

## News in the Pews

### 7<sup>th</sup> February 2010

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#### Prayer Leaves

*Thank you for writing so many names on the Prayer Leaves last week and adding so many others to the book on the porch table. The clergy prayed for them all individually in church last week and in simple trust we leave them with the God who knows them and loves them. It may seem a little impersonal even inadequate for us only to use Christian names without any details or direct personal knowledge – though we hope we do so with reverence and dignity for each person and their situation. I suspect those of us who pray for souls to God in a regular way come to discover that knowing the souls for whom we are praying is not as important as knowing Him to whom we pray.*

#### Haiti Earthquake Relief Appeal

Over the last two weeks you have given more than £1,700 to this appeal via the buckets in Church. Well done everyone. We will pass this money to the Disaster Emergency Committee and any further donations can be left into the Parish Office.

#### Prayer

Living God, we come in faith to worship you, yet we come also conscious that our faith is so very weak, all too easily undermined in the storms of life, sinking without trace when trouble and danger threatens.

Forgive us, and speak again of your loving purpose and sovereign power.

Teach us that even in times of turmoil you are there, nothing finally able to overcome your will, and in that confidence may we put our trust now and always. **Amen** **Nick Fawcett**

#### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

10:30am Holy Communion & Prayers for the sick in the Kajiado Room

#### Next Sunday:

8:30am Holy Communion

10:00am Morning Worship & Children's Church

11:30am Holy Communion

6:30pm X-alt

#### **The Register of Vestrymembers is now open**

In order to vote at the annual general Easter Vestry meeting (which has been scheduled for Sunday 21 March) your name must be on our register of vestry members. This list is revised every year with the changes formally approved at the February meeting of the Select Vestry. Please speak to the Church Wardens to get your name on the list and please be assured – signing up does not commit you to anything!



**8:30am Holy Communion**

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**10:00am Family Service – See insert sheet****11:30am Morning Prayer**

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**Hymns 102, 553, 346, 652****6:30pm Holy Communion****Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Genesis 2: 4b-9,15-25 Pew Bible page 4**

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' The LORD God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

**Psalm 65**

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid. To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins; when our misdeeds prevail against us, you will purge them away. Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there. We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house, even of your holy temple. With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. In your strength you set fast the mountains and are girded about with might. You still the raging of the seas, the roaring of their waves and the clamour of the peoples. Those who dwell at the ends of the earth tremble at your marvels; the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise. You visit the earth and water it; you make it very plenteous. The river of God is

full of water; you prepare grain for your people, for so you provide for the earth. You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase. You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty. May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness and the hills be girded with joy. May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep and the valleys stand so thick with corn that they shall laugh and sing.

### **Revelation 4 Pew Bible page 1236**

I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.' And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

### **Luke 8: 22-25 Pew Bible page 1037**

One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



*And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves. (Luke 8:24b)*

FOR YOUR DIARIES AND PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

- 9.30 am Coffee and scones £1.50 in Kajiado room
- 10.00 am Men's keep fit in Columbanus room
- 11.00 am Ladies' keep fit in Columbanus room
- 8.00 pm WAGS

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

- 10.00 am Missionary Prayer Meeting, 27 Godfrey Avenue
- 4.30 pm Rainbow Guides
- 6.00 pm Brownies
- 7.30 pm Guides
- 7.45 pm Crafty Stitchers

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

- 10.30 am Holy Communion & Prayers for the Sick in the Kajiado room
- 7.00 pm Choir Practice
- 7.30 pm Indoor Bowling Club in main hall
- 8.00 pm Worship Group practice

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

- 10.00 am The Toddlers' Group in Columbanus room
- 6.30 pm Beavers
- 7.15 pm Cubs
- 9.00 pm Indoor football at Eddie Irvine centre – contact Dave Cavan

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

- 12.30 pm Parish lunches in main hall £4.50 – everyone welcome
- 6.00 pm Squirrels
- 7.30 pm Scouts

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

- 7.30 pm Indoor Bowling Club in main hall

Lord Jesus, touch our eyes, as you did those of the blind; then we shall see in things that are visible those things which are invisible. Lord Jesus, open our ears, heal our wounds and purify our lives, as you did those who came to you; then we shall hear and perceive what is true amidst the sounds of the world, and find wholeness in ourselves. *after Origen (185-254AD)*



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**Do we have your details?**

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