



Swindon Old Town Partnership of Churches

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5th September 2010 – Trinity 14

Readings for 8am, 9am & 9.30am:

Philemon 1-21 (page 214 at the back of the pew bible)

Luke 14.25-33 (page 74 at the back of the pew bible)

Today at Christ Church

8am: 1662 Holy Communion

led by Revd Simon Stevenette and Teresa Michaux

9.30am Family Holy Communion and commissioning of Sunday Club leaders. Led by Revd Simon Stevenette.

Sermon: Teresa Michaux. **Hymns:** 809, 626, 37, 503.

Reading: Jane Humphreys. **Prayers:** John Humphreys.

Anthem: I give you a new commandment (Aston).

Voluntary: Caprice sur les grands jeux (Clérambault).

11.30am: Searchlight led by Teresa

6.30pm: Holy Communion led by Margaret Williams. **Psalm 121. Readings:** Isaiah 43.14 – 44.5 (page 682); John 5.30-end (page 93).

Hymns: 314, 447, 684. **Choir introit:** Hark a messenger (Kelly). **Anthem:** Like as the hart (Howells).

Voluntary: Choral Song (SS Wesley)

At St Mary's - 9am: Morning Prayer led by Trevor Day.

Parish Bible verse for 2010: We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. *Romans 8 .28*

Our Vision: *Connecting The Community With Christ.*

We are committed to: 1. Jesus & His Teaching;

2. Caring For God's World; 3. Respecting & Helping Each Other.

The Partnership Prayer: Loving God we are one in Jesus Christ. Help us to live out this unity in our partnership through mission; so that those around us may turn to Jesus who is the way the truth and the life. In his name we pray. Amen

Team building day: please pray for Robert, Mark, Jo and myself as we spend the day on Wednesday 10am-3pm, together reflecting on our strengths and leadership, under the guidance of Douglas Holt and Chris Dobson from the Bristol Diocese.

Our local schools: please pray for our local schools, Lawn, Lethbridge, Lainesmead, King William Street Church of England, Holy Rood RC, Churchfields, Commonweal, New College and Swindon College at the beginning of a new academic year. We are delighted, in line with our development plan, that there is an increase in school services in CC. For example Simon is meeting with the head and department head of Lawn School this Thursday planning their Harvest service with us on Thursday 30th Sep 10am. Also Simon is meeting with the Lainesmead head this week to consider possibilities. Please pray for our foundation governors at KWS – Jenny Thompson (chair), Sue Jones and Simon as they meet on Tuesday.

Commissioning of Sunday Club leaders: This morning our children's Sunday Clubs begin again after the summer break. **Priest:** Will you the congregation at Christ Church with St Mary's in Old Town Swindon pray for, support and encourage our Children's work during the coming year?

Congregation: We will with the help of God.

Priest: Will you who lead and help with our children's and youth work commit yourselves to prayer, faithful Christian living and Christian service during the coming year?

Helpers: I will with the help of God. Priest: May God bless our learning together – children, young people and adults at Christ Church.

From the Stevenette family: Thank you for all your love and prayers for us while we have been away. We arrived back on Tuesday after an incredible 5 weeks in the USA and were overjoyed to pick up Thomas from Terminal 4 at Heathrow on Wed at 2pm. We have had a lot of catching up to do since. Ray and Joan send their love to everybody. We had a wonderful weekend with them; on the Saturday spending 6 hours on Ray's new power boat cruiser – Aussie Rules – up and down the North river and diving off into the warm water. The service at St Luke's, Scituate on Sunday was especially moving. We visited Plymouth in the afternoon where the Pilgrim Fathers landed. Ray and Joan are off tomorrow holidaying in Normandy France. We thank God for their kindness and bountiful hospitality and all the fun we shared together.

Alpha Course: Welcome to those people who have joined the congregation recently. Alpha is a course used throughout this country and across the world in a huge variety of settings for those people who are interested in the Christian faith and who want to ask questions and find out more. Leaflets are available at the back of the churches. There will be an introductory evening on Wed 15th September 7.30pm at the vicarage when the theme will be Christianity, Boring, irrelevant, untrue? Further details from Simon or any member of ministerial staff team.

Back to Church Sunday: We are looking forward very much to taking part in the national Back to Church Sunday initiative on Sunday 26th Sep 10.30am in CC. Research has shown that thousands of people would like to come to church, they are simply waiting for a friendly invitation. Please use the special invitations at the back of church and pray for this initiative.

Ministerial staff team: are meeting on Monday evening and will be looking at The Book of Nehemiah in the Old Testament; planning a sermon series and housegroup material for later in the year. As we consider the redevelopment plan and renewal of Christ Church, Nehemiah has much to teach us. Why not read the book now and tell us what you think? Simon.

Street Pastors: we thank God for the ministry of street pastors in Swindon and especially for Paul Rush, Maggie Gibbs, Lucy Hayward from our congregation as they minister on Friday/Saturday evenings 10pm-4am in the town centre. Also Sue Rush and Carol Simmons in their vital prayer support. There is a commissioning service for new street pastors on Fri 7.30pm at the Gateway Church in Westlea.

Our Ordinands: it is a great joy to welcome back David Austin today after his placement at Pinetown nr Durban, South Africa. Please pray for David as he returns to St Johns Durham later this month & looks for the right curacy after he is ordained next year. Similarly please pray for Teresa and Trevor as they return to their Stets training course in Salisbury and Ed as returns to Wycliffe Hall Oxford and considers possible curacies. We are delighted that Daphne Hardwick will start training for ordained local ministry at Trinity College Bristol – please pray for her preparations.

Christ Church redevelopment: Thank you for all your interest and submissions passed on over the last few weeks. They were all considered when the development group met last Thursday evening. A paper is being prepared this week for PCC members in advance of our meeting on Monday 27th September. Please pray for God's guidance on each step of this process.

Jason O'Sullivan: is running the Chippenham half marathon in aid of Threshold Housing Link on 12th September. If you'd like to sponsor him please ring him on 0777 543 7449.

Recital Sunday 12th September at 4pm in CC – Peter Eyles is giving a recital of organ and piano music before he leaves to study Geology at Liverpool University. Also performances of the Te Deum and Jubilate in D by Purcell, complete with strings and trumpets. Vocal soloists - Rachel Brooke, Carol Simmons, Sam Bayliss and Dick Millard. No charge but contributions will be gratefully accepted to cover the cost of music hire. Tea, coffee and home-made cake afterwards at about 5.15, provided by the Friends of Christ Church and there will be a raffle for the Friends.

Social Responsibility and the big society: a Christian perspective: Thursday 30th September 7.30pm at Immanuel URC, Upham Road. Chaired by Archdeacon Alan with Mike Fisher (from the Willows Counselling Service), our MP Robert Buckland and Revd Dr Simon Topping. For further details and to book a place please contact ISR on 491454 or isrswindon@ccisr.org.uk

Our Big Weekend: 15th, 16th, 17th October **More To Life; The Best Is Yet To Come** led by Revd John and Chris Samways. I am sure you will agree the programme looks very interesting - great fun is guaranteed. Grateful thanks to Peter Ford and the planning committee for the posters and leaflets. More information from Simon, Norma, Margaret Williams, Gareth Hutchinson, Cilla Slipper, Jim D'Avila, Roger & Maria Morcumb.

Ride and Stride: Please pray for the safety of cyclists, striders and welcomers in the Ride and Stride in aid of Historic Wiltshire Churches on Sat 11 Sept. Please sponsor and encourage Alastair Senior, James Harris, Simon Cox, Brian Gibbs, Daphne Hardwick, Carol and Colin Simmons and Caroline and Daniel Pitt, and anyone else who would like to join in; half the money raised comes back to us.

MU: All welcome to hear Tom Stevenette talking to Mothers' Union about his experiences in Vanuatu, on Wednesday 8 September, 2.15pm in the church centre

Weekday services: Morning Prayer: 9am Monday–Saturday. **Evening prayer:** Monday 5pm. **Not Thursday this week due to memorial service. Holy Communion –** Wed 10.30am.

This week: Mon 6th 1pm funeral in CC of Peggy Morse. **7.30pm** staff meeting at the vicarage. **Tues 7th 12.45pm** burial of Monica Curry in the burial ground. **Wed 8th 8pm-9pm** Prayer evening in CC. **Thur 9th 4.30pm** memorial service for Clive James in CC. **Fri 10th 12.30pm** Little Angels. **Sat 11th** Ride and Stride all day; **7.30pm-9.30pm** Peter Eyles rehearsing in CC.

Services for Next Sunday 12th September - 15th Sunday after Trinity.

At Christ Church: 8am: Holy Communion; **9.30am:** Family Holy Communion. **11.30am:** Searchlight. **At St Mary's 9am:** Holy Communion; **6.30pm:** Healing Service.

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Prayers:

- all those preparing for baptism
- our local schools as the new year begins
- preparations for the Alpha course and back to church Sunday

Those In Need Of God's Healing: Lyn Adams, Trevor Brigden, Barbara Charlwood, Ron Crafer, John French, Betty Griffiths, Zak Hobbs, Martin Lee, Sally Pearce, Joy Skinner, Cilla Slipper, Barbara Stillman, Linda Topp, Robert.

For those who are lonely, anxious and depressed that they would receive comfort, strength and support.

The friends & family of Peggy Morse, Monica Curry, Clive James, Peggy Featham who have recently died. For all those who continue to mourn and remember friends and family whose anniversaries fall at this time.