

Parish News

18th March, 2007

Parish Office Opening hours:

10am -12 noon Tuesday – Friday

Telephone number 01562 751923

Mothing Sunday March 18th

St Mary's Ladies Fellowship will be providing flowers for St Mary's congregation this year
(Thank you to those who prepared them)

Monday March 19th

4.00pm Kids @ Essence in St Barnabas' Church Hall

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

11.00am at St Mary's: Owain to welcome bellringers and do the draw for ringing order for an eliminator for the **National 12 Bell Competition**. The seven bands will ring in turn until about 3.00pm. Tea and coffee available in Church and Chantry. **Do come along to give your support**. Stewards will show you where to park.

Sunday March 25th

6.30pm Service at St Barnabas': Service to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the abolition of Slavery in the UK; and to highlight the need to continue campaigning to end slavery around the world. Service is planned and led by the young people of St Barnabas'
(Farewell Service at St George's for Nick Barker)

Monday March 26th

7.30pm Holy Communion at St Mary's:

The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

7.30pm Holy Trinity Annual Meeting at 27 Chichester Avenue

Wednesday March 28th

10.15. Arch Hill Home Communion

Noon: Team Rectors' Meeting in St Mary's Parish Office

7.30pm Ladies Fellowship Social Evening in Chantry

Thursday March 28th

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 Committee 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 was on **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 was on **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 was on 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 was on 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 was on 2nd March**.

We are 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 needs a course booklet. The leader is responsible for ordering them.

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 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

St Mary's 100 Club latest winners: Freda Salter, Sue Beard and Gwyneth Mansell.

Please make sure you pick up your Holy Week and Easter Service leaflet!