



St Mary the Virgin, Bottesford

CHURCH NEWS

17th January 2010

Epiphany 2

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CHURCH OPEN DAILY

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FOR OUR PRAYERS

We pray for all those named on our intercessions board, those who are unwell, in hospital, or at home recovering - including Len Fentem, Jack Gamble, Katie Ablewhite, Rosemary Baxter, Irene Hotchin.

We also pray for those who have recently been bereaved, thinking especially of the families of the late Vera Mellor and Ken Jones (Redmile)

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Churches around the world traditionally mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from 18th - 25th January in the octave between the feasts of St Peter and St Paul.

As we offer our prayers for Christian Unity this coming week may all Christian people grow in faith and mutual love and respect, that together we may proclaim the Gospel of Christ.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE.

Just about back to normal after all the Christmas and New Year excitement? Now that the Christmas cards have all have all been recycled have you time to find a greetings card to send to one (or more) of the Prisoners of Conscience featured in the Amnesty International campaign booklets, in the church porch? Just a few minutes of your time and a stamp is all it takes. It's not too late (the campaign runs until the end of January)....and for one individual, it *could* make such a difference.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mon 18th Jan 10.15 Study Group, I Jays Close

19.30 P.C.C.

Tues 19th Jan 10.30 'Little Angels'

19.00 Belvoir Chapel Communion

19.15 Bible Study Group

Wed 20th Jan 19.30 Churches Together in Bottesford meeting

20.00 Bell Ringers Practice

19.30 Choir Practice

Thurs 21st Jan 20.00 'Born for Significance', VC Hall

Fri 22nd Jan

Wed 27th Jan 14.30 Women's World Day of Prayer planning meeting

TODAY'S SERVICES

08.30 (Muston)

Communion

-Rev Fred Connell (Team Vicar)

10.30 (Bottesford)

Parish Eucharist

-Canon Alan Haydock (Asst Priest)

TUESDAY

19th January 2010

09.00 (Bottesford)

Holy Communion

-Canon Alan Haydock (Asst Priest)

NEXT SUNDAY

24th January 2010

08.30 (Bottesford)

Holy Communion

- Canon Alan Haydock (Asst Priest)

10.30 (Bottesford)

Informal Eucharist

- Rev Pauline Jenkins (Asst Priest)

WELCOME!

A warm welcome today to those of you who are visiting St Mary's for the first time. Please stay and join us for coffee after our service.

The advertisement for Team Rector (below) appeared in the Church Times on Fridays 8th and 15th January.

The Diocese of Leicester
The Bishop of Leicester invites applications for the post of
TEAM RECTOR (Priest in Charge)
for

THE BENEFICE OF THE VALE OF BELVOIR PARISHES
with particular responsibility for
THE PARISH OF BOTTESFORD and
MINISTRY TO LOCAL SCHOOLS

Do you have the skills to deliver the vision to carry forward the work of Christ in our large parish and rural benefice?

Living in Bottesford (pop 3500), you will have a creative opportunity to combine parish ministry with up to 2 days a week engaged with young people;

- leading us in pastoral care, mission and outreach in Bottesford and to young people across the benefice
- shaping a new partnership with Belvoir High School and building on relationships with the village C of E Primary School
- continuing collaborative leadership of benefice churches with the Team Vicar who coordinates mission and ministry in the other 8 parishes.

A non-stipendiary priest, three retired clergy (two women), a Reader and two lay ministry teams work across the benefice and we have a paid part-time administrator. Churches Together in Bottesford provides local, ecumenical focus, particularly in work with young people and their parents.

Our modern rectory is in the pleasant village of Bottesford in Leicestershire, 6 miles west of the A1, with good road and rail links to Grantham (for London) and Nottingham.

We are an inclusive team and welcome the ministry of women. However, our smallest parish has Resolutions A and B in place.

Closing date for applications: **5th February 2010**
Interview day: **17th & 18th March 2010**

AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM BISHOP TIM

"The news of the devastating earthquake in Haiti is profoundly shocking. As Christians we have a duty to show care and compassion to the frightened and desperate people of Haiti, many of whom are homeless and sleeping on the streets among the dead.

I urge you to hold the people of Haiti in your prayers and encourage you to give generously to the Disasters Emergency Committee and Christian organisations appeals set up for the relief work'

Donations can be made at www.dec.org.uk

The DEC consists of: Action Aid, British Red Cross, CAFOD, CARE International UK, Christian Aid, Concern Worldwide, Help the Aged, Islamic Relief, Merlin, Oxfam, Save the Children, Tearfund, World Vision.

Prayer for Haiti

O God, our refuge and strength,
we hold before you the nation and people of Haiti,
and pray for healing in the midst of tragedy and devastation.

Give comfort to the homeless, the bereaved and the suffering, courage to survivors,
wisdom to those who seek to help,
and light to all who live in the shadow of death.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ,
our rock and our salvation. **Amen**

TODAY'S READERS & READINGS

Alan Dillon

Isaiah Ch 62 vs 1-5

Page 525

Pauline Tapereil

1 Corinthians Ch 12 vs 1-11

Page 810

Officiant

John Ch 2 vs 1-11

Page 749

Patricia Reuben

Intercessions

BORN FOR SIGNIFICANCE

An open invitation to all ladies to come and spend the evening with us at Bottesford VC Hall on **Friday 22nd January, from 20.00hrs onwards.**

Enjoy live music, delicious refreshments, ethical retail therapy and an international speaker, Rachel Hickson of 'Heartcry Ministries'.

Take time to unwind with friends, catch up on the news over a glass of mulled wine or just sit quietly and contemplate the questions, 'Who am I?', 'Why am I here?', 'Am I loved?'

Tickets £5 and any profits will be donated to the Nottingham Pregnancy Crisis Centre.

Presented by Faith Group. Contact Nicola on 01949 843 636 for details or to book your place.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This ecumenical service will be held in St Mary's on Friday 5th March at 14.30, when our speaker will be Rev Pauline Jenkins of Stathern.

There will be an initial planning meeting for all those interested in taking part on **Wednesday 27th January at 14.30**, here in church.

WEDDING PREPARATION COURSE

This is being held on five consecutive Saturday evenings at 7 Valebrook Rd, Stathern beginning on 27th February at 19.45. The course costs £40 per couple, which includes a meal, a course booklet and a book. Contact Rachel Kane on 07868 237 050 for further details.