

Benefice News



February 2010

Welcome to our Church.....



Please enjoy the service..... Join with us for
refreshments afterwards....
and feel free to come again!



To the Saints at St Helen's, Holy Trinity and St Luke's

Dear Friends,

"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it!"

Sue and I firstly want to say an enormous thank you to all of you for your welcome on Tuesday 19th January. To be surrounded by so many people and such love at the beginning of our ministry here was inspiring and we are truly grateful for all the hard work put into the event by so many people to make it such a success. Thank you too to all those who have kept things moving ahead during the vacancy.

As you appreciate the next few weeks are going to be a little challenging as I try to pick up the ropes from a distance. We won't be physically with you until the middle of February I suspect but we already feel very much with you spiritually.

As we celebrated together on Tuesday we were though all too aware of the awful effects of the earthquake in Haiti. It is difficult to take in the enormity of what has happened in that troubled island. Just a few week before we, and many of the people caught up in the disaster had been enjoying the Christmas holiday season. The sudden and indiscriminate way in which death came to so many thousands of people is frightening. The forces of nature demonstrated again how awesome they are, and how inadequate we can be in our attempts to control it.

I know many have struggled with the question of where God is in all of this. And why does God let it happen? The question hangs in the air until we reflect on our continually evolving world. A world created by God, but allowed to be free and to be itself. The created world evolved and continues to do so, and the forces of nature, constantly moving, constantly developing, are as awesome as ever. God is not remote from the pain of the world. We know that because in Jesus. He chose to fully enter into its experience and suffered the worst that could happen. Wherever there is suffering I believe God is there.

The suffering arising from the earthquake will be with those involved and their families and communities for years to come. I hope that the wonderful response that was in collection on Tuesday where over £930 was raised to be channelled to Tearfund's endeavours and the massive national and international effort will speedily make a real difference to Haitian lives. We must pray that it does. It shows us what can be done for the needy of our world when we put our minds and hearts to it.

It is my hope that the same generosity, the same heartfelt response can be made for other needs, needs which are not always in the forefront of the news, or in the front of our minds. I pray that the international community can continue to act with the same common purpose. There is no shortage of need; and in this wonderful and awesome world that God has entrusted to us there is actually no shortage of all that is needed to meet those needs.

I think it was John Donne who wrote "no man is an island" and perhaps as 2010 progresses we understand more fully what it is to live in a Global village, and we will be challenged again to see more clearly that the world and its peoples, who are all made in the image of God, all matter to Him and should matter to each of us.

God bless you all



Michael Tillet

EDITOR – If you missed Michael's Induction on 19th January, you can download the sermon as a MP3 file from the benefice website

Benefice Spring Clean Morning Sat 9th Jan

A big THANK YOU

To all those who made it in the deep snow to support Holy Trinity in getting the balcony up and running. It was great to see it being used at Michael's Induction.



Ash Wednesday
(17th Feb @ 7.30pm)
Holy Communion Service
With Ashing
Holy Trinity Church

Reflections in Lent

Following from the success of last year, there will be another Benefice Lent Series



Watch out for more details!

More info from Fran or Sharon

Coffee Morning

(with homemade cakes!)

Saturday 6th Feb

Saturday 6th March

10am-12 Noon @ Holy Trinity Church

Please come along and support this event



TVfH

Saturday 27th February @ 7pm
Holy Trinity Church

"The View From Here" is a local band using music from all traditions as well as telling stories. They play easy listening music for people of all ages.

This 3 piece band contains our resident OLM Sharon Potter!

**** Refreshments ****

Please come and support this
Easy Listening Concert

www.WaterfrontChurches.org

The Benefice Website has now been totally redesigned and contains details of each Church, news, activities and downloads. Obviously a website is always work in progress.....

We would wish to express our sincere thanks to Alec Gregg for setting up and maintaining the Waterfront Churches website for the past 10 years. We are indebted for his hard work and commitment with this. (and thanks for help he is still giving)

It is important that the website shows what is happening in each Church so would encourage you to keep me updated so this can be included on the site

If you heard Bishop Clive's sermon recently, he clearly likes this site!

St Luke's Church – Lunch Club – 12.30pm

Tuesday 16th February – More details from Daphne

Jamie Cann House

Please join with us for a short service for the residents of
Sunday 21st February @ 4pm

St Luke's Ladies Group

Monday 22nd February @ 7.45pm
“Do you remember.....?” with Mr Eric Ward

St Luke's Church

COFFEE POT CAFE

Every Thursday - 9 - 12 noon
Coffee – Cappuccino - Teas

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 5th March @ 2pm

St Luke's Church

Quiet Day, Saturday 6th March

@ Assington Hall from 10.30 - 4.00

Cost £5.00 which includes hot drinks and a simple lunch

Transport can be arranged.

For further information or to book, call Fran on 210626

Be brave, give it a try!

Parent & Toddler Groups



Bumps & Babes



Tuesdays @ 10am - 12 Noon

Holy Trinity Church Hall

Contact Val on 414325 for details or just come along



Grapevine



Wednesday's @ 10am – 11.30am

St Luke's Church Hall

Contact Di on 723450 for details or just come along

Both of these groups provide a great chance to meet with other people and for you and your child to make new friends! Come along for a chat and a drink whilst the little ones have a play. The groups are run by Waterfront Churches and operate during term time and are run in accordance with the church Safeguarding Policy.



**Grounded is for young people in
school year 7-11 and meets **weekly** on a
FRIDAY between **6.30pm-8.30pm**
Holy Trinity Church Hall**

Pool – Wii – Table Tennis – FOOD – plus more...

More Details – please contact Pat on 0794 883 5069

**Ipswich FIND are in need of food and household items for
Families in Need in Ipswich.**



**This help is needed even more in the current financial climate.
Items needed are listed below, and there is a box in each Church for them in.**

<p>Tins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hot Dog Sausages• Minced Beef• Steak in gravy• Chicken• Tuna in oil• Corned beef• Pilchards• Rice pudding• Fruit• Evaporated milk (sml)• Peas• Carrots• Broad beans	<p>Jars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coffee• Pasta Sauce• Marmite (not lge) <p>Packets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pasta shapes• Spaghetti• Long grain rice• Sugar• Dried potato <p>Household</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Toilet rolls• Washing powder / tabs etc• Washing up liquid
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“If we refuse to listen to the cries of the poor, how can we expect our own cries for help to be heard” Proverbs 21 v13

Time To Pray ?

You are warmly invited.....and encouraged....to come along to one – or more - of the Prayer meetings in the Benefice.



Monday's @ 7.30pm	Weekly - St Luke's <i>On the 1st Monday of the month, time is spent praying for Grounded and the other youth and children's work in the Benefice</i>
Tuesday's @ 8.00pm	1 st Tuesday of month - 13 Tovells Rd <i>Specifically for Rwanda</i>
Saturdays @ 8.00am	Weekly - St Helen's
Sunday's @ 9.15am	1 st Sunday of month St Luke's

Don't worry if you can't come regularly..... come when you can!

House Groups

These are small groups of people who meet together informally – some are weekly and others fortnightly – to have fellowship, study and pray together.

There different groups meeting at different times and days.

Interested? then contact Michael, Jay or a Churchwarden

Midweek Holy Communion

Every Wednesday morning @ 10am there is the opportunity to meet in the Vestry at Holy Trinity Church for Holy Communion.

This is open to anyone to attend and can provide that opportunity just to be able to stop, listen to the Lord and use the opportunity to be refreshed.



Monday's - 6pm @ Holy Trinity Church Hall

Contact – Bex on 410083

Wednesday's - 6pm @ St Luke's Church Hall

Info from Christine on 711415

Guides

Wednesday's - 7.30pm @ St Luke's Church Hall

Contact Christine on 711415

February Calendar 2010

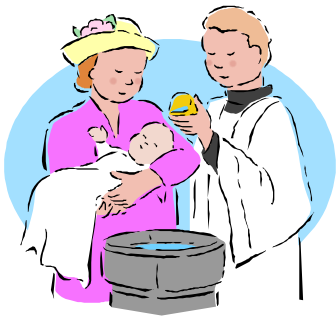
<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
2 nd	Tue	8pm	Rwanda Direct Prayer Meeting	13 Tovells Road
6 th	Sat	10-12	Coffee Morning with Cakes	Holy Trinity
16 th	Tue	12.30pm	St Luke's Lunch Club	St Luke's Hall
17 th	Wed	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday with Ashings	Holy Trinity
21 st	Sun	4pm	Afternoon Service	Jamie Cann Hse
22 nd	Mon	7.45pm	St Luke's Ladies Group	St Luke's Hall
24 th	Wed	7.30pm	Reflections in Lent	Bungalow
27 th	Sat	7pm	The View From Here Concert	Holy Trinity

Weekly Events

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
Monday	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting	St Luke's
Tuesday	10am	Bumps n Babes Toddler Group	Holy Trinity
Wednesday	10am	Grapevine Toddler Group	St Luke's
Wednesday	10am	Midweek Holy Communion	Holy Trinity
Thursday	9-12	Coffee Pot Cafe	St Luke's
Friday	6.30pm	Grounded Youth Group	Holy Trinity
Saturday	8am	Prayer Breakfast	St Helen's

February Services & Readings

07/02/2010	St L	8am	HC - BCP	1 Corinthians 15 v1-11 & Luke 5 v1-11
	St H	9.30am	All Age Service	Isaiah 6 v1-8 & Luke 5 v1-11
	HT	11am	Family Service	Isaiah 6 v1-8 & Luke 5 v1-11
	St L	11am	Morning Worship	Isaiah 6 v1-8 & Luke 5 v1-11
14/02/2010	St H	9.30am	Holy Communion	1 Corinthians 15 v12-20 & Luke 6 v17-26
	HT	11am	Holy Communion	1 Corinthians 15 v12-20 & Luke 6 v17-26
	St L	11am	Morning Worship	Jeremiah 17 v5-10 & Luke 6 v17-26
17/02/2010	St H			
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	HT	7.30pm	Communion & Ashing	2 Corinthians 5 v20b-6:10 & John 8 v1-11
	St L			
21/02/2010	St H	9.30am	Morning Worship	Deuteronomy 26 v1-11 & Luke 4 v1-13
	HT	11am	Holy Communion	Romans 10 v8b-13 & Luke 4 v1-13
	St L	11am	Holy Communion	Romans 10 v8b-13 & Luke 4 v1-13
28/02/2010	St H	9.30am	Holy Communion	Philippians 3 v17-4:1 & Luke 13 v31-35
	HT	11am	Holy Communion	Philippians 3 v17-4:1 & Luke 13 v31-35
	St L	11am	Morning Worship	Genesis 15 v1-12 + 7-18 & Luke 13 v31-35



**Banns...
Weddings...
Baptisms...
Funerals...**



**Our Administrator will be very pleased to help
you with these or other enquiries**

**Copies of this newsletter, rotas and other information
can all be downloaded from our website**

www.WaterFrontChurches.org

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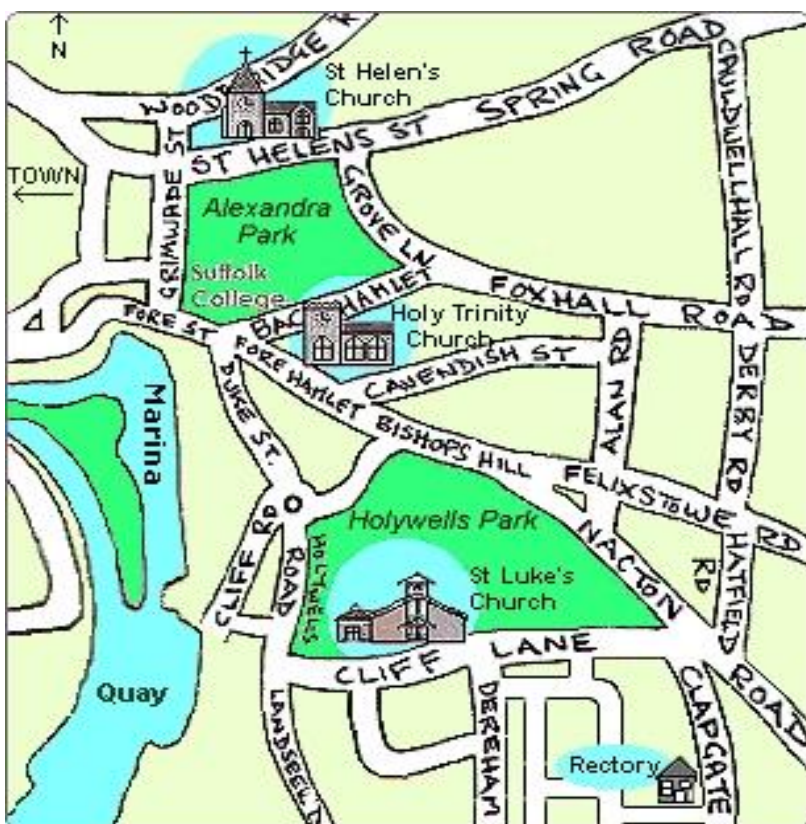
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St Helen's Church

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Holy Trinity Church

Between Back & Fore Hamlet
(next to Red Rose Chain)
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St Luke's Church

Cliff Lane (opposite School)
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