

St Mary's Newsletter

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Week beginning Sunday 20th March 2010



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

11.00am Parish Eucharist

President & Preacher: the Rev'd Sue Groom

12.15pm St Mary's APCM

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WE WELCOME all who join us for our service today....

From the Bishop of St Albans....

Dear Friends

We have been shocked by the devastation which hit Japan on Friday, following hard on the heels of the earthquake in New Zealand. The stories of human loss and suffering are beyond our imagination. I ask you to pray for these two regions of the world over the coming days and consider sending financial help.

Donations for Japan can be sent via Christian Aid
<http://www.christianaid.org.uk/emergencies/current/tsunami/index.aspx>. and other agencies named on the Diocesan website homepage or at
<http://www.stalbans.anglican.org/Mission/World-Development/International-Emergencies/Japan-Earthquake>

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

....A Prayer for the people of Japan

*O loving Creator,
bring healing and hope to our struggling brothers and sisters on earth.*

We pray for all in Japan who grieve, suffer pain, or whose homes have been destroyed by the earthquake and tsunami.

We remember those who have died and pray for those who mourn their deaths.

May your compassion, O God, calm troubled hearts and shelter anxious souls.

We dare to hope that through the generosity of the privileged, the destitute might find warmth and life again, and those who despair might glimpse hope.

We make our prayer through our Saviour Christ who

defeated death and reigns with you in glory. Amen.

....A Prayer for the People of New Zealand

God of consolation

grant to the people of Christchurch

the spirit of faith and courage to rebuild their lives.

May they have the strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience;

not sorrowing without hope

but clinging to your goodness and love,

through Jesus Christ who is the resurrection and the life, Amen.

....Julius Kalu and Lawrence Dena, Bishops of Mombasa, Kenya

....those who suffer in mind, body or spirit: Jean Mattock; Angie Rigney (Reader); Ann French; Wallace and Judy Clarke; the Rev'd Jim Broadbridge: Heather Jewell;

Tom and Eileen Vincent; James Lloyd; Anthony Smith
....those in care homes: Margaret Pickles; Jessie Child; Pat Cook.

....R.I.P. William Frederick Organ

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Monday 21st - 9.00am Morning Prayer

12 noon Funeral & burial ~ William Frederick Organ.

Tuesday 22nd - 7.00pm Choir Practice

8.00pm Bell Ringing Practice

Wednesday 23rd - 9.00am Morning Prayer

2.00pm Lent Course at 1 Jordan Close

**Friday 25th ~ THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD
TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

9.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 26th - 10am - 12 noon Church open

NEXT SUNDAY - 27th March 2011

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

11.00am Sung Eucharist President: the Rev'd Sue Groom

3.00pm Holy Baptism ~ Sydney Millicent Reid

NOTICES

Lent Lunch - The second of these will be on Wednesday 20th April - list at the back of the church.

Family Lunch - It is still hoped to hold a Family Lunch on Saturday 7th May - further details and list to follow.

There will be a plate at the back of the church for the next few weeks for contributions to help the Christian churches in Japan with their work in the wake of the tragedies there and towards rebuilding.

The Henlow Singers' Easter concert is on Monday 18th April at 7.30 pm in the church with Music for Holy Week. Admission £5 to include refreshments. Tickets available at the back of the church.

Biggleswade & District Choral Society invite you to a 'bring and sing'
Vivaldi 'GLORIA' & Purcell 'COME, YE SONS OF ART'
at **ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, LANGFORD**
on **Saturday 26th March, 2011 at 7.30pm**
Admission - £5.00 at the door.