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THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF
ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, NAILSWORTH
Vicar: Reverend Stephen Earley
SUNDAY 15th JANUARY 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 SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Family Service

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK AT ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, CHRIST CHURCH, FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE AND WOODCHESTER PRIORY

Monday, 16 January 9.00am Prayer Group
7.30pm PCC Meeting
Tuesday, 17 January 2.30pm Funeral of Dorothy Blair
7.30pm House Group (*to be confirmed*)

START OF WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (18 – 24 JANUARY)

Wednesday, 18 January 10.00am United Holy Communion Service
11.00am United Service at **Friends' Meeting House**
12 Noon Christian Aid Lunch
7.30pm Mothers' Union Annual Meeting
Thursday, 19 January 7.45am PSALMS Prayer Group
11.00am (*until 11.30am*) Women's World Day of Prayer planning meeting
7.00pm United Service at **Christ Church**
7.30pm House Group (*to be confirmed*)
Friday, 20 January 9.30am *Little Angels* (Baby and Toddler) Service
7.00pm Choir Practice
Saturday, 21 January No Parish Room bookings to date

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Sunday, 22 January 9.30am Family Communion
6.30pm United Service at **Woodchester Priory**

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, Sylvia Porter, Sheila Reubinson.

DEPARTED - Karin Mountain, Dorothy Blair.

PRAYER WALKING THE STREETS

Burford Ground

PSALMS Prayer Group – Ruth Graveling would like to remind everyone that as from **12 January** this group will resume meeting each Thursday morning to pray from 7.45 to 8.45am in the Parish Room. All are welcome at these sessions. Ruth finds this a big encouragement and it is a good opportunity to learn more about the work of PSALMS.

Update from Nailsworth PSALMS Steering Group Meeting –

Holiday Club: We would like to run a holiday club with Christ Church called 'On your Marks' for three mornings in the summer half-term, 6-8 June, in Nailsworth Primary School. Whether this can go ahead really depends on whether we can find sufficient volunteers. It will be run by Fiona Gill in Minchinhampton over the Easter holiday and she is willing to help us run this in Nailsworth. I know it's a busy week but I'm sure it will be fun. If you are interested in being involved please speak to Karen Wheeler.

PSALMS Newsletter: I have put this on the notice board so you can read more about what has been and will be happening in the Stroud area.

The Games: Just to let you know Nailsworth Primary School have accepted the offer of this morning activity offered by PSALMS with an Olympic style opening ceremony, followed by a sports zone and reflective zone and then a closing ceremony.

Sports Academy Meals: Thanks to everyone who helped last term, hopefully the smaller group gave you a better chance to get to talk to the trainees. This session has now moved to a Monday evening and I still have a few slots to fill in Feb/Mar for providing an evening meal. Please speak to Karen if you can help.

Prayers: Thank you to everyone who has been praying for this work – it really does make a difference. *Karen*

PSALMS Steering Group – There will be a meeting of this Steering Group on **Tuesday, 19 January** at 7.30pm at Ruth Moxham's.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Please see p.2 for details of the united services being held this week on Wednesday and Thursday and next Sunday. Please try to support these various services and especially the service at Woodchester Priory where we are always offered refreshments and warm fellowship.

Churches Together Lunch , Sunday 29 January – We will be having lasagne followed by a choice of desserts, at 12.00 for 12.30pm in the Sawyer Hall at Christ Church. Tickets are £5.00 for adults, £2.50 for children and are available now from Karen Wheeler. As before all profits will be going to the work of PSALMS in Nailsworth. Please could you also tell me if you are willing to produce a dessert for 8-10. Many thanks. *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.

Sheila Tout writes: “Hello everybody at St George’s. I’m home but can’t get about – when I wasn’t looking they removed half my leg. I do appreciate all the cards, visits and ‘phone calls I have had. Thank you all, and I am now open for visitors, door unlocked. *Sheila*”

House Groups – The meeting of the Tuesday and Thursday House Groups last Thursday evening, 12 January will have discussed what book(s) should be used in the coming session of meetings and whether the two groups should now go back to meeting on two days a week as previously or continue meeting all together on Thursdays. The decision made, which is after the deadline for this Newsletter, will be advised today.

2011 Annual Report – John Davis thanks all the contributors who got their reports in on time!

Our CMS Partners in India – A recent e-mail has been received, see separate sheet.

THE BIRTHDAY SONG

A happy birthday to you, a happy birthday to you,
Every day of the year may you feel Jesus near,
A happy birthday to you, a happy birthday to you,
And the best one you’ve ever ha-a-ad!

The Editor for the period **1st to the 22nd January** inclusive is LYNNE BULLEY on 01453 836221. Items can be handed in or e-mailed to newsletter@stgeorgesnailsworth.org.uk by 6.00pm each Thursday

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An e-mail from Rine, Dave, Sem and Joanna – our CMS Partners in India

To our dear friends at St Georges Nailsworth,

We hope you all had a really good Christmas and wish you a very blessed 2012.

We hope you received our latest Link Letter which was sent off just before Christmas.

We were very busy over the Christmas season with different events and get togethers which was great but also quite exhausting as it involved a lot of travelling across the city.

Christmas was very different for us this year as there was definitely more of a feel of it being a Christian festival rather than a commercial season of buying gifts and eating lots of food, although we certainly had our fill of community feasts!

On Boxing Day we left for a week's break to Mussoorie, which is a small hillstation outside Delhi. It was our first holiday since June so we were definitely ready for the break. We got to breathe some fresh mountain air and even got to see the stars! the kids enjoyed being able to run around outside and have some freedom.

We have now both dived straight back into work. Dave even had the very strange experience today of meeting a couple of local mafia goons!

He and his colleagues had gone to visit a community who had been displaced relatively recently by the Delhi government (we mentioned them in our last newsletter). This particular community had been granted a relatively good relocation land as many of them are physically disabled, and Habitat are working with another group to build the new homes. During their visit to the site today 2 men looking very stereotypically shady came and interrupted the gathering and created a bit of a commotion. Dave and the rest of the team had to leave earlier than planned as these guys were on their mobiles phoning for back-up. These mafia lot weren't very impressed to discover that there was an NGO ready to build homes for the community. Land is very expensive in Delhi and prices are constantly on the rise so in many cases these groups build homes for the resettled people, and when they do they fiddle with the papers and deeds so that the property would end up in their hands rather than in the hands of the needy families. We would appreciate your prayers for this disabled community that they would be safe from the intimidation of these goons and be able to settle into their new place in peace and that their new homes would also be built in good spirit. In such situations and in others it sometimes feels like the darkness is so thick, please pray with us that the

light will continue to shine in the darkness and and that the power of Jesus will be seen in these situations.

My work is going well too, I am currently wearing so many 'hats' that sometimes I wonder if I've taken on a bit too much. Anyway, its all really interesting and rewarding and also very humbling to work with people who remain so strong despite their circumstances.

Sem is enjoying the last week of his school holiday. He is very into football now and enjoys playing and also watching matches on the TV! Joanna will also be starting at playgroup from next week, I will work at her playgroup on the two days that she attends to keep costs down. She is growing up very fast and has a very cheeky sense of humour. They enjoy playing together, which is a real blessing for us.

Please do send us your news and prayer requests too - it'd be good to have specific things we can pray about. Our greetings to the church family.

Love from us,
Rine for the Ingleby family