

St. Mary's Church Kempsey

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24th JANUARY 2010

Epiphany 3

For Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals please phone
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For all other church bookings please phone
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For bookings of St. Mary's House please phone
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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.

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

Edna Cope: emcope@talktalk.net

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

Phone Libby on 353935

By WEDNESDAY LUNCH TIME

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

*Please take this sheet home with you as a reminder or to pass on
to someone who was unable to be in Church today.*

Heavenly Father we pray for the work of the Leprosy Society and for all throughout the world who still bear the stigma of leprosy. We pray for all who are isolated from their communities due to illness or disease. Please bless them today and everyday and be with them in their distress and need AMEN

SERVICES TODAY

Leprosy Sunday

8.00 Holy Communion BCP
10.30 Family Communion and
Children's Church
6.00 Evening Praise at
The Firs

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

(5th. Sunday)

8.00 Morning Prayer BCP
10.30 United Benefice
Communion at St. Denys'
There will not be a
10.30 Service at St. Mary's
6.00 Evensong BCP

SERVICES THIS COMING WEEK

Thursday 10.30 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel
Followed by Age Concern Coffee Morning at St. Mary's House

Friday 11.00 "Little Angels" Pram and Toddler Group starts
again this Friday in St. Mary's Church.

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.

HEALING PRAYER

If you have a concern for yourself or for someone else and would like regular prayers for God's healing and wholeness please contact:–

Gill Warfield 820074
or Sheila Cook 831829

ALSO THIS COMING WEEK

Mon. 8.00 United Benefice Prayer meeting at the home of Gill Warfield.

Wed. 10.30 Mission Committee

Wed. 7.30 Social Committee

BAPTISMS

We thank God for the Baptism of Joshua Graham Edward Brownley which will take place at St. Mary's Church on Saturday 30th. Jan. We pray for God's Blessing on Joshua and his family in the years that lie ahead.

IN SORROW

We commend Stefanos Zikoudis to God's loving keeping and we pray for Hayley and for all his loved ones at this time, Stefanos' funeral will take place in St. Mary's Church at **2.15 on Monday 25th. January.**

SAVE THE CHILDREN

**Bring and Buy Coffee morning
Saturday 6th. February
10.00 to 12.00
at St. Mary's House.**

There will be cakes, books, card tombola and ½ price Christmas cards for sale. Please come and support us if you can.

Thank you.

Julia Grant and Heather Davies

LENT LUNCHES

Lent Lunches at The Firs will start on Wednesday 17th. February. There is a list at the back of Church for anyone willing to help or to make soup. We should be grateful if you could sign the list. If you have any queries please contact Linda Jenkins or Mary Read. Thank you.

SAVE THE CHILDREN

East African Appeal

Twenty million people are facing severe hunger, leaving them in desperate need of emergency food aid.

Bags of sweets are on sale at the back of Church at 40p a bag.

All proceeds will go to the East African Appeal

HAITI EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

A plate is available at the back of Church again this Sunday for anyone wishing to support the desperately poor people of Haiti.

If you wish to Gift Aid your donation please put your money in a Gift Aid envelope and complete the details on the front of the envelope.

If you gave last week it is still possible to gift aid your donation again by completing a Gift Aid envelope.

Thank you.

ST. MARY'S & ST. DENYS'

WEBSITE

New On-line Donation Facility

A new On-line Donation Facility is now available via the Church website: www.stmaryskempsey.org.uk

It can be found on the Donations page where the "Donate Online Now" link will take you to the Charity Giving website (who help us with the on-line donations process).

This new on-line facility is very easy to use and will let you donate as a one-off contribution or on a regular basis – monthly, quarterly or annually. A few simple clicks of the mouse and a short on-line form are all that is needed. They will even claim the tax back for the Church under Gift Aid. All you need to provide are your card details (debit or credit) and Charity Giving will debit that card to make your donation – so just like buying an item on-line.

So could you spare just £2.30 a week to help? Doesn't seem like a lot does it - one drink in a pub perhaps? This small weekly amount equates to a £10 per month donation which would make a real, much needed difference to Church funds. Any donation, no matter what the size, is helpful to your Church in continuing its work so please do consider donating. Of course you can continue to give in the traditional way if you wish.

Thank you so much for any donation you can make.

KEMPSEY FLAG

GREAT NEWS! We are pleased to report that the Regional Flood Defence Committee have granted funding for the proposed Environment Agency's Flood Alleviation Scheme for Kempsey. It is hoped that work on the bund will start this year. A big thank you to all who have supported the scheme whether signing the petition, donating money, attending fund raising events or in any other way. We are so grateful for all your help and your prayers.

Joy Oram (Secretary)

HELP for SCHOOLS in GAMBIA

We have received a request for reading books, text books, stationery and equipment for schools in Gambia.

If you have any suitable books or school items please could you put them in the box at the back of Church. or see Mary Read.

Thank you.

GREEN TIPS

To reduce our impact on the beauty and magnificence of God's creation follow this tip

TIP 16. Avoid choosing food with excessive packaging.