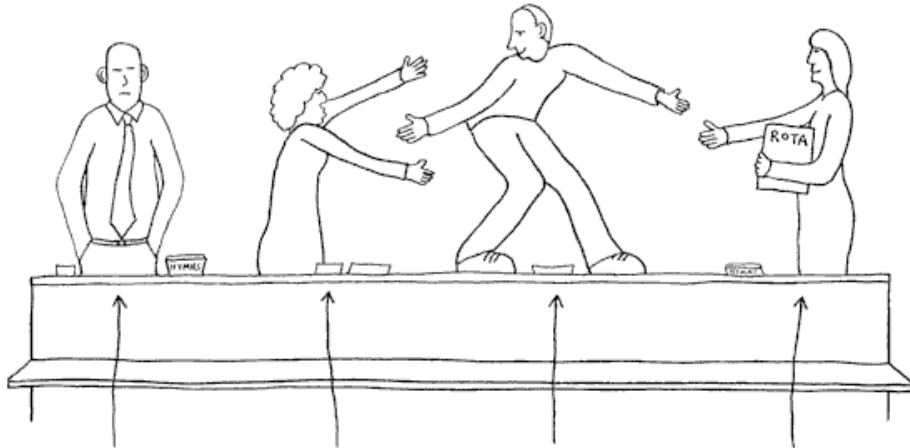


THE PEACE

THIS IS A TIME DURING THE SERVICE WHICH IS SET ASIDE FOR PEOPLE TO BE NICE TO ONE ANOTHER. DIFFERENT PEOPLE SHARE THE PEACE IN DIFFERENT WAYS:



THE NON PARTICIPANT.
TRIES TO AVOID EYE
CONTACT IN THE
KNOWLEDGE THAT
SOON THIS
INDIGNITY WILL END

THE PERSONAL
SPACE INVADER.
PURVEYOR OF
UNWANTED HUGS
AND KISSES

THE OLYMPIC
PEACEGIVER.
AIMING TO
GREET ENTIRE
CONGREGATION.
EYES ALREADY
ON NEXT VICTIM

THE CHURCH
BUSINESS
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WILL BLESS
YOU WITH
MANY MINISTRY
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8 February 2009
Third Sunday before Lent

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Processional Hymn

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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

1 Corinthians 9.16-23

(p.483)

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Gradual Hymn

GOSPEL

Mark 1 21-28

(p.479)

²¹The disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out,

'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' ²⁶And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching – with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

*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

- The sick and suffering: especially Felix Okike, Lucilda Bernard, Joan Andrew, Ivy Smith, Susie Leach, Norbert Edwards, Sylvia Steed, Tracey Davies, Esmay Young, Roger Cox, Althea Ferns, Dorian Henry, Detroy Henry, Mary Rodney, Esme Hoyte, Esme Fairburn

Offertory Hymn

Communion Hymn

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Recessional Hymn

Coffee in Church after the service

THIS WEEK AT ST STEPHEN'S

Monday:	Mother and Toddlers (9-11)
Wednesday:	Parent and Child Reading Group (from 3.30) Holy Communion – 6 pm
Thursday:	Christian Meditation Group – 6.30 pm.
Next Sunday:	Service of Holy Communion– 10 am Celebrant and Preacher - Rev Dr Bob Mayo Colossians 1.15-20 (p499), Mark 1.29-39

NOTICES

Michael (The Church Warden) has been working hard to identify the different areas of the church life needing attention. Please look at the enclosed flyer and think about what you might feel able to do - to change the world, start with one step; However small, the first step is hardest of all

We are planning a lunch for recent newcomers to the church. This will be next week on February 15th. If you are a recent arrival at the church and would like to come – please talk with me.

The next Confirmation Service involving people from our parish will be at St Paul's on April 11th. It is the evening before Easter and a great time to be confirmed

The Consecration of Rev Cannon Paul Williams as Bishop of Kensington will take place on Wednesday March 25th at 11am – talk to Bob (07969090907) if you are interested in going.

The government has shown that the take-up of Housing and Council Tax Benefit is lower than any other income related benefits; therefore a nationwide campaign has been launched to encourage its take up.