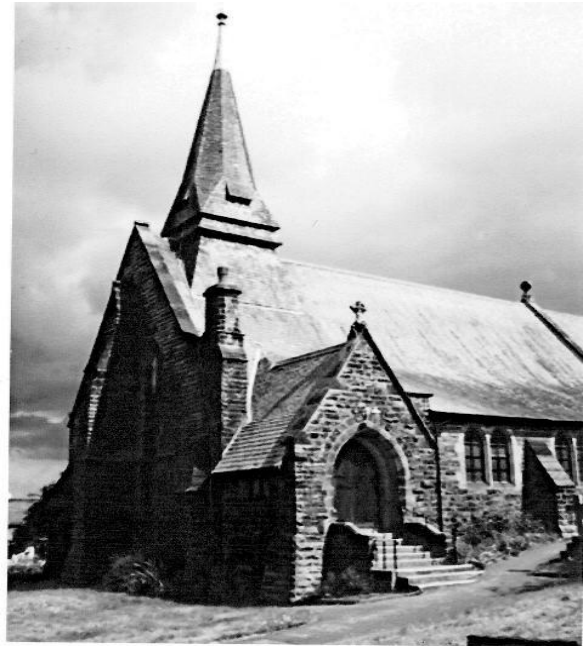
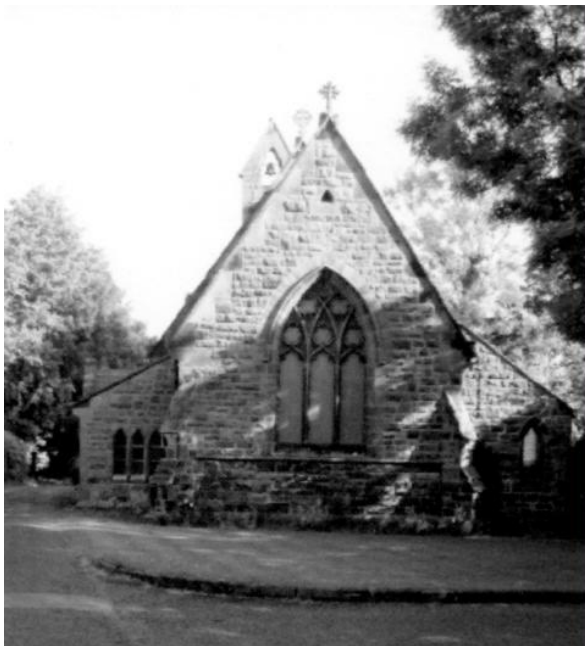


Parish News

For the parishes of :-

**St Luke's Dunham
on the Hill & Hapsford**

**St Paul's
Helsby**



March 2011

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Priest's Corner

During the month of March we start our journey through Lent, alongside Jesus to the cross on Good Friday, continuing along the road through to Easter Day – the Day of Resurrection. This is always a great day to celebrate, especially if we have travelled the road well to this point, sharing with Jesus the pain and difficulty along the way. I feel it is always beneficial to walk with him, to be a friend to him as he journeys whilst at the same time recognising that he journeys through life with us.

Friendship is very important in our lives; we cannot survive without the support of family and friends, and sometimes it is our friends who are closest to us in times of need. I hope that we all see Jesus as our friend, always there to support and guide us every single day of our lives. He loves to share all our joys too, as well as being around in times of trouble – which is when we often turn to him in desperation, but he is there waiting for us, ready to shower his love upon us.

What I would like you to consider during this time of Lent is not only Jesus friendship but also his divinity. Sometimes the image of Jesus as friend clouds the image of his divinity, his great glory and majesty as the Son of

it will take him further away from us [in our own minds]. It is precisely because he wants to be close to us that God came to earth to share human life; and it is because of his divinity that his journey to the cross is so important to our Christian faith. It is God, in Jesus, who dies for us, so
and God
who opens the gate of glory for us.

What friendship God offers us in being able to share his glory after conquering death for us! What joy that we can share eternity with the God who loves us and makes himself known to us through Jesus!

So it is only right and proper that we should take time to be with him on this journey to the cross. It is good to take the opportunity to prepare ourselves properly during these six weeks of Lent; to renew our friendship with Jesus and walk with him, knowing that he is always walking with us. Not just walking with us but sharing with us, knowing all that we feel because he has felt the same emotions himself.

Let us make use of the many things that are offered to us during Lent to deepen that friendship with Jesus. Let us make an extra effort to do something regularly, perhaps come to church every week during Lent, and/or during Holy Week. There is opportunity to come on Wednesday evenings as well as Sunday mornings or to join the Wednesday Lent Lunches which we share with our Methodist friends. Or if you like singing join the special choir that is rehearsing on Wednesday evenings

church at all then read your bible every day or have an extra quiet time with God.

Holy Week and Good Friday and bring you greater joy on Easter Day.

*Wishing you every blessing in the friendship of Jesus,
Reverend Margaret*

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like to register your name on the roll then please contact the relevant Electoral Roll Officer: Jean Johnson (tel: 01928 722182).
The closing date for entries is 20th March 2011.

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***Courage is the art
of being the only one
who knows you're scared to death***

NEWS FROM ST LUKE'S

DUNHAM-ON-THE-HILL

St Luke's will again this year be reviewing the Electoral Roll. If you would like your name to go onto the roll then please contact the Electoral Roll Officer Judy Ford (tel: 01928 723748).

Update on growth Action Planning at St Luke's

Our planning meeting for GAP year 2 was held in church after Holy Communion on Sunday 30th January over tea/coffee and biscuits. Revd. Richard Burton led the discussion, which centred around trying to imagine what the church would be like in five years' time if it was "firing on all cylinders". Seven ideas emerged as possible goals for 2011. After a short period of prayer and reflection, those present voted for two goals by placing post-it notes on their choices. The result was as follows:-

- Visiting in the village/taking flowers 8
- Exploring faith 0
- Communications 0
- 150th Anniversary Celebrations 14
- Ecumenical Relationships 5
- Children and young people 7
- Prayer 2

These results will inform the PCC when it decides on GAP goals for 2011 and develops SMART steps to achieve them.

Watch this space for more news following the PCC meeting on 7th April

A Thousand years of Christianity in Dunham-on-the-Hill and Hapsford

Part 1: from Saxon times to the Victorian era.

-on-the-Hill will be 150 years old. This series of articles looks back at the history of the Parish of Dunham-on-the-hill and Hapsford.

Before the middle of the nineteenth century there was no church in Dunham-on-the-Hill or Hapsford. Residents of both hamlets walked across the fields to worship in the parish church of Thornton-le-Moors.

The Domesday Book records that there was already a chapel in Thornton-le-Moors before the Norman Conquest. The present church dates back to 14th century. Originally it was dedicated to St Helen, but later became St the 16th century. The South porch was added in the 17th century. The church is a Grade I listed building.

The church originally served the villages of Dunham-on the-Hill, Elton, Hapsford, Thornton-le-Moors and Wimbolds Trafford. The 19th century was a great era of church building and the large parishes of Cheshire began to be broken up into smaller units and more villages having their own local places of worship more of this in Part 2.

Churches Conservation Trust. After restoration work costing £350,000, it re-opened as a heritage site in September 2010. It is open daily for visitors. There is a notice in the porch with the address of the keyholder. It is well worth a visit, but it is sad that it is no longer a place of worship for the local community.

Next month we will look at the first church to be built in Dunham.

Dr Judy Ford

March 9th Ash Wednesday 7.30 pm
Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes

Lent Lunches with Helsby Methodist Church:-

March 16 th		12.00 noon
March 23 rd	at Helsby Methodist Church	12.00 noon
March 30 th	at St	12.00 noon
April 6 th	at Helsby Methodist Church	12.00 noon
April 13 th	Church	12.00 noon

Wednesday Worship during Lent

Our time together during Lent will be slightly different as we concentrate on a special theme. We will also be meeting earlier [7.00 pm until 7.45 pm] to accommodate the augmented choir practice at 8.00pm which will be preparing for our special Palm Sunday Service on April 17th at 8.00pm

All that is happening during Lent is open to everyone in both parishes even though much is centred upon Helsby. Our Lenten observance is important and will lead us to a wonderful celebration on Easter Day.

Holy Week

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday a said service of Holy Communion at 7.30 pm

Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion with Foot Washing at 7.00 pm followed by a short vigil

Good Friday Morning Service at Helsby Methodist Church at 10.00 am followed by Walk of Witness,

Easter Eve Service of Light with renewal of Baptismal Vows at St

Easter Day Church at 11.00 am

Two Horses (Author Unknown)

Just up the road from my home is a field, with two horses in it.
From a distance, each horse looks like any other horse.
But if you stop your car, or are walking by, you will notice something quite amazing....

Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind. His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him.

This alone is amazing. If you stand nearby and listen, you will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, you will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field.

Attached to the horse's halter is a small bell. It lets the blind friend know where the other horse is, so he can follow.

As you stand and watch these two friends, you'll see that the horse with the bell is always checking on the blind horse, and that the blind horse will listen for the bell and then slowly walk to where the other horse is, trusting that he will not be led astray.

When the horse with the bell returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, it stops occasionally and looks back,
Making sure that the blind friend isn't too far behind to hear the bell.

Like the owners of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges.

He watches over us and even brings others into our lives
To help us when we are in need.

Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by the little ringing bell of those who God places in our lives.
Other times we are the guide horse, helping others to find their way....

Good friends are like that... You may not always see them, but you know they are always there...

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Please listen for my bell and I'll listen for yours, and remember...

*Be kinder than necessary-
Everyone you meet is fighting
Some kind of battle.*

*Live simply,
Love generously,
Care deeply,
Speak kindly.....*

And leave the rest to God!

FOR WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT

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Annual Parochial Church Meetings

whilst giving an overview of what has happened during the year and what we are working towards for the future.

Remember these are your churches and you have a part to play in supporting them as they support you throughout the year, especially with their prayers.

We look forward to seeing you on:-

April 10th

or

April 14th

Parish Profile



This month we introduce you to Nora

Nora was born in Runcorn in 1923 and she was one of a family of three girls and one boy (Nora was second eldest).

She attended Holy Trinity Sunday School and day School before going on to attend Balfour Road Senior School. Nora also joined the Bible Classes at the Parish Church in Runcorn, where her elder sister attended.

War started in 1939, and this caused chaos the young men she danced with joined the militia and Hitler was arming for war. Nora went to work in the Drawing office at I.C.I. and when she was 18 years old she had to transfer to laboratory war work.

There was quite a stiff training programme for this work with an examination every month which she had to pass in order to be able to carry on working there. Nora actually enjoyed working in the Laboratory and she stayed there until she married Gerald in 1947.

They bought a house in Overton, Frodsham where they had two sons, Philip and Ralph, who both attended Overton School. Nora joined the Frodsham Young Wives group and made a lot of friends there. Gerald carried on working at I.C.I. until 1959 before joining BICC at Helsby.

When their son Philip went to Helsby Grammar School, Nora and Gerald decided to make the move to Helsby and they bought a house in Swiresford Road. Nora now has four grandchildren and one great grandson with the joy of another great grandchild expected any time now.

going to church

Helsby very pleasant and she is glad it still remains very rural

Nora is an active member of the Frodsham Keyboard and Organ Society and attends their monthly meetings at Castle Park. In her spare time she is knitting squares which are made into double blankets for a charity and, of course, she also knits sweaters for Jacob, her great grandson.

Many thanks to Nora for being our profile

From your roving reporter Patricia Holder

A Smile

A smile costs nothing, but gives so much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever.

None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it, and none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it.

A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters goodwill in business, and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to trouble.

Yet it cannot be bought, begged for, borrowed or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away.

Some people are too tired to give you a smile, so give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give

Anon.

Dates from the MU Programme Diary

March 9th talk by Rev Jackie Bellfield

March 25th Lady Day Service

April 13th
at

Welcome

It is always good to welcome new people in our churches, so it is a great delight to welcome Sidney and Gillian Gilbert into our midst.

Sidney is a retired priest who has moved from Wrexham but has long had links with the Chester Diocese. Gillian is a retired Reader too, so between them they have many years of experience of ministry.

Both Sidney and Gillian want to help our churches where they are able not only in Helsby and Dunham-on-the-Hill but also in the Deanery.

Welcome to you both.

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Cold days and colder nights are here,

I hope you will not freeze.

Sure, I can tell you how to be

As cosy as you please:

Just lend a hand to one in need,

Or bless or cheer a friend

In spite of winter you will find

It warms your heart no end.

Anon

EXTRACTS from SOLOMON'S DIARY III 992 BC

My second-hand chariot business and horse dealerships are doing well, and I am ready to begin building the temple at Jerusalem, and my palace and the house I promised Pharaoh's daughter. I have conscripted labour to work for me one month in three [In effect a 33% tax - Ed]

7 years later: The temple is completed. It is magnificent. The walls, ceilings and floors are covered in gold. I made a long speech of dedication. [Very long, like a sermon that goes on all day - Ed] My people were in raptures. God spoke to me; he said the temple was very nice, and reminded me not to turn to other gods. As if I would!

13 years later: My palace is finished, as is

The Parish Registers

Funerals

February 3rd Daisy Ellams 96 years

February 10th Margaret Ravenscroft

February 8th Joseph Arthur Webb 79 years

God of all consolation, your Son Jesus Christ was moved to tears at the grace of Lazarus his friend. Look with compassion on your children in their loss; give to troubled hearts the light of hope and strengthen in us the gift of faith, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Dates for Your Diary

- March 4th Day of Prayer
7:30pm
Refreshments afterwards in the Church Hall
- March 7th
7:30pm in the Church Hall
- March 8th Soup & Pancakes 12:30pm
tickets available
- March 11th MU Wave of Prayer
- March 12th Bookstall and coffee morning
.m. -12noon
- March 13th
- March 17th Frodsham Deanery Synod Meeting
OPEN TO ALL
who are interested in learning about the arrangements
planned for Women Bishops.

Revd Charles Razzall and Lois Haslam will be
informing us of the options that the General Synod will
be voting on in November. YOUR chance to have your
say on these issues
- April 7th
- April 9th Community Centre 10:00am

Please see special notice for Lent Lunches and Services

Light your life with Enthusiasm

spark of enthusiasm needs care.

Consider these ideas :

- Rest in God. Pray to hear God and be strengthened by
and
- Refresh yourself. Take a break from your hectic pace and go for a stroll. Warm yourself in the sun, and listen to the sounds around you.
- Give yourself a pep talk. Encourage yourself just as you do your best friend, or as a best friend would do to you.
- Wake up happy! Begin each day with a fun routine: sing in the shower or just listen to your favourite music.
- Forgive yourself. Let go of something that is stifling your enthusiasm. Give yourself a *little* worry time, then move on.
- enthusiasm go hand-in-hand. Be like the man who fought to
- feel good, will make you feel better about life and yourself.
- Celebrate each new day! Arrange a special meal. Watch
- Find something each day to appreciate

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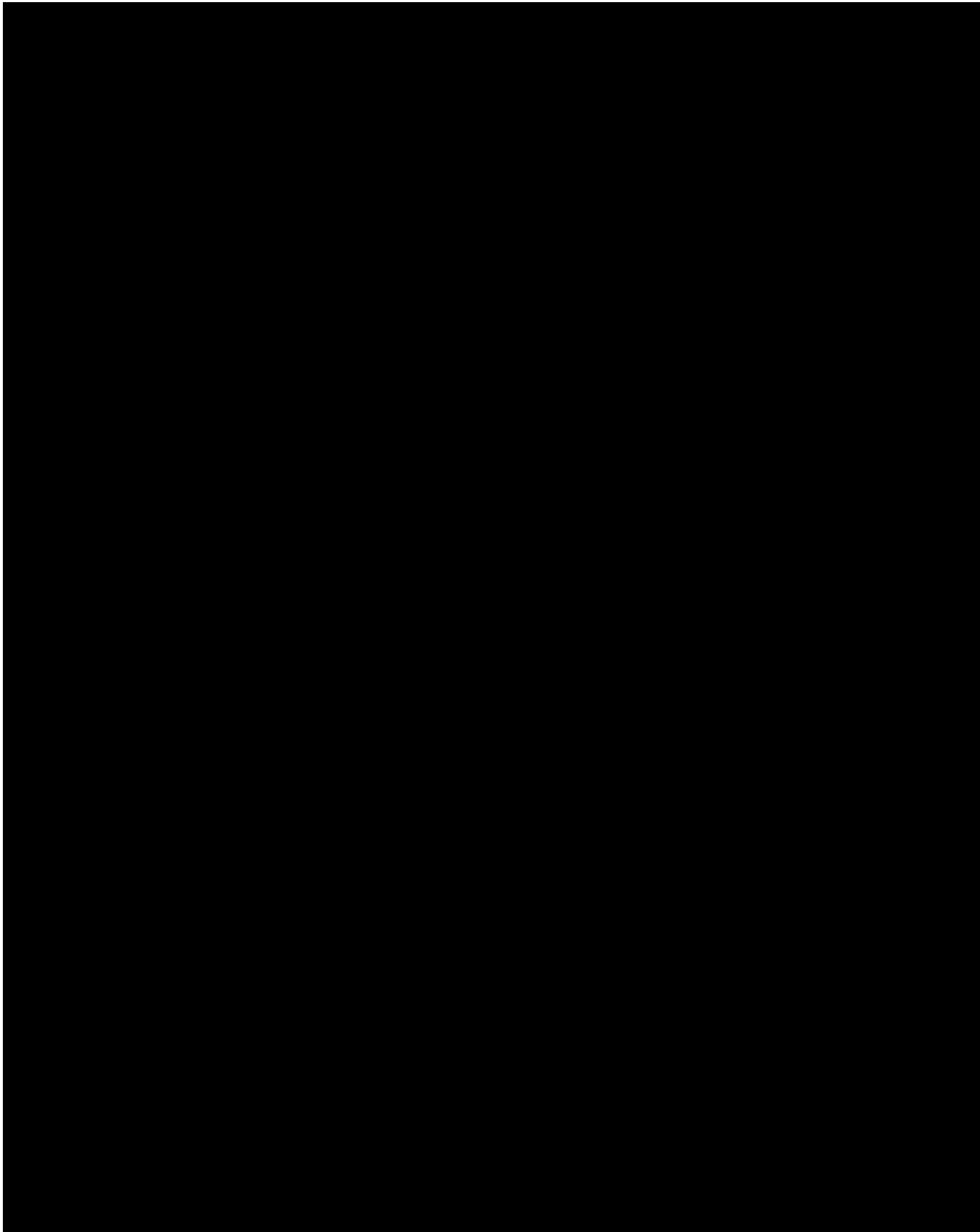
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Collects for March 2011

March 6th Last before Lent

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives; set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

March 13th Lent 1

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert; help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

March 20th Lent 2

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of
share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

March 27th Lent 3

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

April 3rd Mothering Sunday

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful; watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Grant me the senility to forget the people
I never liked anyway;
The good fortune to run into the ones I do,
And the eyesight to tell the difference.

Services in March 2011

2nd Wednesday Worship at St Paul's 7.30 pm

March 6th Last before Lent

St Paul	08.00 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
St Luke	09.30 am	Morning Prayer
St Paul	11.00 am	Family Service

**9th Ash Wednesday Service of Holy Communion
with Imposition of Ashes at St Paul's 7.30 pm**

March 13th Lent 1

St Paul	08.00 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
St Luke	09.30 am	Holy Communion
St Paul	11.00 am	Sung Communion with Holy Baptism
St Paul	6.30 pm	Healing Service

16th Wednesday Worship at St Paul's 7.00 pm

March 20th Lent 2

St Paul	08.00 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
St Luke	09.30 am	Morning Prayer
St Paul	11.00 am	Sung Communion with Holy Baptism

23rd Wednesday Worship at St Paul's 7.00 pm

March 27th Lent 3

St Paul	08.00 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
St Luke	09.30 am	Holy Communion
St Paul	11.00 am	Sung Communion

30th Wednesday Worship at St Paul's 7.00 pm

April 3rd Mothering Sunday

St Paul	08.00 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
St Luke	09.30 am	Mothering Sunday Service
St Paul	11.00 am	Family Service