

St Mary's Newsletter

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Week beginning Sunday 17th February 2013



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 11.00am Parish Eucharist

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WE WELCOME all who join us for our services today.
**Please feel welcome to stay for coffee or squash after
the Eucharist - the time to meet and greet.**

Lent began the time of preparation of candidates for their baptism at Easter, but it soon came to be seen as foreshadowed in Jesus' time of testing in the wilderness before embarking on his ministry. It has long been for Christians an annual time of penitence, their own 'testing', with fasting strongly to the fore. In the face of his testing, Jesus emerges unscathed. May we do the same!

** Pray never to lose sight of the fundamentals of faith and relationship with God.*

** Thank God for the universal character of the Christian message.*

** May we keep our sense of 'testing' before God and so of growth towards him.*

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

....those who suffer in mind, body or spirit: Angie Rigney; Sue Denwood; Jean Mattock; Mark Williams; Yvonne Milne; Bert Hobby; Colin Kilby; Jim Broadbridge

....those in care homes: Florence Emery; Jessie Child; Pat Cook; Clemency Clarke

....R.I.P: Peter Cumming; Margaret Pickles

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER TO THE EDITOR, JAMES BURGESS (Tel 01462 700115)

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THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Monday 18th – 9.00am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 19th – 7.00pm Choir Practice

8.00pm Bell Ringing Practice

Wednesday 20th – 9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion

2.00pm Lent Group at 1 Jordan Close

Friday 22nd - 9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY – 24th February 2013

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

11.00am Sung Eucharist

3.00pm Holy Baptism

~James Simon William Barton ~

NOTICES

The **Church lunch** at the Five Bells last Sunday was much enjoyed by all who attended and thank Audrey Staniforth for arranging it for us.

The **Henlow Lent Group** will commence on Wednesday 20 February at 2 pm at 1 Jordan Close. Further details and of the other Benefice Lent Groups will be available shortly.

We are required to re-do the **Electoral Roll** this year (every 6 years) and forms are available at the back of the church for those already on the Electoral Roll of St Mary's to re-register. Anyone who is not already on the Electoral Roll and who would like to be included would be most welcome. Please speak to Sue Moore or one of the churchwardens for any further advice or information.

There will be two **Lent Lunches** in Church on Saturday 2nd March and Wednesday 20th March at 12.30pm. A list will be at the back of the Church from 10th February.



Be Still and Know Going deeper into God in Lent with Bishop Richard

Thursday, 28th February Mini-Pilgrimage from Woburn

Meet in Woburn Church at 2pm
(Wear suitable footwear. The
afternoon walk ends around
5.00pm with light refreshments
available)

Lent Reflections & Compline Henlow Church
7.00pm for 7.30pm until 9.30pm
For Local Ministry teams, Churchwardens, PCC
members.