



St Faith's



Sunday, 5 February 2012

Churches Together Lent Series

Monday 27 February sees the start of the Churches Together Lent series for 2012 called Four Mondays in Lent, based on the theme More than Gold. This being Olympic year, we shall look at sport and the Games from A Christian perspective. We shall see what we can do practically to welcome people from all over the world to our country and we shall see the challenges that the Olympics in particular, and international sport in general, bring to us. These evenings will be of interest to both sports and non-sports lovers, so do come along. Meetings will be held at 8.00pm at Christchurch and the first will be led by the Rev Nigel Stone, Olympics Advisor in the Southwark Anglican Diocese.

Lent Challenge by our Diocese

As part of Living God's Love, our diocese is again publishing a six week course to explore something of the monastic way of life in your own context and among your friends and contacts. The themes are rhythm and prayer, community and hospitality, study and action. Each week we will be providing a copy of the material for those not able to access online. The website is <http://www.livinggodslive.org/resources/resource/the-lent-challenge-2012>

On Wednesday, 14 March we are planning to hold a meal at 7.30pm, followed by a discussion centred on the Lent topics that are being run by our Diocese. We do hope that you will be able to join us. The venue is yet to be determined, depending on numbers. So that we know for how many people we will be preparing the meal, please can you complete the return slip below and give to Hazel, Charmaine or leave at the back of church for collection. The deadline for letting us know is Sunday, 4 March 2012

Lent Meal and discussion reply slip—please return to Hazel, Charmaine or leave at the back of church by Sunday, 4 March so that we know how many people we are cooking for!

Yes, I would like to join you for the Lent meal and discussion on Wednesday, 14 March at 7.30pm

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Ash Wednesday Lunch: 22 February 2012

At Tilehouse Street Baptist Church, 12.30pm there will be the annual lunch to support Christian Aid, offering modest nourishing food, an opportunity to buy fair-trade goods and good company. All are welcome.

Lent with Pews— Two opportunities this year

Our first opportunity is on Saturday, 10 March 2012 when we will be running our annual Lent trip to London. This year our focus will be on churches. Andrew Surry has done a lot of planning for this and there will be more information about the visit in the next few weeks.

Our second opportunity is on Saturday, 24 March when we will be holding a 'static' version of Lent with Pews at St Faith's, for those not able to join us in London. Further details to follow but please make a note of these dates.

Join us for a meal and discussion

Circuit Book Club

The Circuit Book Club would love to welcome some new members. They meet about every 2 months at 4 Benslow Rise. The next meeting is on Wednesday, 15 February and they will be discussing 'Oranges are not the Only Fruit' by Jeanette Winterson. For further details please contact Sue Chastney tel 451831

Services during Easter week

- Monday 2 April: 8.30pm service
- Tuesday, 3 April: 8.30pm service
- Wednesday, 4 April: Joint service with New Testament Church: Compline style prayers & hymns
- Thursday, 5 April: 7.30pm Maunday service
- Good Friday, 6 April: 9.30am Family Service then join with the CTH walk of Witness. 2.00-3.00pm at St Faith's.
- Saturday, 7 April: Easter Vigil at St Mark's.

ST. FAITH'S CHURCH - FELLOWSHIP DATES - 2012

| Date | Event | Location |
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| Saturday 11th February | Coffee Morning | St. Faith's |
| Saturday 10th March | Coffee Morning | St. Faith's |
| Tuesday 10th April | Fun with Games Evening | St. Faith's |
| Saturday 14th April | Coffee Morning | St. Faith's |
| Saturday 12th May | Coffee Morning/ Strawberry Fayre Planning Meeting (11.00am) | St. Faith's |
| Sunday 20th May | WALSWORTH FESTIVAL | |
| Saturday 9th June | Coffee Morning | St. Faith's |
| Saturday 23rd June | Church House Coffee Morning | Church House |
| Saturday 7th July | STRAWBERRY FAYRE (p.m. only) | St. Faith's |
| Saturday 14th July | Coffee Morning | St. Faith's |
| Saturday 4th August | Market Stall | Hitchin Market Place |
| Saturday 11th August | Coffee Morning | St. Faith's |
| Saturday 8th September | Coffee Morning | St. Faith's |
| Saturday 29th September | Harvest Supper | St. Faith's |
| Friday 5th October | St. Faith's Patronal Festival | St. Faith's |
| Saturday 13th October | Coffee Morning | St. Faith's |
| Saturday 17th November | Church House Coffee Morning/ Market Stall | Church House Hitchin Market Place |
| Saturday 24th November | CHRISTMAS FAYRE | St. Faith's |
| Saturday 8th December | Coffee Morning | St. Faith's |

"Letting Children Be Children" Conference Make a Mothers' Day

Reg Bailey, author of the independent government review, "Letting Children be Children" is the keynote speaker at this conference on Wednesday 14th March, 7.30pm - 9.30pm at Old Welwyn Civil Centre. Organised by the Diocesan Mothers' Union, the evening will explore the issues surrounding the commercialisation of childhood. It is for anyone who has responsibility for children such as parents and teachers. Please contact Mary Goose (435605) for further details.

Why not give an ethical gift this Mothering Sunday, 18th March, and change a life? Millions on mothers around the world are struggling to find clean water and enough food to feed their family. Mothers' Union supports families worldwide - whatever their needs. Instead of flowers or a box of chocolates why not buy an ethical gift and support another mother? Gifts can also be brought in memory of a loved one. Please see Mary Goose if you would like a catalogue, or look at www.makeamothersday.org.