

**Please pray for:** Donald and family, Carole Adams, Kath Adams, Ann Cox, Robert Steen, Sally and family and Daniel Roberts.



Kevin and Linda Smith's daughter recently returned from Bangalore. More details of her trip will be published when we have them. Do keep Jenny in your prayers.

Please pray for Bridgebuilders, who are taking an assembly in Knebworth School on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

Please pray for all the bereaved especially for the family and friends of Elsie Smith, who was a resident of Deanscroft and a regular at our monthly Holy Communion Service there. Her funeral is at Harwood Park crematorium on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 1.15.p.m.

**GOOD NEWS FROM GILL ROBERTS:** Daniel had a PET scan recently, which showed no sign of cancer. He still has a couple of treatments left to go, but it looks as though they have been successful. Thank you all for your continuing prayers.

**UPDATE ON DONALD AND MUNRO FAMILY:** Donald's physical condition is deteriorating; he needs your prayers please. David Donald's younger brother, now a Corporal, is in Oman and returns to Afghanistan in September. Paul, Donald's brother in law also returns to Afghanistan in September. Linda thanks everyone for their prayers. Edna Channing would be please to give anyone more information on Donald if they ask her.

**THANK YOU:** to those who donated spectacles for the Vision Aid appeal. 18 pairs were collected. We will leave the box at the rear of St Martin's for another week in case any of you find any more specs lurking at the back of a cupboard.

This leaflet was produced by Penny Paton, Margaret will be back to produce the next leaflet. Please could all contributions be put in the orange folder at the rear of St. Martin's Church by 11am on Thursday, or sent by email before Friday lunchtime to [maggiewebb63@googlemail.com](mailto:maggiewebb63@googlemail.com) or telephone 01438 811795. It can also be viewed on the web site: <http://www.knebworthparishchurch.co.uk/administration/news.htm>

7 March 2010

Third Sunday in Lent

Welcome to St. Mary's and St Martin's  
Knebworth Family of Churches  
Rector: Revd Jim Pye (817396)  
Churchwardens  
Brian Webb (811795) and Michael Stiff (812621)  
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### DIARY

Sun 7 March	Third Sunday in Lent		
	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.00 am	Holy Communion	St Martin's
Sun 14 March	Fourth Sunday in Lent		
	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Martin's
	10.00 am	Holy Communion	St Martin's
	6.00 pm	Evensong	St. Mary's

### **READINGS at St Mary's for Third Sunday in Lent**

Isaiah 40: 27 - 41:13      2 Timothy 4: 1-18      Psalm 30

### **READINGS at St Martin's for Third Sunday in Lent**

2 Corinthians 1: 3-7      Luke 2: 33-35

### **Collect for the Third Sunday in Lent**

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

**NEXT SUNDAY IS MOTHERING SUNDAY:** Please feel free to invite mothers, and others to our services, including our 10 a.m. "All Age" Service at St. Martin's. **Jim Pye**

**PCC:** Will meet tomorrow (Monday 8<sup>th</sup>) at 8 p.m.

**THE K.F.C. WEEK OF ACCOMPANIED PRAYER:** is from 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> June. Application Forms and leaflets are out at the back of the Church. Forms should be completed and returned to the boxes in the churches by Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April at the latest, please. We will need someone to organise two meals for approximately six prayer companions in the Parish Centre for two evenings at 6pm, and someone to review the provision of tea/coffee/milk Monday to Friday, please. We will also need "Bed and Breakfast" for two or three companions for the Sunday night, 6<sup>th</sup>, to the Saturday morning, 12<sup>th</sup> please. **Volunteers to Jim Pye, please.**

**TAX REFUND:** The PCC has just received £5,683.06 in respect of tax refunded on Gift Aid pledges and donations for the period 6<sup>th</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009. Many thanks to everyone who is able to Gift Aid their pledges and if anyone would like more information about the various ways in which you can organize your giving to the Church please speak to Jim, Sally Groves or Cynthia Everest.

**Cynthia Everest (Hon Treasurer) 237895**

**PRODUCERS' MARKETS:** I am arranging for the first Producers' Market this year to take place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Hazel Hall has kindly agreed to organise a cake stall and I am sure she would welcome offers of both produce and help on the day. Costs can be reimbursed. Please note this date in your diary and help to support this worthy village and church event. If anybody has any knowledge of producers who might be interested in coming, apart from our usual ones, please contact me. Bric a brac tables for your own use are available for £10 each. If anybody would like to take on the function of organising these events on a permanent basis, please speak to me.

**Brian Webb 811795**

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN STEVENAGE:** are running a course of talks throughout Lent. "Exploring Christianity and Culture – a preparation for Easter". Please see posters in both churches for details.

**WATERAID THROUGH LENT:** The Knebworth Family of Churches is organising "Jars of grace" for people during Lent, to benefit WaterAid whose mission is to transform lives by improving access to safe water, hygiene and sanitation in the world's poorest communities. Their web site is <http://www.wateraid.org.uk>. The idea is to take one of the stickers available from the churches, put it on a jar/container, and every time you use some water put some money in the jar (spend a penny?!). The jars/containers will be collected at the end of Lent and the money sent to WaterAid.

**LENT BOOK:** For those of the congregation who are looking for a Lenten book this year, please consider "Strangely Warmed" by our own Andrew Rumsey who was brought up in Knebworth Rectory from the mid 60s to the mid 70s when his father Philip was Rector here. Mowbrays have made it their Lent Book 2010 - it is subtitled "Reflections on God, Life and Bric a Brac" and Elizabeth Rumsey tells me that we will see a lot of Philip in it!! Price £9.95 (but can be had from Amazon at £6.99 - I think.)

**Jane Ker-Reid**

**"FROM STONES TO WATER" WITH DAPHNE BROWN:** is a Stevenage Deanery Synod Open Meeting at 7.30 p.m. Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March in St. Martin's Church. This project was started by Daphne Brown in June 1999 to help villagers in desperate need where there is no water supply. So far 19 boreholes have been dug, 2 in Uganda and 17 in Zimbabwe. The name of the project was inspired by the process of installing a borehole in Zimbabwe. Once a surveyor finds the location of the best water supply, sometimes hundreds of feet below the ground, the local people lay a pile of large stones to mark the spot where the borehole is to be dug.

**ELECTORAL ROLL:** The Electoral Roll will be revised from the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2010 – 4<sup>th</sup> April 2010. Please notify me of any amendments to the Roll. If you want your name added to the Roll application forms are available in both churches and should be returned to me completed by the 4<sup>th</sup> April, thanks.

**Anne Purvis 237859**

**GOOD EGGS GO MAD:** At the KFC Easter Holiday Club for School Years Reception to 6. The children will be encouraged to Go Make A Difference, and learn about the lives of children in Angola, Zambia and Guatemala who are benefiting from Christian Aid projects. There will be a lot of fun along the way with drama, crafts, games, cookery and quizzes. And a grand Bring and buy sale for Christian Aid on the last morning. The Club runs from 10am-12 noon on 6-8 April in Trinity Church. The next 'hatching' meeting is on Tuesday 16 March at 8pm in Trinity Church. All welcome to plan and prepare in advance, or help on the mornings. Just come along to the meeting or speak to Jo Simson (01438 814166). NB All leaders and helpers at the Club from St. Martin's will need CRB clearance through St. Martin's, so if you are not yet CRB cleared you will need to arrange it quickly.

**Jo Simpson**

**KNEBWORTH'S TWIN TOWN:** Our twin town of Châtelailon-Plage bore the brunt of the storm Xynthia when it hit the west coast of France last Sunday. Violent winds and high tides caused untold damage, the 3 mile beach lost vast quantities of sand, huts and boardwalks were swept away. Oyster and Mussel beds were obliterated; a terrific blow for the town that relies heavily on harvesting them. The human cost was overwhelming with so many homes hit by the high waves leaving them flooded and damaged; even costing some lives. Please pray for the people of the town whilst they start to get their town and homes back together – they are grateful to know that their friends in Knebworth are thinking of them.