

29th March 2009– Lent 5

10.00 a.m. Morning Worship. Chris Harrison leads and Bob Taylor preaches on "Obedience." The reading is Mark 14: 32 - 39 (p. 1021 in the Bibles). There will be SKIDS and youth groups today

N.B. Please look at the Electoral Roll displayed in the lounge and make any necessary amendments to your entry. If you would like to be included on the Roll please complete a form, and return it.

*If you would like to pray with someone after the service please go the "Prayer Area" at the back of the church
Please stay for refreshments after the service
in the lounge*

11.30 a.m. Holiday at Home Committee Meeting in the chapel
12 noon Baptism – We welcome Simon and Micayla Barron, who bring their son Thomas for baptism.

7.30 p.m. Yfog – social @ The Parrs, 25 Watercress Way

Monday

7.30 p.m. Underground X (last of term)
8.00 p.m. Cross & Crescent Course continues

Tuesday

7.00 p.m. 16+ Social @ A2 – The Dark Knight

Wednesday

10.30 a.m. Toddler Service: *Make an Easter Basket!*
11.15 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel
7.30 p.m. Priggle – social @ A2

Thursday

10.00-2.00 Staff planning time

Friday

10.00 a.m. Study Group in the chapel
11.00 a.m. Brockhill Communion
12 noon Coffee Shop closes for Easter break
2.30 p.m. Craft Club in the lounge
8.00 p.m. Across Prayer Meeting @ 13 Evelyn Close

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion in the chapel
10.00 a.m. All Age Service followed by Celebration
Procession. Paul Donaghy leads and Chris Harrison preaches.

Church Family News

Can you help?

We are looking **for two households** to accommodate our two Gap year volunteers from September onwards. Full costs will be covered, and support given. Can you help?

'40 Days of Walking with Jesus' Drawing closer to Jerusalem

As we follow Jesus on his journey to the Cross, in the next three weeks, please use the Easter publicity to invite friends to share some of the journey with you. In particular, we are showing all four episodes of the BBC TV series, "**The Passion**", during the week. **Bring friends with you to that.**

On **Palm Sunday (5th April)**, we will again follow Harry the Donkey on a Celebration Procession around the shop area!

Maundy Thursday (9th April) - Agape

This is a 'Bring and Share meal' interspersed with a simple and informal Communion. Please sign the notice in the lounge if you are planning to come and also put your name against the item of food you will be bringing. *All welcome*

On **Good Friday (10th April)**, we will be re-enacting the Crucifixion story outside. Please see Ray Cook if you are willing to play a part or help with the sound and so on.

Most of all, please make changes to your diary so that you can take time **to make to most of this week. It is only ONE week a year!**

Can you spare an hour and a half per week?

Buzzy Bees is an after school club run on Lakeview every Wednesday for primary age children from 4.30 – 6p.m. and would like 2 more people to help run various activities. If you would like to help, please see Richard.

Prayer Meeting at Beaufort

On 30th March 12-15 – 12.45 there will be a prayer meeting at Beaufort School. All welcome!

Lost Property!

Today will be your last chance to redeem anything you might have lost at church! Any lost property not claimed will be taken to the Hospice Shop!

Amazing News!

At the Church Council, we heard that:

- ✓ There are plans to raise £1700 to complete the new Toilet Block @ Talents Children's Mission – watch this space – in May & June
- ✓ We agreed to buy two special 'Evac' chairs to help people get downstairs, in the event of a fire. If we needed an emergency evacuation from upstairs, these would help
- ✓ We are also looking to replace the 20+ year old cooker in the kitchen, with a new one!
- ✓ 'Goldsworth Park Together' (June 29- July 5) is a week of outreach shared by 3 churches – of which ours is one. **Make a date and get involved.**
- ✓ The Far & Near group will be launching a Bursary Scheme to encourage people to undertake Christian outreach activity
- ✓ The Giving of St. Andrew's members rose by 21% last year, and most arrived from June onwards. This means we have more than recovered the deficit from 2007. Praise God!
- ✓ The new pattern of Underground X, with fewer members, has been working very well
- ✓ Grace Owen, through her Will, has left a generous sum to St. Andrew's Church. **What are you doing with your Will?**

Mid-Wessex Christian Camps

Give your Mum a week off – go on the Mid Wessex Christian Camp!
Details from Bev Waters.

Church Annual Meeting – 26th April

At this important event, we shall be able to review the last year – 'How Good is the Lord!' and elect new people to serve in leadership. We are looking for TWO Church Wardens, and FOUR Church Council members. Please consider whether you can nominate someone, or stand yourself to serve in this way. The Church Council meets FIVE times in the year, usually on a Monday evening.

4th April Church Walk – Boxhill views!

The next walk is on Saturday 4 April. Meet at 10.30 am in the car park of 'The Stepping Stones' pub at Westhumble, which is close to Box Hill. After a 4 mile walk, with stunning views of the North Downs, there will be an optional pub lunch. Please see the notice in the church lounge or contact Mike Lidstone for further details.

Obedience – Hilary Lidstone

Submission is not a very 'cool' word today, largely because it has negative connotations. For instance we are told to submit to authority, but what happens if that person or institution is hypocritical or ungodly?

God has given us brains to help us make good decisions, and the only person we are honoured to submit to in service, is God and Jesus.

From the reading today we learn how difficult and heartbreaking it was for Jesus to face crucifixion and death for our sakes. He prayed earnestly to God to avoid this moment if at all possible.

However he was willing to do God's will whatever the cost, and this particular situation in Gethsemane he had to 'work out' with his father. Even his friends had fallen asleep, instead of supporting him.

May we use the next 2 weeks to live what it must have been like for Jesus, during his last week of earthly life. What a contrast between Palm Sunday and Easter!

In life today we may not understand fully the problems and situations we may have to face, but we do know that Jesus has offered to walk with us.

PEOPLE TO PRAY FOR

Tim, Sarah and Jacob Beasley

Ian, Alison, Jonathan and Hannah Cole

Iris Fisher

Diederik and Joy Harterink

Douglas, Debbie, Timmy and Benji Knox

Helen and Andrew Newell

Andy, Robyn, Luke and Emily Silber

Far and Near

The Cross & Crescent Course is going well. Pray that all who are involved will find ways of putting their training into practice. Pray too for Asif Mall as he has opportunities to speak in churches in Woking & Guildford. Last week, he was speaking at Surrey University to a mixed group of Christians and Muslims. Some of the Muslims were asking serious questions.

Pray too for his TV ministry, which reaches Urdu-speaking people all around Europe. Some of this audience want to follow Christ. There is a great cost to pay for some.