

UNITED BENEFICE OF CROMHALL, TORTWORTH, TYTHERINGTON, FALFIELD AND ROCKHAMPTON

'To see Christ in all and show Christ to the world'

Epiphany 3

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Year B

We welcome you to our services. In this newsletter you can find all you need to know about what is happening in our group of churches. If you are new or would like to know more about our activities, please speak to a leader after the service.

Website www.saintandrewscromhall.org.uk

Sunday

22nd January

Epiphany 3

United Benefice Service
10:00 Tytherington

Morning Prayer: Psalm 113; Jonah 3.1-5,10; John 3.16-21.

Readings: Genesis 14.17-20; Psalm 128; Revelation 19.6-10.

Gospel: John 2.1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Midweek Services

Tytherington	09:30	Thursday 26 th January	Said Eucharist
Tortworth	09:45	Tuesday 17 th January	Said Eucharist

Lent

22nd February 2012 onwards

A letter from Bishop Michael has been sent to every church about Lent. We are also hoping to run a lent course within the benefice. Bishop Michael has been looking at Lenten Fast and I thought it would be interesting to look at food and fast possibly including recipes and cooking. Those interested please contact Fiona 412449 or Rev Jenny 01453 890384

Benefice Diary and Prayer themes 22nd to 28th January 2012

Sunday:	Pray that we may notice the moments when God breaks through into our world
Monday:	Pray for everyone who has to work outdoors in cold or wet winter weather: farmers, builders, postal workers and many others
Tuesday:	Pray for the people of Syria in their struggle for freedom 12:30 Meeting with Area Dean 14:00 Meeting with Brian Allen Tytherington Baptist Minister 19:30 Leading worship group Falfield Church
Wednesday:	Conversion of Paul: pray that we may be open to being changed by the love of God 19:00 Governors Training: Mangotsfield
Thursday:	Pray for the ongoing talks in Jordan between Palestine and Israel 09:30 Holy Communion: St James Church, Tytherington 19:30 LMT Meeting: Gossington Pauline Godfrey attending
Friday:	Pray that we may remove the clutter from our lives, the better to see God
Saturday:	Thank God for small acts of kindness, as well as the big ones, and for the kindness of strangers

Please pray for those to be baptised today in any part of God's Kingdom and for their families and Godparents:

We pray for all in God's Kingdom who are sick, for their family and all those who care for them. Our prayers are asked for Clifford Barrington, John Carpenter, Beryl Constance, Gwen Beard.

Those with long-term illness:- Elsie Derrick, Georgie, Candy, Rodney, Rev Viv Kerner, John Cornock, Gerald Bishop, Dorothy Blair, Bishop Patrick and Peter Manley.

We pray for the family and friends of those who died recently: Molly Durston RIP

We pray for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

And we congratulate Ed and Laurie Dixon on the birth of their son Freddie, born this last week.

Next Week's Services

Sunday

09:30

09:30

11:00

11:15

11:00

29th January

Cromhall

Rockhampton

Falfield

Tortworth

Tytherington

World Leprosy Day

Epiphany 4

Eucharist

Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer

Eucharist

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Craft Group/Knit and Natter**11:30 Friday 3rd February 2012**

After a winter break, we are making twice monthly meetings of our craft group as 'Knit and Natter' at the Huntsman Inn. Everyone is welcome to join in even if you just want to natter! Further dates are 13th February, 5th and 19th March.

Further details contact Fiona Burchell 412449

Sparklers – Help required**First Friday in the month 2012**

Sparklers is a preschool group that meets on the first Friday of the month at Falfield Church, for craft, songs and stories about Jesus. If you would like to help out, even on an occasional basis, please contact Revd Jenny as this group is becoming very popular.

Contact Revd Jenny d'Esterre for further information on 01453 890384

St James' Church Open Morning: 10am -1pm**Saturday 17th March 2012**

We are looking for some help with our open morning in Tytherington. If you feel able to do any of the following: flower arrangements/demonstration, organ playing or bell ringing, serving refreshments, cake making for refreshments, some sharing of craft skills, or is happy just to help out please let us know. Everyone will be made welcome; young and old; on the day to join us and explore our beautiful church.

Contact Fiona Burchell; 412449 or Val Johnson; 417445 for further details

World Leprosy Day**Sunday 29th January 2012**

We shall be marking World Leprosy Day on Sunday 29th January. Leaflets and prayer cards will be available in all the churches of the benefice along with calendars for the week beginning 23rd which invite you to make a contribution for each day of that week, and gift envelopes. Your support for this would be welcomed.

Wedding Preparation Day**Saturday 10th March 2012**

Advanced notice for those getting married in the Benefice this spring/summer. A day workshop has been organised for you on the 10th March 2012, please bring a packed lunch. Everyone is expected to attend.

Contact Revd Jenny d'Esterre for further details 01453 890384

Volunteer Required**February 2012 onwards**

Help is required to deliver 25 5Alive magazines in the Leyhill area.

For further information please contact Tortworth Church Wardens: Hilary Legg or Peter Reeve, or email the benefice office united.benefice@btinternet.com.

Memory Café

14th February 2012

What is a Memory Café?

A Memory Café is an opportunity for people with varying degrees of memory loss and their carers to get together for coffee and a chat. It is planned to open a Memory Café in Thornbury starting in March of this year. To run it successfully we need volunteers with patience, understanding and a sense of humour.

How can you help?

If you think you fit the bill and would be prepared to commit two hours on a Tuesday morning just once or twice a month, then contact Audrey on 01454 412619.

There will be a briefing and training session for volunteers on Tuesday 14th February at 10.30am at Thornbury Methodist Church Hall. If you would like to come along you can discover whether or not the task is for you, without making any commitment.

For further information, contact Audrey on 01454 412619 or just come along on 14th February.

WILL VISITORS PLEASE NOTE that most of our churches have an Amplification and Loop System. If necessary, please switch your hearing aid to the "T" switch to make use of this.



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Would you like us to pray for someone? Would you like home communion? Fill in your details below and put this slip on the table by the front door.

Name Home Communion yes

Situation..... Prayer yes

Contact Details