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We hope you will find the Weekly News Sheet helpful.
Please let us know what you think or if you have any ideas
or suggestions or if it would be helpful to have the Weekly
News Sheet available in large print.
Please take a copy for anyone who is not able to be in
Church.

It is also available on our website –
www.stmaryskempsey.org.uk – click on Newsletters.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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As the News Sheet will be available on our web site each
week, it would be very much appreciated if you could check
that people are willing for their contact details to be on the web
site before forwarding any notices with phone numbers or
email addresses. Thank you very much.

Libby, Alan & Edna

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If you have items for the Weekly News Sheet please email
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Phone 353935
By WEDNESDAY LUNCH TIME

St. Mary's Church Kempsey

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SUNDAY 25th. JANUARY 2009

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Welcome to our Church,
especially if you are a visitor or a newcomer.

SERVICES TODAY

World Leprosy Day (see p.2)

8.00 Holy Communion BCP

10.30 Family Communion

*Please stay for coffee and biscuits after the
service if you can*

6.00 Evening Praise at the Firs

SERVICES THIS COMING WEEK

Thursday 10.30 am Holy Communion in the
Lady Chapel

*Followed by Age Concern Coffee Morning
at St. Mary's House*

Friday 11.00 Pram & Toddler Service in Church

All toddlers and babies welcome.

We should love to see you

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

1st. February

8.00 Morning Prayer BCP

9.00 Holy Communion BCP
Kerswell Green

10.30 Family Service

6.00 Holy Communion BCP

Today is WORLD LEPROSY DAY

Every two minutes someone receives the diagnosis that they have leprosy and such news can make them feel that life as they know it is now over.

'Changing Lives – Changing Futures' sums up the work of the Leprosy Mission around the world.

Let us pray that plans to give those with leprosy a hope and a future are not far away.

ALSO THIS COMING WEEK

Monday 26th. Jan. 8.00 pm United Benefice Prayer Meeting at the home of John and Cara Henderson.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday February 7th. 10.30 – 12.30 OPEN CHURCH for prayer and coffee

Please drop in if you would like to join in prayers for those affected by the current financial crisis or if you would like to pray quietly with someone or alone or talk privately.

You may like to just drop in for coffee and a chat.

Please come we should love to see you.

KEMPSEY FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME

Thank you to all of you who recently wrote letters and/or signed the petition in relation to the Environment Agency (EA) proposals for Flood Defence for Kempsey.

On Wednesday, January 14th. Kathy and I went to the big Midland Regional Flood Defence Committee in Solihull for what we believed was decision day.

We discovered the schemes to go forward into the next programme of work (2009/10) had already been decided – our scheme was not going forward but we did have the opportunity to meet many of those involved and to present Kempsey's case again as powerfully as we could, both to individuals and to the whole committee.

The result was that many came to offer advice, help and encouragement not to give up.

We have since been re-forming the Flood Group here and are seeking to work with the EA, The Parish Council, the National Flood Forum and all those involved to make the Defence Scheme a reality soon.

TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT

Please note on MONDAY, JANUARY 26th the EA has arranged a meeting in St. Mary's Church at 7.00 pm.

Please pray and help as you can. Thank you.

Joy Oram

SAVE THE CHILDREN

The Kempsey branch of Save the Children would like to thank all those who supported and donated to our Zimbabwe appeal the other Saturday. It was a very good turn out and raised £222-34. Look out for our next event in March. More later.

Julia and Heather.