



**ST. MARY'S, TIMSBURY
ST. LUKE & ST. ANDREW'S PRISTON**

FEBRUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY SERVICES

TIMSBURY

February 5 Third Sunday before Lent
Readings: 1 Corinthians 9.1-23; Mark 1.29-39
8.00am Holy Communion (CW)
11.00am Family Service

February 12 Second Sunday before Lent
Readings: Colossians 1.15-20; John 1.1-14
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00am Parish Communion

February 19 Sunday before Lent
Readings: 2 Corinthians 4.3-6; Mark 9.2-9
8.00am Holy Communion (CW)
11.00am Morning Praise

6.00pm – Ten Lamps Group Service at
Holy Trinity, Paulton

February 26 Lent 1
Readings: 1 Peter 3.18-end; Mark 1.9-15
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00am Parish Communion

PRISTON

9.30am Morning Praise
6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)

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6.30pm Evensong (lay led)

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Priston Website: www.priston.org.uk

MISSION The subject of Mission is something which all churches are called to consider regularly. Anybody interested is invited to come to the next meeting of the Midsomer Norton Deanery Synod which is being held at St Peter's church, Westfield on **Wednesday 8th February**. Each parish elects two or three representatives onto the Deanery Synod but anybody is invited to attend the meetings. The meeting on 8th February will begin with a service of Holy Communion, following which there will be an opportunity to consider how mission can be most effective in 2012. Lifts are available – please speak to the Rector.

SNAP AND TTT Our young people's group for those in years 5 to 12 will next be meeting on **Sunday 12th February** at 5.00pm in Priston village hall when they will be learning the art of bread making and making some themselves. Further details are available from Judy Baker (470836) or Sue Copperman (01225 480569).

TEN LAMPS GROUP Timsbury and Priston are two of the ten villages in the Ten Lamps Group, and once a month people from each of the villages gather together for a time of worship. The form of this is different each month. On **Sunday 12th February** we shall be meeting at Holy Trinity church, Paulton at 6.00pm. Lifts are available – please speak to the Rector.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP If you are available on Monday afternoons why not come along to the Bible Study Group that meets once a month at the back of St Mary's church, Timsbury from 2.30pm to 4.00pm? The next meeting is on **Monday 20th February** at 2.30pm when the Rector will be leading a study on "The mystery of the two comings of Jesus".

FILLING STATION The next meeting of the Filling Station at Priston Mill will be on **Tuesday 21st February** at 7.30pm for 7.45pm. The speaker will be Keith Powell who was a farmer and was then called by God to be a priest. He will be talking about "A Prophetic God". All are welcome to these evenings. There is no charge and coffee and cookies are available.

ASH WEDNESDAY Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday 22nd February**. At Timsbury Church there will be the usual Wednesday service of Holy Communion at 9.30am and there will also be a sung evening service of communion beginning at 7.30pm. Ashing will be offered at both services.

WATER AID LENT COLLECTION Are you willing to help other people who are not as fortunate as most of us? We turn on our taps and we have an immediate supply of clean water. So many people in our world have to go and collect their water which is uncovered, unprotected and full of germs and insects. Water Aid is working extremely hard to help people have safe, clean water. This Lent you are invited to help by collecting your loose change each night and putting it in a jar for Water Aid. Please take one of the labels from the back of either church for your jar. All money collected will need to be returned immediately after Easter please. Let's make a real difference to peoples lives.

LENT COURSE During Lent there will be a Lent course held at St Mary's on Monday evenings starting on **Monday 27th February** at 8.00pm. The course will continue on Monday evenings throughout March. Each evening will finish by 9.30pm and as each

session is independent it is not vital to attend every session if that is difficult. The course that will be followed is called "Handing on the Torch" when we will be looking at why Christianity in the West is struggling to grow and yet is growing fast in other parts of the world. Why is this, and what does it mean for us? All are welcome.

SPARKLERS Our Sparklers group for young ones aged 0-4 will be held next on **Thursday 23rd February** at 2.15pm at the back of St Mary's Church. This will be a half hour of songs, games, stories and puppets. Drinks and biscuits are available and there is still time to collect older children from school if necessary.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER It is the turn of St Mary's to host the service for the Women's World Day of Prayer this year. The service will be on **Friday 2nd March** at 7.30pm at St Mary's with Angela Martin being the preacher. Please come and support this evening.

GIANT JUMBLE SALE On **Saturday 3rd March**, St Mary's are holding their giant annual Jumble Sale at the Conygre Hall. Do please save up both jumble and good quality items you no longer need for the sale. If you are willing to help at the sale (or with refreshments) please sign the list at the back of church. We would also appreciate raffle prizes and cakes for the cake stall. Thank you.

MESSY MORNINGS At a recent meeting of Timsbury Churches Together the decision was taken to hold various Messy Mornings during each year. This will be in place of the Sunday Café. The first Messy Morning will be at Tabor Church on **Saturday 31st March** from 10.30am to 12.00noon. Each Messy Morning will provide activities for children and adults and there will be a Christian theme that will be reflected through the activities. More details next month.

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE SUPPER St Mary's are holding a special Supper on **Friday 1st June** to mark the 60 years that our Queen has been on the throne. It will be a very special evening with not only supper in a specially decorated church but a speaker and the City of Bristol Brass Band. Tickets are £25 a head but only a very few are left already so if you want to come please speak with Veronica Hoskins (Tel: 470677).

BIBLE SOCIETY At the back of Timsbury church you are invited to pick up a collecting box for the Bible Society. This is a well-respected charity doing vital work in spreading God's word to many who would not otherwise hear it. Why not keep a box and put your loose change in it during the year?

CHRISTIAN FRIENDS Details have recently been received about a Christian organisation called Friends First. They specialise in helping single people to meet other Christians for friendship. Most people long to have friends who are like-minded and this organisation aims to help them. You can contact Friends First on 0117 911 4344 or at www.friends1st.co.uk.

CHRISTOPHER AND MIRIAM On **Saturday 12 May** at 7.00pm we will be meeting in the Conygre Hall to say goodbye to Christopher and Miriam. Please put this date in your diary now!

REGULAR EVENTS

Everyone is invited to come to any of these regular events and new members are always welcome:

MID-WEEK SERVICES: On Tuesdays we say Morning Prayer at 9.00am and on Wednesdays there is a service of Holy Communion at 9.30am - all are welcome to join us.

COFFEE SHOP: The Thursday morning Coffee Shop at St Mary's from 10.30am to 12.00 noon. Come and support our Coffee Shop and bring friends.

AFTERNOON PARISH PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY GROUP: In February, the monthly afternoon group will be meeting at St Mary's on **Monday 20th February** from 2.30pm to 4.00pm. Anybody is most welcome to join this group.

GREENHILL HOUSE CHESHIRE HOME: Communion services at 10.30am on each Saturday

CHOIR: Please speak with the Rector or Veronica Packham

MUSIC GROUP: We will be practising in St Mary's at 8.00pm on **Wednesday 15th February** for Morning Praise. For more information please contact the Rector (479660)

WORSHIP GROUP: We are looking for new members to play and sing at the Family Service, if you are interested please speak with Rob Doble (470011)

BELL RINGING: practices are held in both Timsbury and Priston. Please speak with Colin Robinson, Jill Wilkinson or the Rector if you would be interested in ringing.

BENEFICE PRAYER

Father, pour out your Spirit upon us, and grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your work and a new consecration to your service, that your love may grow amongst us, and your kingdom come. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER CYCLE For:

- St Mary's school and the appointment of a new Head Teacher.
- for our Foundation Governors Malcolm Cox and Jan Merchant
- for Tony and Joy Porter on their Golden Wedding.
- for the residents of Priston, and for those living in Church Hill and The Avenue.

Do use the Prayer Tree in the side chapel at Timsbury Church or the book at the back of Priston Church to write any prayer requests or to thank God for answered prayers

NEWSLETTER

Do take this newsletter home with you and use it for information, but also in your prayers, so that all we do is guided and supported by prayer. If there is anything relating to our local church life that you would like to be included in it, do give the details to Chris or Miriam, or drop them in to the Rectory by 20th February.

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