

## Fellowship Lunch - Sunday 1st March

After the morning service on 1st March we will be coming together for a Fellowship Lunch - a hot meal, a time of fellowship, finishing with a short act of worship. Please take the opportunity to sign the list so that we can work out catering requirements. All are welcome!

**DEANERY SYNOD** - Tuesday 10th February at St. Barnabas, Oakhill Road. This is an Open Meeting for all church members looking at poverty in the Beckenham Deanery. The meeting starts at 8.00 pm.

**THE ARK** (Mother & Toddlers) Are looking for some bean bags for their reading corner. If you have one tucked away at home that you no longer use and would be willing to donate it to Ark, please contact Anne Straiton, Pat Freeman or Hayley Kembey. Thank you.



## CONCERT featuring Paul Field (Christian Singer/Songwriter)

Paul Field has been a Professional Composer, Songwriter, Singer & Record Producer for almost 30 years. He has won an Ivor Novello award from The British Academy of Songwriters. Paul is appearing in concert at Holy Trinity Church, Bromley Common on Friday 20th March at 7.30 p.m. Tickets £6.00 are available by contacting: Mr. B. Rickett, 3 Weald Close, Bromley BR2 8PD or email: rb3in1@lineone.co.uk. For more information about Paul go to the website: www.paulfield.com

**Advance notice : Work Morning** - on Saturday 28th February from 9.00 am we will be carrying out a few tasks around the church, the halls and grounds. This is a morning of housekeeping for the church family. We are all part of God's family in St. John's and we can all play a small part in keeping our grounds and buildings tidy and in good repair. Make a note in your diary now.

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## News & Notices for week commencing Sunday 8th February 2009

A very warm welcome to our services today. Please stay for refreshments after the morning service which will be served on the "old chancel". A hearing aid loop is available in all areas of the church.

### Sunday 8th February

- 10.00 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Nick Lang  
**Peter : from cowardice to courage**  
 (Acts 5: 12-32, John 13: 36-38 and 18: 12-19 & 25-27)
- 6.30 pm Celebration Praise- Alison Rose  
**Job : struggling in suffering**  
 (Job 19)

### Wednesday 11th February

- 10.45 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Nick Lang

### Sunday 15th February

- 10.00 am Morning Worship & Thanksgiving - Roger Clarke  
**Peter - learning to lead**  
 (Jonah 3: 1 to 4: 1 and Acts 11: 1 - 18)
- 6.30 pm Reflective/Holy Communion - Fi Nichols  
**Service of Reflection**

### Special prayer for the third Sunday before Lent

*Eternal God,  
 whose Son went among the crowds  
 and brought healing with his touch:  
 help us to show his love,  
 in your Church as we gather together,  
 and by our lives as they are transformed  
 into the image of Christ our Lord.  
 Amen*

Is there something you would like to pray about today? Someone will be available to pray with you in the Chapel after each service.

### Monday 9th February

- 8.45 am Parish Prayers
- 10.30 am The LINK – coffee followed by lunch from 12 noon
- 2.30 pm Women's Focus - Spending the kids inheritance! - Jef Foulger
- 7.30 pm CYFA
- 8.00 pm Homegroups

### Tuesday 10th February

- 10.00 am The Ark
- 8.00 pm Homegroups

### Wednesday 11th February

- 9.15 am Parish Prayers
- 10.45 am Holy Communion in the Chapel
- 10.30 am The LINK – coffee followed by lunch from 12 noon
- 5.30 pm Kingfishers
- 6.30 pm Kestrels

### Friday 13th February

- 8.45 am Parish Prayers
- 6.30 pm Friday Club

### Saturday 14th February

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#### **Please pray for –**

- ♦ *The family and friends of Betty Laverick who died recently. Betty's funeral will be at the Crematorium on Friday 13th Feb at 10.30 am.*
- ♦ *George Hobson - Hayley's father*
- ♦ *Baby Charlie Wilkins - and his parents Caroline & Craig*
- ♦ *Rev'd Nichola Jones - give thanks for her safe return to the UK*
- ♦ *Christine Kerry - Graham's sister*
- ♦ *Bronwyn - Fi's niece*
- ♦ *Lucy Murrell, Margaret's great niece, is being discharged from the anorexic hostel, back into the care of her family, school and local professionals. Much praise to God for answered prayer over the past 13 months.*

**HOLIDAY CLUB** - (17 - 20 February) Pray for the preparations, for the leaders and helpers and for the children who will come.

#### **Special prayer topics:**

- ♦ *Residents of Overstand Close*
- ♦ *Children and young people in our community*

### **TONIGHT: CELEBRATION PRAISE!**

Alison Rose will be preaching on "Job : struggling in suffering". Led by Liz Lander with Becky and band. Alison & Liz have been working together to make this a special opportunity for worship and praise! Coffee served from 6.15 pm.

*Next Sunday - Thanksgiving for Leila Babb-Benjamin. Please join with us in this special celebration with Montrose, Leanora and the family as we give thanks for Leila and welcome her into the family of St. John's*

**A big thank you!** to everyone who donated clothing (and money for coats), sleeping bags and blankets to be used by London City Mission supporting homeless people. It is much needed and gratefully received. It is not too late to donate as I will be taking one more load up in around two weeks time. Many thanks. Tim

### **W2W : Ladies' Pampering Evening Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March (7.00 - 10.00 pm)**

Mothers' Day is approaching so why not invite someone special to this event! Treatments can be booked in advance. (see the leaflet enclosed with these notices.)

Please see Anne, Hayley or Azuka for tickets  
(£5 – includes ticket/drink & prize draw)



### **Msalato Theological College**

We have heard from Rev'd Charles Mwiambi this week. The harvest is failing in the areas around Dodoma. They had rain at first and the crops grew well, but no rain for three weeks in blistering heat has meant that the crop is withering in the ground. Pray for them and for a miracle.

**1st Tuesday** - We are sorry we had to cancel last Tuesday's meeting because of the bad weather. This has now been rescheduled for the 1st Tuesday in March. We will be looking at the recession - how is it impacting and what should be our response in our community.

An important issue for all of us. People around us are being affected. How does the Bible help us? What is our role as Christians? What might be our response as the church, at the centre of our community? A time of reflection, discussion and prayer led by Carol Morrison.