunteer as a host!! The hosts are asked to provide suitable accommodation, breakfast and a meal or two, and join in as much of the activity as possible around work and other commitments. To join in the planning, please speak to Neil today.

3. CRECHE ROTA

The new winter/spring crèche rota is now ready for collection on the notice board or via your emailed copy. Any new volunteers are always welcome & please contact Jo Bissell.

4. HOLY CROSS MOTHERS' UNION

We meet every month on the first Monday at 8pm at the rectory or other venues. New members are always welcome and you do not have to be a mother or even female! Men, women, young and old are all included.



5. TUESDAY TEAS AND WEDNESDAY LUNCHESES

Tuesday Teas and Wednesday Lunches are operating this week. All are welcome in the Parish Room from 2pm to 4pm on Tuesdays and in Church from 12 noon on Wednesdays.

6. HAITI – RESPONSE CONTINUES

Please make any cheque payable to, "The Holy Cross Church PCC (Haiti Appeal)", and give the cheque to Malcolm Ede, Beth Morris, Jill Marsh, Peter Scully or Lorna Churn. Please do not forget to fill in an Income Tax Reclaim form, (available from Beth Morris or Malcolm Ede), if you are an Income Tax payer, as this could increase the value of your gift by c25%. We have now banked £183.63 for the Haiti appeal, being £79.18 from 24/1/10 + £104.45 from 31/1.10

This, added to the amount banked from 17/1/10 of £198.17, makes an ongoing total of £381.90

7. OUR LENT PROJECT - ALMA'S CHILDREN

Lent 2010 will see us raising funds for Angloa and Mozambique along with other church in the Diocese and we will be focusing on **All Saints' School**, or Escola de Todos os Santos in Nacala, Mozambique. We will be combining our efforts with the pupils of Edward Betham School and the funds raised will be ear-marked for books for this school Please join in by filling in Gift Aid envelopes, coming to Lent Lunches and enjoying the Lenten groups available for 5 weeks.

8. LUNCH CLUB - WANTED, A NEW ORGANISER AND STAFF FOR JULY, 2010

The organiser will need an up-to-date food hygiene certificate, and we need more people, as at least two will finish in July. Might be a good idea to get involved beforehand so you know?

9. ANNUAL REPORTS

Please will all those responsible for writing annual reports send them to Tracey Cameron by the end of February. The report should consider the year 2009. APCM is Tuesday 20th April.

10. MEETING OF THE PCC

Agendas are published and the meeting is on Wednesday 10th February, 8pm at the rectory.

11. CLEANING ROTA

Cleaning Rota is working well, but some people are having to cope on their own. Please help these poor unfortunates by joining the Rota. see Lorna or Peter.

12. INFORMAL CONSULTATION ABOUT PROPOSED NEW GARDEN AREA

Kyrstie Rowe of "Firm Foundations for Outdoor Play" has kindly agreed to come to meet all interested parties to discuss and answer questions about the proposed new garden at the rear of the New Church. She will be here on Thursday 18th February, 7.30pm in the Parish Room.

You may read Kyrstie's proposal in February Magna, pages 17-20.

13. CONFIRMATION, 2010

We are setting up both adult and young persons' preparation for Confirmation which this year will be on Sunday, 27th June, at 9.30am. If there are any adult candidates, I would like to form a Lent Group with them, so if you are interested, please give your details on a piece of paper to Neil as soon as possible.

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