

PRAYER DIARY : 8th – 14th March

ST JOHN'S, FELBRIDGE

Jesus said, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.'
John 14 v.1

7th March 2010
3rd Sunday of Lent



*"Come near to God and he will come near to you."
 "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up"*
James 4:8 & 10

MONDAY 8th Pray for our Mission Partners, Mark and Heather Dadds, working with Church Army in London, and the two new initiatives at the Marylebone Project - TimeBank (see article in parish mag) and the Gym. Pray that homeless women using the hostel will regain their lives with the help of these facilities, and use their skills to reconnect them with their local community.

TUESDAY 9th Praise God that the 'FREE' mission to students in London, organised by UCCF, went so well. Natasha and the team were very encouraged, and ask us to continue praying for all those students who expressed an interest or wanted to know more - that they may be followed up effectively and faithfully, and that many of them will come to a genuine belief and trust in Jesus.

WEDNESDAY 10th Uphold any families who may be experiencing problems over their choice of secondary school for their children, that they may be able to entrust the future to God and know his peace. Pray too that the children in Year 6 will be excited rather than fearful about moving to their new schools, and encouraged by their teachers and families.

THURSDAY 11th Intercede especially for all those who have been so terribly affected by natural disasters in the past few weeks - those in Haiti and Chile whose lives have been torn apart by the severe earthquakes, and those in France and the north of England who have been made homeless in the floods. Pray that they may all receive adequate help and support, now and in the future.

FRIDAY 12th Pray for our Mission Partners, the Leakes and the Laceys, who have now returned to Argentina and Uganda after a few weeks in the UK. Pray for them as they settle back into their work routines and pastoral opportunities, and pray particularly that Allan's broken ankle will soon heal completely, and he will regain full mobility.

SATURDAY 13th Pray for the group from St John's who are going up to London today for a day conference entitled 'The God Confusion'. Pray for safe travelling, good fellowship, and a worthwhile time. Continue to pray for all those of our church family who are suffering in various ways - ill-health, surgery, frailty, and family problems - that we may support and encourage one another.

SUNDAY 14th On this Mothering Sunday, let's give thanks for the role our own mothers played in our lives, and uphold all the Mums we know; that they may provide a stable, loving home for their children, and bring them up to know and love the Lord and live lives that are pleasing to him. Pray too for all those who teach our young people, that they may have a wise and godly influence.

Please phone any items for praise or prayer to Anne Butler on 313640

A PRAYER FOR TODAY

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

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES

Please join us for Fair trade coffee or tea in the hall, after the 10.00am service.

10am	Morning Prayer (light green)
Exodus 12:31-51	p.69 Olga Cross
John 19:31-37	p.1088 Brenda Wilkinson
Prayers:	Steve Granger
Preacher:	Stephen Bowen – 'The God who Calls us to Himself'

6.30pm	Holy Communion (lilac)
Colossians 1:1-14	p.1182 Ray White
John 15:9-17	p.1083 Anne White
Prayers:	Stephen Bowen
Preacher:	Michael Peach – 'Faith in Christ'

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	Today	Next Week
Coffee	Team E	Team A
Crèche	Adrian Young	No Crèche

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Humpty Dumpty Playgroup meets on –
Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri.

THIS IS A HOMEGROUP WEEK

Tuesday 9th March

12.45pm *Food for Thought* at West Street Baptist

Wednesday 10th March

2.00-4.00pm “*Watercolour on Wednesdays*”

5.00pm *Brownies*

7.30-8.30pm *Keep-fit* in hall

Friday 12th March

5.45pm *Rainbows*

7.00pm *Guides*

Saturday 13th March

1.00-6.00pm Private hire of hall

NEXT SUNDAY: 14th March 2010

Lent 4, Mothering Sunday

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION

Preacher: Stephen Bowen

10.00am FAMILY SERVICE

Preacher: Michael Peach

6.30pm EVENING PRAYER

Preacher: Stephen Bowen

ARE YOU NEW TO ST JOHN'S? – HELPFUL HINTS

If you are new to St John's, we are delighted to see you! Please do fill in a Welcome card (in the pews or at the back of church), which will help us to get to know you. Please place in the collection bowl or give to a sides person or warden.

If you would like to make use of the crèche and don't know where it is, please just ask one of the sides people. The service is broadcast in the crèche room. Someone will come and get you from church if your child needs you.

Junior Church: Climbers start at age 3, then Explorers for the next age group and Light Eagles for years 5 & 6. **Jaffa club** meets once a month (school Years 3-6) on a Thursday. All full of fun and activities, learning about God and making friends. Ask for more details. All children welcome, regularly or occasionally!!

Hymns/songs are projected onto the screen at the front of church. If you would prefer to use a book, there are red hymnbooks (red numbers) in the pews and blue/green books (black numbers) at the back.

A collection bowl is at the back of church for any gifts you may wish to make. Gift Aid envelopes are available for tax effective giving.

If there are people to contact on the notice sheet who you do not know, please ask a sides person or warden (they have badges on), who will be pleased to help.

NOTICES

1. The Family service this month will be next week on the 14th March when there will be a special **Mothering Sunday Family service**. Do come and bring lots of mums! If you came today expecting a family service, then we look forward to seeing you again next Sunday!!

2. **"The God Confusion"** - Joint London Men's and Women's Convention is this Saturday 13th March at ExCeL, London. A great day conference, £30 (£25 for senior citizens). If you would like to go, please speak with Michael immediately.
3. This month our **Mission focus** is on **Church Army**. Please look at the noticeboard at the back of church, or speak to Di Giles for more info.
4. **The March magazine** is out at the back of church. Full of articles, important information and dates, plus pages for the children. Get yours for just 40p – pass one to a friend or neighbour.
5. 14th March is the **last date** for articles for the **April magazine**. Please pass to Louise Russell.
6. You can now read the latest edition of the *Parish News* when you are away from home by logging on to the church web site at www.stjohnsfelbridge.com/parish-magazine. We would be interested in your comments, so please talk to Gordon Wilkinson.
7. Look out for the leaflets to deliver around the parish inviting people to the Easter services. They will be available towards the end of the month.
8. You are invited to pray and to nominate people to be on the church PCC. We need 2 wardens and 5 PCC members this year. Ask Stephen or one of the wardens for more details.
9. **TODAY** is the last date to join the **electoral roll** if you are not already on it (No charge!) It indicates that you are a member of St John's. Fill in a form **in church** or put it through the vicarage letter box **today**. If you want to know more about it, please ask Brian Starr, Stephen or one of the wardens. There are forms at the back of church.
10. LOVE CHANGES EVERYTHING – see Archbishop Desmond Tutu's article in **Inspire magazine** about Church Army's Xplore programme for young people. Also, read about worship pioneer Ishmael and 'Pat Mother' a Norfolk woman who has spent years transforming the lives of some of India's elderly and destitute women. There's lots more ... Pick up your **free** copy at the back of church.
11. **Forward dates for your diary:-**
 - **17th March** *Prayer on Wednesday* 8.00pm
 - **21st March** *Raise the Roof* (please do!) worship service at 5.00pm – see p.13 in the magazine.
 - **26th/27th March** Prayer 24 hour – see Louise Russell for more details.
 - **27th March** 'Harmonie' concert –see page 17 of magazine for further details.
 - **28th March** Start of **British Summer Time** – don't forget clocks move forward one hour!
 - **28th March** Trusting you have changed your clocks and will be at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 11.15am, after the morning service.
 - **1st April** *Jaffa* club Easter Special – more information on Page 3 of the March magazine.