



St Mary the Virgin, Bottesford

CHURCH NEWS

24th January 2010

Epiphany 3

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Open

Mon - Thurs

09.00 – 14.30 hrs

CHURCH OPEN DAILY

Parish email address:

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www.stmarysbottesford.co.uk

TODAY'S SERVICES

08.30 (Bottesford)

Communion

-Canon Alan Haydock (Asst Priest)

10.30 (Bottesford)

Parish Eucharist

-Rev Pauline Jenkins (Asst Priest)

TUESDAY 26th – January

09.00 (Bottesford)

Holy Communion

-Canon Alan Haydock (Asst Priest)

NEXT SUNDAY - 31st January

Please note - there will not be a
service at St Mary's.

08.30 (Harby)

Holy Communion

- Rev Fred Connell (Team Rector)

10.30 (Hose) Benefice Service

Holy Communion with Healing

- Rev Fred Connell (Team Rector)

- Rev Pauline Jenkins (Asst Priest)

16.00 (Redmile)

Songs of Praise

- Rev Fred Connell (Team Rector)

- Judith Wells (Reader)

(followed by tea and cakes)

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 and Rosemary Baxter.

We also pray for those who have recently been bereaved, thinking especially of the families of the late Vera Mellor, Ken Jones and Marcus Hamer.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

10.15 Study Group, I Jays Close

10.30 'Little Angels'

19.15 Bible Study Group

14.30 Women's World Day of Prayer

planning meeting, St Mary's

20.00 Bell Ringers Practice

12.30 Funeral of Marcus Hamer, Grantham

19.30 Choir Practice

14.30 Mother's Union AGM followed at

15.00 by a flower arranging demonstration.

09.00 First Friday Prayers

19.30 Ash Wednesday Holy Communion

10.30 Fairtrade Fortnight Coffee Morning

25 Market Street

TODAY'S READERS & READINGS

Derek Collett Nehemiah Ch.8:vs.1-3, vs.5-6 & vs.8-10 Page 347

Marion Cole 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Page 810

Judith Wells Luke 4:14-21 Page 726

June Leeke Intercessions

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 Statham.

There will be an initial planning meeting for all those interested in taking part on **Wednesday 27th January at 14.30**, here in church. If you are unable to attend, but would like to be involved in the service, then please contact Judith.

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

WEDDING PREPARATION COURSE

This is being held on five consecutive Saturday evenings at 7 Valebrook Rd, Statham 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.

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**

CONFIRMATION 2010

This year's confirmation service in the Framland Deanery takes place on April 22nd.

We are currently taking names of young people and adults who would like to be confirmed, with a view to beginning preparation classes in early February. If you wish to book a place please contact the Benefice Office.

YOUR DONATIONS

Following last Sunday's service we took a retiring collection for the Haiti disaster appeal and raised over £250. Thank you.

'PICNIC 5000'

A group from Churches Together in Bottesford are planning **Picnic 5000**, an event for all Christians living in the Vale, on Saturday 19th June.

They will be meeting on Friday 12th February at 8 pm at the home of Andrew and Julie Darkin in Hoopers Close.

If you would like to be involved in helping to organise the event then please email Andrew at:

andrew@itsdarkinhere.co.uk