

Rector's Ramblings

February 2007 - No 3

Dear Friends,

Lent and Easter

It seems like five minutes since Christmas, but we are already rapidly approaching Lent and Easter!

Lent begins with a service of Holy Communion at 8pm on Ash Wednesday, 21st February. Can I encourage you to come to this service? It is a good way to start Lent, and can help to demonstrate (to yourself as much as anyone!) that you are taking Lent seriously. If you need a lift to Church, please let me know.

During Lent the house groups will be looking at our work/life balance using a 5 week course written by Robert Warren and Sue Mayfield. The course aims to "examine our patterns of work rest and play and to look afresh at our values and life principles". This is a very relevant course, and I hope many of you who do not currently attend a house group will attach yourself to one especially for Lent. You will be made very welcome: please contact Kathy or Mike English on 440781 and they will point you in the right direction.

I'm not that hot on giving things up in Lent, but a positive self-discipline can be really helpful. Why not make a point of coming to Friday prayers during Lent? Who knows, it might just become a habit! We meet at 7.00am in Church, and you will be given a warm, if slightly sleepy, welcome.

With every blessing,



Contact details

I would be glad to receive your comments or suggestions about any aspect of the life of All Saints!

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| 21st Feb. Ash Wednesday | 8.00pm Holy Communion |
| 5th April Maundy Thursday | 8.00pm Holy Communion |
| 6th April Good Friday | 2.00pm Hour at the Cross 7.00pm Good Friday Worship |
| 8th April Easter Day | 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Holy Communion |

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Baby Church is born!

The crèche on Sunday mornings has a new name, and a new look! From now on, it will be called Baby Church, and will have more structured activities, especially for the older children, and will generally be lots of fun! If you would like to know more, speak to Kate Salkield or Julia Chamberlin.

Small Hall

As part of the launch of Baby Church, the opportunity has been taken to have a good look at the Small Hall, in particular looking at health and safety issues. As a result, I have agreed to a general tidy of the Small Hall, and a couple of the less safe filing cabinets will be removed. The remaining cabinets, and the banner cupboard, will have child locks fitted. You will also see some brightly coloured posters to help cheer up the room. Of course, this will also make the room more pleasant and safe for the other groups that use the hall. I hope you will like the new look Small Hall - if you have any comments or concerns about this, please do speak to me.

Commitment Sunday

I have been encouraged by the response to Commitment Sunday. The task of looking at the forms that have been returned will begin shortly. I will let you know the overall results in a future Rector's Ramblings. Although the date has passed, you can still return your form to the Church Office, or place it in the postbox in the foyer - they will be considered whenever they come in!

I'd just like to clarify a misunderstanding that has arisen: I do not know, and deliberately choose not to know, how much individuals within the congregation give, whether through standing order or otherwise. Only the Gift Aid Officer and Treasurer have access to this information. In the light of that, can I please record my grateful thanks to all who have given so generously to God and his church over the past year - it really is appreciated!

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