

What's on this week

COTTAGE PIE AND CAVA lunch at St Swithun's is **TODAY** at 12 for 12.30 pm.

CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB – the next book will be 'Mister God, this is Anna' and it will be discussed on Monday 20th February at Norfolk House, The Crescent, Romsey at 7.30pm. All welcome. Tel: 512315 or email sarahlouhargreaves@gmail.com

ROMSEY ABBEY SEWING & KNITTING GROUP - next meeting is on Thursday 23rd February at 2.30pm in the Abbey Church Rooms.

REMINDER: Due to a recording being made by the boys' and men's choir, The Abbey will be closed after Eucharist next Saturday - 25th February until 1.30pm. MP and Eucharist will be at the earlier time of 8.45am that day.

Forthcoming Events

2F's FAIR-TRADE FASHION SHOW - Tuesday 28th February at 7.00pm in the Abbey. There will be stalls selling FT goods, FT furniture will be displayed and a FT entrepreneur will tell his story. Tickets on sale (£6) after the 10am service, and from The Style Room (formerly Aroma), Oasis or the TIC.

This week's calendar

Monday 20th February
8.00am Morning Prayer & Eucharist

Tuesday 21st
9.15am Morning Prayer & Eucharist
11.30am Eucharist and Memorial Service for Alan Croft

Wednesday 22nd - Ash Wednesday
8.00am Morning Prayer, Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes
9.15am School Eucharist
7.30pm Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

Thursday 23rd
10.00am Morning Prayer
10.30am Holy Communion

Friday 24th - Fairtrade Fortnight
8.00am Morning Prayer & Eucharist

Saturday 25th - Abbey closed after MP
8.45am Morning Prayer & Eucharist

Evening Prayer is said daily at 5.30pm

Sunday 26th
8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Sung Eucharist
10.00am Holy Communion at St Swithun's
3.30pm Holy Baptism
6.30pm Evensong

Readings for next Sunday:

8 & 10am: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-9; 1 Peter 3:18-end; Mark 1:9-15

6.30pm: Psalm 119:17-32; Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19



Welcome to the Abbey Church
of St Mary and St Ethelflaeda
& St Swithun's, Crampmoor.



Refreshments are served in the Church Rooms after the 10am service

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

19th February 2012

7.30am Morning Prayer in St Anne's Chapel

8.00am Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Tim Sledge

10.00am Sung Eucharist and Holy Baptism
Celebrant Revd Keith Thomasson
Preacher & Deacon Canon John Reynolds
Hymns Processional 234, Gradual 178, Offertory 410, Communion 494, Post Communion *Bright the cloud*
Gloria Merbecke NEH 542
Setting *Messe Cum Jubilo* - Duruflé
Motet *Ave dulcissima Maria* - Lauridsen
Voluntary *Finale* from Symphonie 2^{em} - Widor

Prayers for healing are available in St Anne's Chapel after the 10am service

10.00am Holy Communion at St Swithun's
Celebrant Revd David Williams

10.00am "Way In" Service in the Abbey School Hall
Leader Revd Tim Sledge

11.30am 1662 Holy Communion
Celebrant Revd John Clarke

6.30pm Choral Evensong
Officiant Revd David Williams
Preacher Revd Jax Machin
Hymns 353, 225, 389, 391
Responses Tallis
Canticles Sumsion in G
Psalm 2
Readings 1 Kings 19:1-16; 2 Peter 1:16-end
Anthem *Hear the voice and prayer* - Tallis
Voluntary *Trio Sonata in Eb ii BWV 525* - J S Bach

Readings for today

Collect Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Paul celebrates with the Corinthians that in Christ, God's glory is made visible to those who are open to receiving his light and his lordship.

Gospel reading: Mark 9:2-9

On a mountain height, Peter, James and John witness Jesus' transfiguration into radiant glory, with Moses and Elijah alongside. A voice from an enveloping cloud confirms Jesus as God's Son.

Post Communion Prayer Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Priest at Font: Revd Jill Aussant
Sub-Deacon: Nick Virgo
Communion Assistants: Adrienne Mordan, Diane Hargreaves, Janet Wallace and Mike Wallace
Reader: Diane Hargreaves

CHRISTIAN AID LENT LUNCHES:

Fridays 12 noon - 1.30pm, Church Halls for each of the following churches:

2nd March – Romsey Abbey
9th March – Romsey Abbey (for Roman Catholic Church)
16th March – United Reformed Church
23rd March – Methodist Church
30th March – Baptist Church

A simple meal of soup, bread and cheese is served - £2.50 and £2.00 concessions. We look forward to seeing you there, especially the one hosted by the Abbey on 2nd March. Contact Jeannie Martin on 511569 for more information.

WELCOME TABLE for those who are new to the Abbey, there are details of the parish's varied life and activities on the table by the font.

LENT COURSES - Please see the separate leaflet for more information. A sign-up sheet is near the main table.

LENT QUIET DAY "Finding God in the desert" - at Wisdom House on 3rd or 14th March from 10am - 4pm. Suggested offering, £22 to include refreshments and lunch. Leaflets on main table in the Abbey.

HOME GROUPS - Running fortnightly on the second and fourth weeks of the month at the homes of Jean and Barbie Evans, Jan and Howard Green and Margaret How. Anyone is welcome to come along - initially, please contact Jax on 07761 055228.

HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB - have you heard? During the last week of July, Romsey Abbey shall be running its first holiday bible club. I would like to build a team of diverse and gifted people from across the generations to shape this work. Proposed dates of meetings (An hour of prayer from 2-3pm at 6 Albany Road and 7.30-9pm at the Parish Meeting Room for team building and planning): Feb 29th; March 21st; April 18th; May 9th; June 20th; July 4th and 18th. Please be in touch to ask any questions and get involved: Revd Keith Thomasson – tel: 516209 or email:

romseyabbeycayfm@phonecoop.coop

SAINTLY SWEEPERS need someone please to clean the St Anne's Chapel on a regular basis, either weekly or fortnightly. We usually meet on Friday morning, but other times are possible. Please contact John and Marilyn Watts on 512565.

SOUTHAMPTON MISSION AND ANDOVER FOOD BANK - we are collecting on the last Sunday of each month. The items most needed are rice, tinned meat, long-life juice, biscuits and sugar. Many thanks.

A time of **BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER** - for the ministry amongst children and young families in Romsey at 6 Albany Road on Weds 14th March: 2-3pm and 7.30-8.30pm. Contact Revd Keith Thomasson on 516209.

As Lent comes you may be thinking of making more opportunities for prayer. **THE JULIAN GROUP** meets every other Friday at 2.15pm at the home of one of its members for half an hour of silent prayer. If you would like to know more, do contact Jill Aussant (023 8026 9799) or Eva Prowse (523036).

THE WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (Interdenominational) 'Let Justice Prevail' is the theme for this year's service from Malaysia, on Friday 2nd March at 1.30pm at The Romsey Christian Centre Pentecostal Church in Middlebridge Street. Everyone welcome. Also at Braishfield URC at 7.30pm.