

Parish News

11th March, 2007

Parish Office Opening hours:
10am -12 noon Tuesday – Friday
Telephone number 01562 751923

Sunday March 11th

12.30am Austerity Lunch at Franche Baptist
St Barnabas' Annual meeting after their service
St Oswald's Annual Meeting will be after service

Monday March 12th

4.00pm at Essence in St Barnabas' Church hall

Thursday March 15th

12.00-2.00pm Lent lunch at 186 Birmingham Road
with Rose in aid of Bishop's Let Appeal to assist in the task of theological education in Peru, on behalf of St Oswald's. Lunch will be £2.50 for cheese, bread and soup. Please let Rose know on K748274 or Ros on K751265 if you would like to attend – for catering purposes.
4.00pm Group Council meeting
8.00pm Adult Essence at St Barnabas' Church

Saturday March 17th

10.00am Stewards meeting in St Mary's Church. St Mary's will feature on BBC 4 sometime in April so we need to be prepared for any extra visitors this may bring. Please do consider helping us with Stewarding. Just one hour a week will help! Further information from Peggy Guest on K823530.

Mothering Sunday March 18th

St Mary's Ladies Fellowship will be providing flowers for St Mary's congregation this year

Monday March 19th

7.30pm at St Mary's: Holy Communion
St Joseph of Nazareth
7.30 Warden's Meeting in Parish Office with visitation papers
7.30pm St Mary's Friends Council meeting in Chantry.
(altered from 12th)

Friday March 23rd:

JC Today at St Mary's
7.30pm at St Barnabas'. Robert Barber will be giving an illustrated talk on shops and businesses in Kidderminster

Saturday March 24th

Bells Competition at St Mary's

Sunday March 25th

6.30pm at St Barnabas': Service to commemorate 200th anniversary of the abolition of slavery in the UK; and to highlight the need to continue campaigning to end slavery around the world. Planned and led by the young people of St Barnabas'

Monday March 26th

7.30pm Holy Communion at St Mary's Church: The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary
7.30pm Holy Trinity Annual Meeting at 27 Chichester Avenue

Wednesday March 28th

10.00am St Mary's School at St Mary's
10.15am Arch Hill home communion
Noon: Team Rectors' meeting in Parish office
7.30pm Ladies Fellowship Social evening in Chantry

Thursday March 29th

7.30pm St Peter's Annual meeting at Shatterford

Friday March 30th: Magazine published for April/May
9.30 Upper Arley School Easter Service at St Peter's

Monday April 16th

7.30pm St Mary's Annual Meeting

Monday April 23rd

7.30pm Annual Parish Meeting

Ecumenical Lent Groups:

The Group sponsored by Trinity Methodist Church meet at **504 Chester Road South on Thursdays** at 10.15am for **10.30am** led by Revd. Mary Austin. First meeting **1st March.**

The group sponsored by Broadwaters Methodist Church and St Oswald's Church will meet at **Broadwaters Methodist Chapel on Tuesdays at 7.30pm** led by Revd. Rose Lawley. First meeting **27th February.**

The group sponsored by St Ambrose meet at **69 Baldwin Road on Mondays at 2.30pm** led by Peter and Tess Grantham. **First meeting 26th February**

The group sponsored by St Mary's meet at **the Vicarage, 22 Roden Avenue on Wednesday at 2.30pm** led by Owain. **First meeting 28th February.**

The group sponsored by St Barnabas' meet at **44 Nursery Grove on Fridays at 7.30pm** led by a member of St Barnabas'. **First meeting 2nd March.**

We shall all be using a course designed by Church House publishing called 'Life Source'; This is a five session course focussing on 1st week, Source of Life - prayer as relationship. 2nd Source of joy – prayer as enjoying God. 3rd Source of light – prayer as listening. 4th Source of wholeness – prayer as honesty. 5th Source of love – prayer as care.

Each participant will need a course booklet. The leader will be responsible for ordering the booklets.

Being a Christian in...

A follow up to the Beta course to further explore how as Christians we deal with different situations we encounter as part of our living: 8 sessions - taking place on **Tuesday evenings** starting a **7.30pm** on the following dates: **27th February, 13th March, 27th March, 24th April, 8th May, 22nd May, 12th June and 26th June.**

led by either Mary Austin or Owain covering the following topics: Relationships: Suffering: Forgiveness and reconciliation: Coping with stress. Depression; Healing.

Venue: Trinity Methodist Lounge.

Please make sure you return your Electoral Roll form

A re-reading of the 'rules' has enabled the Bishop to extend Owain's Licence after all. We were getting rather near the wire!