

THIS WEEK:

Thurs 6.30 pm Christian Meditation Group, St Stephen's

NEXT SUNDAY: 25 May 2008 First Sunday after Trinity**10 am SUNG EUCHARIST**

Celebrant and Preacher – The Reverend Dr Bob Mayo

Leviticus 19.1-2,9-18 (p75), 1 Corinthians 3.10-11,16-23 (p77), Matthew 5.38-48 (p78)

*Sunday School meets in St Stephen's school**Sunday Youth meets in the Glebe Maisonette**Small Children are welcome to play in St Thomas's Chapel, near the porch**Baptised Communicants of other Churches are encouraged to receive communion**Children and other non-communicants are invited to come to the altar for a blessing**The Ministry of Healing is offered in the Chapel, after Communion is given*

to pass
my exams

for health and
strength, and for
all the younger
generation

Home Communion –

Available to any unable to come on a Sunday. Talk to Father Bob (8743 3166) if you or anyone else might be interested.

Any enquiries about pastoral concerns, baptisms, weddings or funerals please get in touch with Father Bob. The only time that Bob will be unavailable is between Friday pm and Sunday am.

**18 May 2008
Trinity Sunday**

Welcome to St Stephen & St Thomas Church
Visit the church web site at www.ststephensw12.org.
You can read all the latest news about the parish.
You can also read the sermons which are posted each week

Welcome to the family and friends of Mia Lindsey-Pattinson and Cosmo, Malachi, Tabitha and Amity Lush. Both Cosmo and Edie, and Mia's mum Viola, are members of the St Stephen's Church Committee. I am delighted to baptise members of the church family. Viola has been endlessly gracious to me since we met and I look forward to many of you getting to know her better. Well done Cosmo for taking the plunge and deciding to be baptised yourself. Cosmo and Edie have a special place in my vicar-heart because they turned up at church just after I arrived in Shepherd's Bush and have stayed ever since.

In September we get a curate!! Anne Cowley will double the size of our staff team (from one to two). Her ordination will be held at St Paul's Cathedral at 5 pm on Saturday 28 June. I will be going to the service and would love it if some people were able to come with me. If you are interested please talk with Marjorie or me.

Some of the Pentecostal prayers sent up by balloon are included in this sheet.

More church noticeboards:

"If you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns."
 "If you don't like the way you were born, try being born again."
 "Looking at the way some people live, they ought to obtain eternal fire insurance soon."

Processional Hymn

When the Saints

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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.

First Reading

- Isaiah 40.12-17,27-31

(p258)

¹²Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? ¹³Who has directed the spirit of the LORD, or as his counsellor has instructed him? ¹⁴Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? ¹⁵Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust. ¹⁶Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering. ¹⁷All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness. ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God'? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Gradual Hymn

251 All Things Bright

GOSPEL

John 20.19-23

(p. 254)

¹⁹It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

*Amazing love, oh what sacrifice
The Son of God, given for me*

*My debt He paid, and my death He died
That I might live, that I might live*

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for

- Those being baptized today, and their families and friends who support them.
- The sick and suffering: especially Felix Okike, Lucilda Bernard, Joan Andrew, Ivy Smith, Susie Leach, Norbert Edwards, Brother Paul Anthony, Sylvia Steed, Caroline Nevill, Tracey Davies, Esmay Young, Roger Cox, Althea Ferns, Dorian Henry, Detroy Henry. Mary Rodney, Esme Hoyte, Esme Fairburn

Offertory Hymn

411 Dear Lord and Father

Communion Hymn

253 For the beauty of the Earth

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever.

Recessional Hymn

Lord of the Dance

*Be the persecuted
people of the world
and fill them with
strength*

*Coffee in Church after the
service*