

# News@St.George



THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF  
ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, NAILSWORTH  
Vicar: Reverend Stephen Earley  
SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2012

## WELCOME

A very warm welcome to all our regular worshippers and visitors alike. We hope you enjoy our worship and please speak to Janice or Clare, one of our stewards, or fill out a yellow Welcome card if you would like to know more about our church. Please join us for refreshments in our Parish Room after the service. Please take this sheet home with you and maybe pass it on to a friend. With love, Stephen.

## THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

9.30am Family Communion

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## THIS WEEK AT ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

Monday, 6 February	9.00am Prayer Group
Tuesday, 7 February	9.30am Home Start ( <i>until 12.30pm</i> ) 11.30am Funeral of Daniel Donohue 7.30pm House Group ( <b>Tel 834613</b> for venue)
Wednesday, 8 February	10.00am Holy Communion 12 Noon Christian Aid Lunch 2.00pm Visiting and Befriending Group
Thursday, 9 February	7.45am PSALMS Prayer Group 7.30pm House Group ( <b>Tel 833315</b> for venue)
Friday, 10 February	9.30am <i>Little Angels</i> (Baby and Toddler) Service 7.00pm Choir Practice
Saturday, 11 February	9.00am Queen's Jubilee Meeting 2.30pm Wedding of George Saddington and Georgina Curtis

### THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

<b>Sunday, 12 February</b>	9.30am Family Communion 6.30pm Ecumenical Taize Service at <b>the Arkell Centre, Forest Green</b>
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### PLEASE PRAY FOR

THOSE WHO ARE IN RESIDENTIAL HOMES - Barbara Allan, Connie Innes,  
Dr Monica McClaren.

THOSE WHO ARE ILL - Louise Cook, Bob Godden, Cynthia Beavis, Paul  
O'Keeffe, Sheila Tout, Sheila Reubinson, Rosa Smith, Wilf Hartley

DEPARTED - Karin Mountain, Dorothy Blair, Ethel Pearce

### PRAYER WALKING THE STREETS

Stroud Road

**Taize Ecumenical Service** – This monthly Service, led by Sian Collins, will be held at the Arkell Centre next Sunday at 6.30pm. It is a very enjoyable, peaceful and reflective service with unaccompanied singing.

**Lee Abbey** - After his own retreat there recently, Stephen has suggested it would be good to take a group from the Benefice to Lee Abbey, the Christian Conference, Retreat and Holiday Centre in North Devon. There is a suitable weekend on Friday the 28th-Sunday 30th September. They have 7 twins and doubles and 5/6 triples available (there are no single rooms) They will hold them for 2 weeks. The cost is £136 full board. Could anyone who is interested sign up on the notice in the Parish Rooms and/or speak to Stephen or Muriel Morrissey.

### **Nativity Scene –**

Thanks to Rosemary and John for our ever-changing story of the nativity over the Christmas season and for dismantling and putting to bed all their models. Much appreciated. *Stephen*

With the passing of the Sundays of Epiphany we really leave Christmas behind us once again and I need to share with you all my great joy at the tableau in the Lady Chapel. I'm sure I'm not alone in that blessing and I just wanted to thank John and Rosemary for helping us all to share the Holy Family's experience of their journey to the Registry Office 2000 years ago – the birth of the King of Kings – and the visitations of shepherds and Wise Men. Thank you so much John and Rosemary. And only 9 weeks more to Easter.....Margaret

**Lent Courses** - this year we are reverting to a York Course entitled "Handing on the Torch -sacred words for a secular church. "The course looks at changing attitudes to the church in 5 sessions - A Christian Country. A secular society? A beleaguered church. Competing creeds? Handing on the Torch. - and will provoke and encourage much thought and discussion. See the sign up lists and register!

**Mother's Union** - Wednesday February 15th Evening Mothers Union will meet 7.30pm in the Parish Room. We are lucky to have Elizabeth Houghton from Amberley MU who will tell us about her volunteering last year to help out on a Medical Ship. All members and friends welcome

**Churches Together Lunch** – I trust those who were able attend enjoyed this get together and got a chance to make new friends. Many thanks to those who produced lovely desserts – I have passed on our thanks to Christchurch for hosting and the tasty lasagnes. In total we made a profit of £252, which will be shared between Christchurch and St Georges and go into the PSALMS funds. *Karen*

**Marriage Preparation Day** - We have 20 couples marrying in our Benefice this year and 14 couples are attending our Marriage Preparation Day which will be held on Saturday 18th February in our Parish Rooms. Could anyone willing to make a dessert please speak to Helen.

**Sports Academy Meals** - A BIG thank you. I have filled all the slots now. *Karen*

**Funding Applications** – Is anyone willing to submit funding applications to various charitable bodies to raise funds towards our cost for PSALMS? If so, please speak to Stephen.

### **ANTHEM**

Don't you know the everlasting God  
Never grows tired or weary?  
Those who trust in him for help,  
They will find their strength is renewed,  
They will rise, they will rise,  
They will rise on eagles, wings.  
They will run, they will run,  
They will run and never tire.

To make you smile:

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

<p>The Editor for the period <b>29<sup>th</sup> January to 19<sup>th</sup> February</b> inclusive is KAREN WHEELER on 01453 839304. Items can be handed in or e-mailed to <a href="mailto:newsletter@stgeorgesnailsworth.org.uk">newsletter@stgeorgesnailsworth.org.uk</a> by 6.00pm each Thursday</p>
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