

CONTACTS DURING the VACANCY

David Hassell (828096) has overall responsibility for the parishes as well as specific responsibility for Weddings and Funerals:

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or Duncan Smith 350138

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Please contact us if we can help in any way.

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.

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

If you have items for the Weekly News Sheet please email Edna Cope:

mail@emcope.plus.com

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

Phone Libby on 353935

By WEDNESDAY LUNCH TIME

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

PRAYER MINISTRY

If anyone would like prayers or a listening ear after a morning service for sickness, loss, personal problems or for any reason, there will always be someone available to talk or pray with you in confidence and in a quiet place.

Please ask Gilly Warfield or one of the Readers, Sheila, Peter or Libby,

PROBLEMS?

Look out for God's words of comfort. There is useful, free literature (to be found on the literature rack, on the blue table at the back of Church) for those experiencing difficulties, sickness, bereavement etc and wanting to know what God has to say and what the Christian Faith is all about. God Bless you as you hear from him.

St. Mary's Church Kempsey

www.stmaryskempsey.org.uk

5th. Feb. 2012

3rd Before Lent

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.

This Church supports the work of Mission, both here and overseas, through its regular weekly giving

POVERTY and HOMELESSNESS WEEK

Heavenly Father we ask your blessing on all who live in poverty and who struggle to survive. We pray especially this week for all in our own country who are hungry and cold and for all who have no home. Stir within us all the compassion and will to support and help those in desperate need. AMEN

SERVICES TODAY

8.00 Morning Prayer BCP

9.00 Holy Communion BCP
at Kerswell Green

10.45 Families Together
Breakfast served from 10.15

2.00 Holy Baptism

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

8.00 Holy Communion BCP

10.30 Informal Communion
with Children's Church

SERVICES THIS COMING WEEK

Thurs. 10.15 Holy Communion in St. Mary's House

Followed by Age Concern Coffee Morning

Friday 11.00 'Little Angels' Pram & Toddler Group
in Church. Please come. We should love to see you.

ALSO THIS COMING WEEK

- Mon. 7.30 Men's Group**
in St. Mary's House
- Mon. 8.00 Prayer Meeting at Gilly's**
- Tue. 7.30 Funday Sunday Village Meeting** at The Community Centre
- Wed, 7.30 Women's Fellowship**
in St. Mary's House

FAMILIES TOGETHER Today

A reminder of the Families Together Service on the first Sunday of every month at 10.45am

This is a short half-hour service suitable for all the family with stories, songs, prayers and plays
Why not come and have breakfast first from 10.15am? Now being served: Hot dogs, pancakes, continental ham and cheese, croissants, cereal bars, hot chocolate, coffee, tea, juice.

Please come.

We should love to see you

HOLY BAPTISM

We thank God for the baptism of Jossy May Lawrence who will be baptised at St Mary's this afternoon. We ask for God's blessing on Jossy and on all her family in the years that lie ahead.

CONFIRMATION

A Service of Confirmation will be held at St Mary's on Sunday, June 17th. If you feel you are being called to Confirmation please let David or one of the Readers know. Details of Confirmation Classes will be arranged once we know who would like to be confirmed.

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Church Electoral Roll is revised every year just prior to the annual Parochial Church Meeting. This provides an opportunity for additions to be made and names to be removed where appropriate.

This year's Annual Meeting will be on Monday March 26th. A "Notice of Revision" of St. Mary's Electoral Roll is on the notice board at the back of the Church. If currently you are not on St. Mary's Electoral Roll and wish to be put on it please read the notice and complete a form as requested. The blank forms are in a purple ring binder at the back of the church near the notice boards. Please put the completed forms in the binder in the transparent pocket provided for them. Thanks, *Colin Bursnall*

LENT LUNCHES

Lent lunches will start on Ash Wednesday, **February 22nd, 12.30pm** and will be held each Wednesday at The Firs until March 28th.

There is a list at the back of Church. Please could you sign if you are willing to make soup for any of the lunches. Thank you.

LENTEN STUDY GROUP

A Lenten Study Group will start on Wednesday 29th. Feb. at 7.30 in St. Mary's House. The theme is "Magnificent Jesus" starting with 'The Water of Life'. This is a chance to meet together informally, to share together and to grow together in faith. It will finish promptly at 9.00. Do make an effort to join us if you possibly can.

ST MARY'S SKITTLES EVENING

Come and enjoy a fun evening of Supper and Skittles at The Huntsman, Green Street on **Friday 17th February at 7.00 for 7.30pm.**

Tickets £6 to include both supper and skittles. A bar will be available. Tickets available from Julia, Duncan and Libby. Numbers are limited to 50 so buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Please come if you would like to just watch the skittles and enjoy the supper and the company. Lifts can be arranged – see Julia or Libby

We look forward to seeing you
(The Social Committee).

SUNDAY FUNDAY 10th. June 2012

The Celebrations Committee of the Parish Council is planning a special event in Kempsey to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympic Games on Sunday, June 10th. They plan a full day of fun, activities and celebrations, all day, at various venues throughout the village with residents organising their own celebrations to add to the day's festivities. St Mary's is delighted to be involved.

Further details will be available in due course. Please keep this day free and tell your families, friends and neighbours. They really want it to be a day to remember - especially for the children.

A THOUGHT for CONTEMPLATION

If we confess our sins He who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness
. (1 John 1.9)

SUPPORT in the COMMUNITY

We are very aware of families in our community who are struggling because of the financial crisis. Along with Grace Community Church we should like to be in a position to help if needs are brought to our attention. To this end there will be a large cardboard box in church for anyone who would like to donate dry or tinned goods, tea, coffee etc, We would then be able to offer a little help now and again.

The Mission Committee

SOUP, SARNIES & SHERRY

The Friends of St. Denys' are holding another 'Soup, Sarnies & Sherry' lunch on **Thursday 16th. Feb. at 12.30** in Severn Stoke Parish Hall. Booking essential. Tickets £6 available from Julia.

BORROWERS TOY LIBRARY

A toy library will be in Brookend Lane, Kempsey on the Second **Thursday** in the month – next visit is **Thursday 9th. February 10.00 – 10.30**, when you may borrow up to 4 toys for a month. They have a library of over 1000 toys Use it or we may lose it. **Further details from**
www.thetoylibrary.net
or 01684-891081