

**PRAYER MINISTRY**

There will be someone available to offer prayer or a listening ear every Sunday after the morning service in St. Andrew's Chapel. Please make your way there if you would like to talk or pray in confidence.

For Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals please phone Peter Holzapfel 820202

For all other church bookings please phone Libby James 353935 or Alan Plowman 769214  
For bookings of St. Mary's House please phone Julia Grant 820138

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We hope you 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](http://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

Edna Cope: [emcope@onetel.com](mailto:emcope@onetel.com)

put a paper copy in the BLUE tray in the vestry or

Phone Libby on 353935

**By WEDNESDAY LUNCH TIME**

**St. Mary's Church Kempsey**

[www.stmaryskempsey.org.uk](http://www.stmaryskempsey.org.uk)

**SUNDAY 5th. APRIL 2009**

**PALM SUNDAY**

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

**PALM SUNDAY**

As the crowds welcomed Jesus to the streets of Jerusalem let us open our hearts and welcome Jesus into our lives at the start of this Holy Week.

**SERVICES TODAY**

**8.00 Morning Prayer** BCP

**9.00 Holy Communion** BCP at Kerswell Green

**10.30 Special Family Service** to include contributions from the children of Kempsey Primary School, distribution of Palm Crosses, a procession around the Church and the blessing of our new Notice Board.

**6.00 Holy Communion** BCP

Palm crosses will be blessed and distributed at all services.

**SERVICES for HOLY WEEK**

**Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday: 6.30 pm Compline** will be offered in the Lady Chapel. Please come to this short Service of Prayer, if you can, to begin this Holy Week.

**Maunday Thursday 10.30 Holy Communion** in the Lady Chapel

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

**Maunday Thursday 7.30 Holy Communion** BCP in St Mary's Church.

*Please note that this will be a service only and will not include a meal*

**Good Friday 10.30 Praise Service at St. Denys'**

**Good Friday 2.00 Meditation at St. Mary's**

### **SERVICES for EASTER SUNDAY**

**8.00 Holy Communion** BCP (with hymns)

**10.30 Family Communion** for Easter day

**6.00 Easter Praise Service**

### **ALSO THIS COMING WEEK**

**Mon. 6th. 10.30 Coming Together** at St. Mary's House with Dr. Roy Summers. *Please note the change of date from the usual Second Monday, which in April would be Easter Monday.*

**Mon. 6th. 7.30 Men's Group** Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's House followed by AGM.

**Mon. 6th. 8.00 United Benefice Meeting** at the home of Gill Warfield.

**Wed. 8th. April 7.30 Women's Fellowship** at St. Mary's House.

### **EASTER LILIES**

If you would like to make a donation towards the Easter lilies please see Libby or Alan (Church Wardens) or myself.

We are grateful to those who donate funds in memoriam, enabling us to fill the church with lilies for Easter

*Fiona Harrison*

### **LENT LUNCHESES**

The final total for Lent lunches, including the donations made at the Lenten suppers, amounted to £ 626.80. Thank you to all who helped in any way, and who supported the events. This will be sent to Barnabus Fund to help feed the hungry in Zimbabwe and Gaza, and also some of the Christian Iraqi refugees.

*Sheila Cook.*

### **FOCUS BOARD**

Our focus this month is on St Mary's Youth Group. Please have a look at the board to find out about the group, their activities and their faith. It is wonderful to have among us such a lovely, vital and committed group of young people. Thank you to all of them.

### **ST. MARY'S CHURCH GRAND DRAW 2009.**

Several of our friends who very kindly sell the Grand Draw tickets to neighbours and various places around our village, after very loyal service over a number of years, are having to give up this very important job for various reasons. I put a similar article into the Parish News last year but did not get any replies.

St. Mary's Grand Draw is one of the MAIN fund raisers for our church each year. Without enough ticket sellers around the village we cannot hope to raise the funds which we have raised in past years. Anyone who is able to help with this very important job please contact Arthur Kelly. 01905 820824. 34 The Limes, Kempsey. Thank you

### **SAVE THE CHILDREN**

The Save the Children Food Fest held on the 21st of March was a great success and raised £459-84. We would like to thank all those who supported us in this new venture. There are some Food Fest quiz sheets at the back of church, 50p a sheet. Do have a go and return them to me by the 10th of April.

Don't forget the Photographic Competition on the 25th of April. There is still time to enter your photo's. Collect an entry form from the back of church or see Julia. Photo's to be handed in by the 17th April. Thank you.

### **FLOOD ACTION GROUP**

Packs of cards with beautiful pictures of the Church, taken in the snow by James Gray, are available on the blue table at the back of Church. The cost is £3.95 per pack and all the money will go to support the work of the Flood Action Group (FLAG).

Stickers for cars are also available, from Joy Oram, to advertise the work of FLAG.

### **SCOTTISH HOLIDAY**

**Sunday 2nd. – Friday 7th. August**

There are a few places left on the holiday to Peebles at a cost of £475. There will be trips to Edinburgh (23 miles away), Traquair House and other places of interest.

Please contact Pat Davis if you are interested.

Tel. 01905 359949