

Welcome to



7 FEBRUARY 2010

9.15am EARLY START with HOLY COMMUNION

Theme: Life in the Credit Crunch - Give Generously

Bible Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 (pg 1162) **Preacher:** Revd Nicholas Pye

11am MORNING PRAYER

Theme: Growing in maturing - Paul and Timothy

Bible Readings: Matthew 9:35-10:16 (pg 974); 2Timothy 3:10-4:8(pg 1196)

Preacher: Revd Mavis Crispin

Hymns

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| 1. MP 486 Now thank we all our God | 2. MP 446 Lord thy word abideth |
| 3. MP 143 Fight the good fight | 4. MP 882 Lord of all hopefulness |

Prayer for today (2nd Sunday before Lent): *Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.. Amen*

Refreshments and prayer ministry are available after the service. The tape-recorded talks can be borrowed from the churchwardens. There are toilets (including a fully accessible one with baby changing facilities) in the annexe as well as in the foyer by the main entrance.

To help us view **giving** as integral to the Christian life, we take an offering towards the costs of our mission and ministry during our worship. If you give via our planned giving scheme, or are a visitor, please feel able to pass the offering basket on. If you are a visitor and would like to give something to God's work here, please use one of the white envelopes in the basket. If you pay UK income tax and fill in your name and address on the envelope, we can reclaim an extra 28% from HM Revenue and Customs — that's £1.40 for every £5 you generously donate.

St Paul's seeks to be an all-age and multicultural community of Christians committed to worshipping God, loving our neighbour, and enabling people to become life-long followers of Jesus Christ.

Space for your notes on the talk

A HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY TV SERIES

Episode 5 (Protestantism: The Evangelical Explosion) of this six-part TV series is on this coming Saturday (13th) on BBC2 at 6.15pm. The academic consultant for the series is John Wolffe - a member of St Paul's and Vice-Chair of the PCC, our leadership body - who is Professor of Religious History at the Open University. For more details see www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00ntrqh and www.open2.net/christianity/

SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY – ANY QUESTIONS?

At both morning services the talk/sermon will be replaced by a panel answering questions about anything to do with the Christian faith about which people would like to understand more. To assist the panel, please prepare your questions in advance. They can be submitted by writing them on cards which should be put in the designated box in the Annexe Hall today or via the church office email address.

INVITATION TO INVEST IN OUR VISION - PLEASE RESPOND

Church members are encouraged to return their response forms to Ian Stewartson, our treasurer, following the recent mailing inviting everyone to review their financial giving to St Paul's by Sunday 7 February. The PCC, the leadership body of St Paul's, will be agreeing the 2010 budget at its meeting on Monday 8 February.

THANK YOU

A very big 'Thank You' to all who contributed to Ro's welcome tea by bringing food, helping to prepare and clearing up - always the worst bit! Your help was really appreciated. Thank you too to all who contributed to the retiring offering for resources for Ro to use in her ministry. The total will be announced next week.

LAY ASSISTANT — SUNDAY LUNCH

We encourage everyone to consider inviting David for Sunday Lunch. All PCC members have entertained him and we would now ask that other church members follow our lead. This could be in the form of an informal light snack, or perhaps a few people gathering together to take him to a local restaurant or pub, or indeed a traditional lunch, whichever suits you best. Please put your name on the rota on the hatch in the annexe and David will contact you if he cannot make that date.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO TEARFUND'S APPEAL FOR HAITI

We thank God for his provision and to all who contributed towards Tearfund's Appeal for Haiti. A total of £915 (including gift aid) has been received. Any late contributions should be made direct to TearFund via their website or by phoning 0845 355 8355. See www.tearfund.org for more details and prayer pointers.

PLEASE PRAY - FURTHER UPDATE ON THE EQUALITY BILL

Following engagement with Church of England and Roman Catholic Bishops, the Evangelical Alliance and other Christian organisations, the House of Lords, on 25th January, rejected an ambiguous Government amendment to the Equality Bill which could have prevented churches and Christian organisations from appointing practising Christians to key roles. This week the government recognised this as a fair outcome and has announced that they will not seek to reverse the decision in the House of Commons. **Points for prayer:**

- Give thanks to God that his sovereign power is at work at the heart of the Government of our nation. Pray that this will continue to be the case.
- Pray for churches and Christian organisations, that they will understand the practical implications of equality legislation such as this and would be transparently fair in their dealings with people.

To watch a video of the Evangelical Alliance's Head of Public Affairs, Don Horrocks, talking about his work on the bill see www.eauk.org/articles/equality-bill-update.cfm

NEWS FROM BINSON MUSONGOLE

Binson, our Malawian-based world mission partner, had a minor stroke two weeks ago. He has had hospital treatment and appears to be making a good recovery. He is grateful for our prayers and values our concern and support at this time,

NEWS FROM JONNY VAUGHAN

I met up with Jonny, who was Lay Assistant here from 2006-08, while in Oxford this week and he asked to be remembered to us all. He is now half-way through his 3 year theological training course at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, prior to being ordained a deacon in the Church of England next summer. He has just finished his year as the college's senior student and is hoping to do a summer placement in the USA. He and Mandy, his American wife, have now been married for six months and hope to visit us sometime in the next few months. Nicholas

THIS WEEK

Mon	9.15am	Staff prayers
	8pm	PCC meeting in St Luke's Room
Tue	9.15am	Staff prayers followed by a staff meeting
	8pm	House-group meets at 87 Friern Park
Wed	8pm	Alpha Course 4th Session - Why and how should I read the Bible?
Thur	9.30am	Toddler Group
	1pm	Midweek prayer group
	8pm	JAM Youth Group meets at 3 Sunny Hill, Hendon
	8.15pm	House-group meets at 21 Briarfield Rd
Fri	9.30am	Toddler Group

NEXT SUNDAY - 14 FEBRUARY

ANY QUESTIONS?

9.15am **EARLY START** with children's groups
11am **MORNING PRAYER**

FUTURE DATES

Mon	15 Feb	Powerhouse Prayer Gathering in St Luke's Room
Wed	17 Feb	Ash Wednesday - 8pm Service at Christ Church North Finchley
Mon	22 Feb to 7 Mar	Fairtrade Fortnight (www.fairtrade.org.uk)

CONTACTS:

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OUR PRAYER FOR 2010

Gracious God, you call us to a living faith in Christ for the future as well as for the present; open our eyes to the opportunities before us in our church and community, and in the daily discipleship of our lives. May your Spirit sustain and nourish us in our journey, so that we can serve others effectively, and offer to all people your transforming love through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.