

## DIARY OF EVENTS

MON 20th	9.00am	Morning Prayer - Church
	2.00pm	Art Group - Church Centre Activities Room
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice - Church
	7.30pm	Estates Committee - Church Centre Upper Room
TUES 21st	9.00am	Morning Prayer - Church
	2.30pm	Holy Communion - Cherry Trees Nursing Home
	7.00pm	Pilates - Church Centre Activities Room
	7.30pm	Bilton Junior School - Church Centre Upper Room
WED 22nd	10.00am	Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes - Church
	1.30pm	Lionhearts - Church Centre Activities Room
	7.00pm	Pilates - Church Centre Activities Room
	7.30pm	Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes - Church
THURS 23rd	9.00am	Morning Prayer - Church
	9.45am	Holy Communion - Stacey Court
	2.00pm	Stepping Stones - Church Centre Upper Room
	2.30pm	Darby & Joan - Church Centre Activities Room
	2.30pm	Holy Communion - Sedlescombe Nursing Home
	4.00pm	Healing Prayer - Church Centre Upper Room
	7.30pm	Property Group - Church Centre Upper Room
FRI 24th	2.00pm	Magazine Collation - Church Centre Activities Room
	6.45pm	Choir Practice - Church Centre
SAT 25th	2.00pm	Wedding of Neal Chauhan & Samantha McGowan

### Sunday 26th February 2012 The First Sunday of Lent

8.00am	Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
10.00am	Holy Communion (Contemporary Language)
11.30am	Prayer Circle Meeting - Church Centre Upper Room
6.00pm	South Aisle Worship

**Readings:** **8am and 10.00am:** Genesis 9: 8017; 1 Peter 3: 18-end  
**6.00pm:** Mark 1: 9-15

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Worshipping God  
Sharing his love  
Making him known

Sunday 19th February 2012  
*The Sunday Next Before Lent*

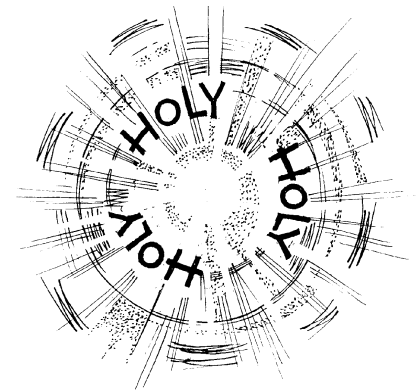
## Welcome to St Mark's



8.00am	Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
10.00am	Holy Communion (Contemporary Language) with Holy Baptism of Joseph Peter Roy Johnson
12.15pm	Holy Baptism of Kris John Morris and Cody James Morris
2.15pm	St. Cross Hospital Service - St. Elizabeth Chapel, St. Cross Hospital
4.00pm	Wedding Rehearsal - Church
6.00pm	Evensong
<b>WEDNESDAY 22nd 10.00am and 7.30pm -</b> Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes	
<b>Readings: 8am and 10.00am:</b> 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6; Mark 9: 2-9 <b>6.00pm:</b> 1 Kings 19: 1-16; 2 Peter 1: 16-end	

### Collect *(special prayer for today)*

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen



### Please Remember in your prayers:

- **Mission Link Partners:** Jacobs Well and the work of Brenda Sheil
- **Church Events and Issues:** Lent Groups and Lent Lunches
- **World and Community Concerns:** All places where there is disaster, uncertainty and political conflict, especially the Diocese of Damaturu and its people and the people of Syria





If you are visiting us today please make yourself known to one of the clergy or those handing out books at the back of church.

Large print books and service sheets are available

Toilets and disabled facilities are situated in the North Porch

### **This is a Yeast Week**

Yeast Groups are home groups which meet on a fortnightly pattern to share in prayer, worship, bible study and think about how the members can “witness” to both the church and the world. They are an excellent way to learn more about faith and be encouraged in it.

There are Yeast Groups that meet on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings and on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

For more information please speak to; Diana Walls, Betty Aspinall, David and Ann Simmonds.

**HOSPITAL SERVICE** - There will be a service at St. Elizabeth Chapel (St. Cross Hospital) today, 19th February, commencing at 2.15pm. We would invite everyone to the above service and respectfully suggest that you arrive at 2.00pm.

**GOOD FRIDAY ACTIVITY MORNING** - It's time to plan St Mark's annual activity morning for children on Good Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April between 10 o'clock and midday. Children from local schools are invited to an enjoyable morning to learn about the Easter story through story, drama, song and craft and cookery activities. If you can help, come to a planning meeting on Monday 27 February in the church centre at 7.30 pm. For more information contact the Parish Office.

**LENT HOUSE GROUPS** - Bilton Churches Together are planning ecumenical Lent groups that will meet from 28<sup>th</sup> February onwards. . The course offered, The Way to Freedom, has been prepared by Churches Together in conjunction with the BBC. More details in the magazine and at the back of the Church.

**LENT LUNCHESES** - St. Mark's Lent Lunches will be held in homes around the Parish beginning on Wednesday 29th February. Further details to follow.

**SAVE THE CHILDREN** - Quiz Night, Friday 9th March 7pm for 7.30pm start at Dunchurch Village Hall, Rugby Road. Tickets £8 per person (includes fish and chip supper) Teams of 4 people, prizes, bar, ample parking, raffle. Tel: 81 1005 or 335974 for details.

**ST. MARK'S LADIES** - Away day 17<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at St Michaels Church Centre, Budbrooke nr. Warwick. A day of fellowship, fun and food. Cost £15 to include buffet lunch. Optional pub meal afterwards. Lifts available. To book a place please put £5 cash deposit, your name, phone number and, if possible,

your email address in an envelope marked 'Ladies Away day', at the back of Church or in the Parish Office by 4<sup>th</sup> March. More information on poster at back of Church or contact the Parish Office.

### **THE BISHOP OF WARWICK'S DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE 2012 -**

During the week beginning Monday 26th March the Bishop of Warwick will be undertaking a pilgrimage throughout the north of the Diocese. It is hoped that parishioners will be able to walk stretches of the pilgrimage with the Bishop. on Wednesday 28th March between 10.00am and 2.00pm the Bishop's route is to be Bilton to Dunchurch to Grandborough. Further details to follow.

### **THE BISHOP'S MISSION** - In the week 11-17 March, Bishop Christopher is

coming to Rugby. There are various activities planned for him throughout the Deanery and there is a special meal being held at the new college restaurant Platform One. This is to take place on Thursday 15 March and is a ticket only event. The catering students will be preparing a 3 course meal for the Bishop and the event is open to a small group of people. The Bishop would like to meet not just Church going folks but also none Church people. To this end we thought it would be a good idea to ask those interested in going to bring along a non-Church friend. There are only 70 tickets to the event and they are going fast!! This is strictly a first come first served occasion! The cost is £10.00 per head and if anyone is interested in going please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office.

### **ETHICAL EASTER EGGS, PUT JESUS BACK INTO EASTER** - Last

year Supermarkets decided to trial The Real Easter Egg and sold out within days but this year some are limiting their stocks to only 24 eggs per store. The Real Easter Egg is the only Fairtrade Easter Egg to explain the Easter story on the box and give money to charity. We are asked to support the Real Easter Egg 2012 campaign and if you would like to purchase Fairtrade Easter Eggs you can either buy online or obtain a list of stockists from [www.realeasteregg.co.uk](http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk).

### **CORD** - are asking people this Lent to sign up for daily emails containing

practical ideas about building peace. This is a new campaign for Cord and will help them to reach more people. If you would like to join in full details are online at [www.cord.org/lent](http://www.cord.org/lent). Please see noticeboard at the back of Church for more details.

**NOTICES**- When submitting notices for the notice sheet please make them as concise as possible as space is at a premium.