

SEVERN STOKE AND CROOME D'ABITOT NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2009

The Rector's Message : Reverend Peter Holzapfel

40 Pence

Forthcoming Events

Severn Stoke & Environs

Sunday 7th June

At 7.45 p.m.

**Jazz in Church
With The Sauce City
Jazz Band**

Saturday 20th June

Severn Stoke

Summer Fete

Rose & Crown Green

At 2.00 p.m.

Sunday 12th July

At 6.00 p.m.:

**OPEN AIR SERVICE
at the NASH with The
Band of The Salvation
Army**

See inside for details

Kempsey

Sunday 27th June

7.30 p.m. in St

Mary's Church,

Kempsey

PHILAMUSICA

CONCERT

Saturday 4th July

**St Mary's Summer Fete,
Kempsey**

See inside for details

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Monday next month

Dear Friends,

Well, were you shocked? If you managed to get to the screening of "Finger of God" at the end of last month then I'm sure you were certainly very surprised and probably shocked at the things that God is up to in our world today. If you did miss it, then don't worry because it will be shown again in St Mary's in the Autumn. There have been a number of shocking revelations recently not least of which have been expenses claimed by MPs at our expense for things like swimming pools at second homes and such excessive claims have been made by politicians of all the major parties. I don't know about you but none of this comes as a shock to me, because I always suspected that many of them would be on the fiddle because it's human nature. If you can get away with something, then don't you? Are you and I any different? I have to say that one of the things that's kept me roughly on the straight and narrow is the fear of being caught and the consequences that might ensue.

I know it's a sad fact but human nature is often sad and that's why we call it sin. There's an awful lot of finger pointing going on at the moment but I always remember what someone once told me "when you point a finger at anyone then there are three fingers pointing back at you!" All I can say is that it's a jolly good job that the "finger of God" doesn't point at us in the same way. Talk about excessive expenses! We're making unbelievably excessive claims on God's love and mercy all the time. The price of our sin was paid by Jesus when He died for us on the cross. Jesus received a death sentence of inconceivable agony and abandonment on the Cross of Calvary and we received a pardon that gave us forgiveness, peace, freedom and love everlasting. From God's point of view it's not much of a bargain is it? It's a good job that God doesn't demand His payment back! But that's the whole point in that He doesn't, because God goes on giving and loving even when we turn our

backs on Him. All of our claims on God's love are illegitimate and undeserved and yet in return He provides us with forgiveness and not only "swimming pools" but mansions in heaven and a life of eternal bliss. "It was not that we first loved God but that He loved us and gave His life for us for whilst we were yet sinners Jesus died for us." God has given you a second home allowance, free of charge and completely undeserved and the only payment that's required is that you put your trust in Him and what His Son, Jesus, did for you on the Cross. But, don't worry, if you're not willing to claim your benefits now God won't prosecute you, withdraw them or claim them back. You can put in an expenses claim at any time for the rest of your earthly life and it will be met in full and without question. The only trouble is that none of us know how long we've got left and so it might be as well to claim your expenses now.

At some point in our lives we all have a date with God. On a less dramatic note there are a few other dates that I don't want you to miss and, unlike your date with God, these are completely optional but I do hope you'll come!

The first is the **Open Air Songs of Praise on Sunday 14th June at 3.30pm at the Seaborne Inn, Kempsey followed by tea and delicious cakes.** There is no charge for this but we'd very much like you to join us and make a lovely afternoon of it. You'll also be near the bar at the Seaborne and so if you fancy something a bit stronger than tea you won't have far to go. If you're coming then please bring a garden chair and if the weather is poor then we'll meet in St Mary's Church at the same time: either way, we'll have a great afternoon. The other things are **THE SUMMER FETES! The St Denys' Fete is on Saturday 20th June at 2.00 p.m. on the Village Green at Severn Stoke and the St Mary's Fete is on Saturday 4th July from 2.00 p.m.** Both Fetes will be brilliant occasions with more stalls than ever and lots of things for the whole family to do and enjoy including Donkey Rides on both occasions. So do please come along and have a great time.

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Please remember that we're only on this earth once and that we really should do our best to enjoy it and make the most of it despite all the trials and tribulations that we might face. Why not put in a claim to God right now for a lifetime of true joy, freedom, peace and love, knowing that Jesus has already paid the price for you? It will always be granted and no one will ever ask for it back.

God Bless you and I hope to see you at our various summer events

With every blessing.....*Peter Holzapfel (Revd.)*

United Benefice of Kempsey and Severn Stoke with Croome d'Abitot Church News

United Benefice Prayer Meetings – Welcome to our meetings (usually every other Monday) for an hour, **from 8.00 p.m. on Monday, 1st, 15th and 29th June and 13th July. We meet each fortnight either in St Mary's Church or at the homes of those taking part. Contact John and Cara (W/ 371 218) for the next ensuing venue.**

We give thought and prayer for people and projects around us and for the health and enhancement of the Churches' work. You don't have to say a word unless you wish, but just be with us.

Monday 1st June: 7.30pm: Annual Budget Consultation Meeting at Welland Parish Church (this is a good opportunity for you to raise any questions about Parish Share and Diocesan spending with those who are responsible for decision making)

Wednesday 3rd June: ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION SERVICE at St Michael & All Angels Church, Broadway at 7.30pm. Please do come along to this important annual service as our Church Wardens are sworn into office for another year. It's a good opportunity to hear our Archdeacon, Ven Roger Morris and also to show support and appreciation for our Wardens. Transport can be offered if required.

The Severn Stoke Fellowship and Study Group meets fortnightly on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month and to coincide with school terms (roughly!) at 2.30 p.m. at the homes of various Members.

Next dates: 11th June at Enid Smith's, The Gables, Kinnersley and **18th June (not 25th)** at Maureen Watkins', The Old School, Earl's Croome. Everyone is most welcome to join this group, which is informal, very welcoming and stimulating. Please contact John and Cara (W/ 371 218) for details and next Venue.

CHRISTIAN AID

Thank you for your generosity with the house to house collection. The total collected in the Parish will be noted in the next Issue.

St. Mary's & St. Denys' website - a new, updated look www.stmaryskempsey.org.uk, – Check out this website! Please do get in contact, via the Contacts page, if you have anything to contribute.

CHURCH SERVICES at St MARY'S, KEMPSEY

Every Thursday 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel
 Every Friday 11.00 a.m. Mothers and Toddlers Service

JUNE

Sunday 7th: Trinity Sunday 8.00 a.m.: Morning Prayer BCP, 9.00 a.m.: Holy Communion BCP at Kerswell Green,
 10.30 a.m.: Family Service, at **St Denys' Church, Severn Stoke 6.30 p.m.: Evening Service of Thanksgiving followed by Jazz Evening at 7.45pm. (please note that there will be no evening service at St Mary's)**

Sunday 14th: 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion BCP, 10.30 a.m. Informal Family Communion,
3.30 p.m.: Outdoor "Songs of Praise" at the Seaborne Inn, Kempsey followed by tea and cakes: Everyone most welcome (please note that there will be no Evening Service at St Mary's)

Sunday 21st: Father's Day 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion BCP with Hymns, 10.30 a.m. Family Communion,
 6.00 p.m. Holy Communion (BCP).

Sunday 28th: 8.00 a.m.: Holy Communion (BCP), 10.30 a.m. Family Communion,
 6.00 p.m. Evening Praise at The Lawns (please do come along and support this lovely service of Praise and enjoy the hospitality at the Lawns)

JULY

Sunday 5th: 8.00 a.m.: Morning Prayer BCP, 9.00 a.m.: Holy Communion BCP: Kerswell Green,
 10.30am: Family Service: 6.00 p.m. Holy Communion BCP.

HAPPENINGS at KEMPSEY

The Cornflower Club – If you'd like to come along and join for an enjoyable and fun-packed programme of events then you're most welcome - Meets on Wednesday, 10th and 24th June and 8th July at 2.30 p.m. in Kempsey Parish Hall. **New Members are always welcome.**

Age Concern Coffee Morning - meets every Thursday at 11.30 a.m. at St Mary's House.

Women's Fellowship – meets on Wednesday 10th June at 7.30 p.m. - Outing at St Mary's House, Kempsey.

SUNDAY 14th JUNE: 3.30 p.m.: OPEN AIR "SONGS OF PRAISE" at THE SEABORNE INN, KEMPSEY followed by an afternoon tea with delicious cakes. Do come and join us as we literally gather at the River Side for a Songs of Praise singing some of your favourite hymns and songs. There is no charge for the event but please bring a garden chair with you. If the weather is poor then the event will take place in St Mary's Church. For those with access to the Internet it will say on the St Mary's Church Web Site from 12.0 noon whether the event is inside or outside. But please pray for a good weather day. Also note that there will be no Evening Service at St Mary's.

SATURDAY 27th JUNE: 7.30 p.m.: PHILAMUSICA CONCERT in ST MARY'S CHURCH. Yes, our dear friends, THE PHILAMUSICA, are back with us for a wonderful Summer Concert. What a lovely way to spend a Summer's evening with a superb choir singing and sharing some of your favourite pieces of music, wine and refreshments in the interval and all in the great setting of St Mary's Church. Tickets are available on the door and all proceeds are in aid of St Mary's Church.

SATURDAY 4th JULY: 2.00 p.m.: ST MARY'S SUMMER FETE

Do please make a date for this annual extravaganza, as there will be even more stalls than ever and lots and lots to see, do and, above all, enjoy. Cakes stalls, game stalls, raffles, tombola, the Vicar's bottle stall and, once again, Daren and his DONKEY RIDES for the children. It will be a great afternoon and I know that a good time will be had by all. All proceeds will go towards the support and upkeep of St Mary's Church.

SEVERN STOKE AND CROOME d'ABITOT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Wednesday 3rd June: 7.30pm Archdeacon's Visitation Service at St Michael and All Angels, Broadway. This is our annual service in the Archdeaconry when the Archdeacon addresses us and our new Church Wardens are sworn in for another year. Please do come along and give our Church Wardens, Bryan & Gail, all your support and encouragement by your presence and your prayers. We especially welcome Gail who is being sworn in as Church warden of St Denys' for the first time but also, of course, our thanks as ever go to Bryan for all his many years of caring for our beautiful Church and the worship that takes place there. If you require help with transport please mention this to Peter or our Church Wardens.

SEVERN STOKE SCOUT & GUIDE GROUP

Pam and Tina, the present Guide Leaders are delighted to welcome Jane Cook to take over from them when they retire. New recruits welcome to join the Guides and the Brownies.

A Brownie volunteer Leader is still desperately needed. Please contact Pam Gerrard on W/ 820955, if you can help.

EARL'S CROOME WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Tuesday, 9th June — "Making Bead Jewellery", a talk by Mrs Janis Waldron and the competition is "Your favourite string of beads".

MOTHERS UNION – Upton Deanery

Thursday 25th June — Garden Party—details to be announced

CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAUX

I've just found out that my landlord is facing repossession, and I have no idea where that leaves me. What are my rights as a tenant, and what should I do next?

In most cases, if the property is repossessed the tenant does not have a right to remain living there. In a limited number of cases, the lender may be bound to take you on as a tenant. This could be the case if: You were already living in the property when the mortgage was taken out. OR The mortgage lender asks for, or accepts a payment of rent from you.

In these cases, the lender would take over as your landlord and your tenancy rights would continue. If you think that one of these situations applies to you, your local Citizens Advice Bureau will be able to give you advice on what to do next.

If your tenancy is not binding on your landlord's lender, they can evict you. However, the situation may not be as bleak as it seems; you still have options. But it is crucial that you follow these steps:

Seek advice immediately from your local CAB. They will be able to look at the specifics of your situation and advise you on what to do next.

• **Always open mail addressed 'To the Occupier'.** This may include notice of any possession hearings.

When thinking of moving into a new property, make sure the landlord has permission from the lender to rent it out. Otherwise, the lender does not have to recognise the tenancy at all.

For further information and advice, contact your local Citizens Advice Bureau or see www.adviceguide.org.uk.

Malvern CAB is open:

Mon, Tues & Thurs 9.30 am – 4 pm

Fri 10 am - 4 pm

Wed (Specialist Debt Advice - by appointment)

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CHURCH SERVICES at St Denys' Church, Severn Stoke

JUNE

Wednesday 3rd: 7.30pm Archdeacon's Visitation Service at St Michael and All Angels, Broadway. Please see the entry on Page 2.

Sunday 7th Trinity Sunday: 6.30 p.m. Thanksgiving Service for St Denys followed at **7.45 p.m. by**
JAZZ IN CHURCH with **SAUCE CITY JAZZ**
 No Morning Service in St Denys'

Sunday 14th Trinity 1 9.15 a.m.: Morning Prayer and Praise. (Please also note the Songs of Praise Service at The Seaborne Inn, Kempsey at 3.30pm followed by tea and cakes)

Sunday 21st Trinity 2 Father's Day 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion BCP.

Sunday 28th Trinity 3 10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Praise Service,
 3.00 p.m. Holy Baptism.

JULY

Sunday 5th Trinity 4 10.30 a.m.: Holy Communion (CW), 3.00 Holy Baptism.

Sunday 12th Trinity 5 **6.30 p.m.: The Salvation Army Band at The Nash followed by Strawberries and Cream and Wine Cup.**

CHURCH CLEANING – SEVERN STOKE

JUNE

5th Mrs Joan Price and Friend
 12th Mrs Everitt and Mr Everitt
 19th Mrs Hanmer and Mrs Ewins
 26th Mrs Gaywood and Mrs Linsey

JULY

3rd Mrs Bedwell and Friend
 10th Mrs and Mr Henderson
 17th Mrs Cox and Mr Cox
 24th Mrs Humphrey and Mr Humphrey

CHURCH FLOWERS – SEVERN STOKE

JUNE

5th **Mrs Opie**
 12th and 19th Mrs Ewins
 26th June and **3rd July** Mrs Henderson

JULY

10th and 17th Mrs Westwood

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