

FOR OUR PRAYERS

For **Father Denis** that he may have a refreshing holiday, and for his future ministry at St. Edward the Confessor, Burgess Hill next year.

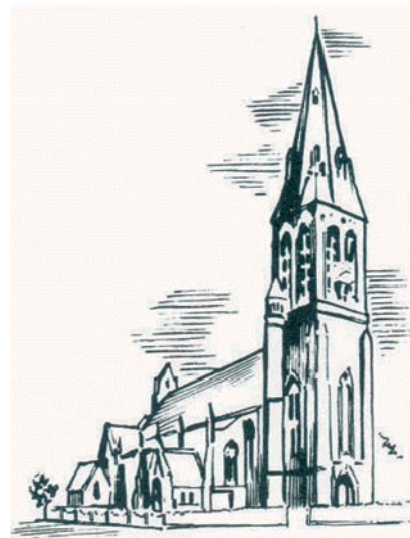
For our Churchwardens, **Esther** and **Richard** as they take on extra responsibilities.

for all who are **SICK** and are in need of the Lord's healing and wholeness

Rueben Burgin, Eric Port, Tabijah Wasawo, Patrick Wasawo, Paul Amandi-Ali, Beatrice Amandi-Ali, Chido Alera, Elephaz Odeke, Hazel Hunter, Pamela Pastell, Den Augustus, Limota Daramola, Louis Daley, Lionel Williams, Hilda Leach, Fabian Ajiroba.

For the recently **departed**: Vera Mary Edridge.

And in love we commemorate the souls of Ingram Cumberbaton, and all whose anniversary of death occurs during this week.



SUNDAY BULLETIN

Sunday
16th
November
2008

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
to Gwen Miller-Headley
(Thursday) and to all
celebrating a Birthday this
week.

NEXT SUNDAY *The feast of* **CHRIST THE KING**

PARISH MASS at 10.00 a.m.
Celebrant & Preacher:
Fr. Michael Igrave

Our Worship Today
DEDICATION FESTIVAL
10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS
with 'Kidz Klub'

MINISTRY TODAY

Stewards:
William Sempala
Lynda Phillips
Sub-deacon
Harry Cowd
Readers
Muriel Pearce
Margaret Hodgson
Intercessions:
Matthew Swann
Offertory:
Julie Lamaro
Margaret Odamo
Chalice:
Samson Akande
Peggy Brown-Denny
Samson Ogunbanjo
Elaine Reid-Hamilton

WEL COME
to everyone sharing in the
worship of our
Parish Mass this morning.
We bid a special welcome to
F ather N ick Peacock,
curate at
Christ Church, Clapham
who is presiding and preaching
this morning.
Thank you, F ather, for being
with us today.

Tea/Coffee/Squash and other refreshments are served at
the back of the church after Mass

There are NO weekday Masses in church
for the next two weeks.
The Sunday 8.00 a.m. Mass and weekday Masses
resume during the week beginning Sunday 30th
November

Today we celebrate in music the life of composer Ralph Vaughan Williams, the 50th anniversary of whose death falls this year. Vaughan Williams was a really important figure in British 20th century music and widely recognised not only for his choral music but also his ground-breaking editorship of the English Hymnal which has shaped so much of the traditional hymnody we still sing at St John the Divine today.

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WELCOME TO EVERYONE JOINING US FOR OUR PARISH MASS AS WE CELEBRATE THE ANNIVERSARY OF CONSECRATION OF OUR PARISH CHURCH.

Today, we give thanks and praise to God for His faithfulness to us, as a church, over these past 130 or so years, and especially for our church here and now.

God has been gracious to us over all these years, giving growth in our church today, and setting before us a vision for the future.

Today is also the 50th anniversary of the re-consecration of our church in 1958 after war damage. We give thanks for all who had the vision to rebuild, especially Fr. John Tate, and we give thanks for the legacy which they have passed on to us.

Today we pray that *“Like living stones, we will let ourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”*

And that we will truly learn to **SERVE JESUS IN OUR DIVERSITY AS WE SEEK TO BUILD HIS KINGDOM** here in this parish and beyond.

From Father Denis:

Thank you to everyone who has sent me messages of support and good will after my announcement last Sunday.

I have been very moved by the kind words that people have spoken and I know that I will be borne up in your prayers over the next few months.

It was not an easy decision to make, but I am sure it was the right decision, both for me and for you, the people of St. John the Divine.

The date for my **Induction** at **St. Edward the Confessor, Burgess Hill** has been fixed for **Friday 13th March**.

My final Sunday here at SJKD will be **Sunday 8th February** and I expect to move from the Vicarage during the following week. This will give me time for moving home, settling in and having a short break before starting at St. Edward's.

A reminder to members of the **Parochial Church Council:**

There will be an extraordinary meeting of the **PCC** on **Wednesday 10th December** at **8.00 p.m.** in St. John the Divine Community Centre which will be chaired by the Archdeacon of Lambeth.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

The Social Team are organising a special

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARISH PARTY

Wednesday 31st December from 8.00 p.m. – 1.00 a.m.

in St. John the Divine Community Centre

Fancy Dress Competition – Dance Competition

Disco – Fireworks

Hear the bells ringing in the New Year!

Adults £3 – Children free!

(Bring your own drink!)

BARBADOS NATIONAL DAY

Sunday 30th November

Parish Mass as usual

at 10.00 a.m. which will be

followed by a feast in

St John the Divine Community Centre hosted by our sisters and brothers from Barbados.

Book the date now!

CHURCH HEATING

We are in the process of upgrading the church heating system. Fortunately we managed to get the heating back on after it broke down, and hopefully the whole upgrading process will be completed by the end of November when we should be able to notice the difference!

Father Denis

is on holiday.

Therefore there will be NO weekday Masses for the next two weeks.

The celebrant and preacher next Sunday

(CHRIST THE KING)

will be

Father Michael Igrave
(Archdeacon of Southwark)

*Father Denis is back for
Sunday 30th November*

THE PRAYER REQUEST BOARD

has been cleared of all prayer requests dated August and September. Please keep the Prayer Request Board up to date.

If you would like us to continue to pray for people, please fill in another card and please date it. How about some THANKSGIVINGS too???