

Prayer themes for February 2010

- 1st. for the people of Haiti and the rebuilding of their community.
- 2nd. all the Charities contributing to earthquake victims.
- 3rd. for the churches to be effective in help for the homeless.
- 4th. for the Young People and Children orphaned in Haiti.
- 5th. For the businesses destroyed to recover.
- 6th. for those at home to be generous to the relief effort.
- 7th. for recovery of the British economy.
- 8th. for trust in the providence of God.
- 9th. for local parishes needing a leader
- 10th. for our schools.
- 11th. for World Day of the Sick.
- 12th. for prisoners.
- 13th. for employers.
- 14th. for the unemployed.
- 15th. for those in debt.
- 16th. for the success of the Pancake Party at New Gen.
- 17th. for repentance of our sins.
- 18th. penitents and wanderers.
- 19th. for Holy Redeemer Lent lunch team.
- 20th. for those being baptised at Easter.
- 21st. for the bereaved.
- 22nd. for Church leaders.
- 23rd. for the Eastern churches.
- 24th. for those without faith.
- 25th. for national leaders.
- 26th. those without food today.
- 27th. for those who are unloved or alone.
- 28th. for hope and peace to the distressed

Ashes are placed on the foreheads of penitents on Ash Wednesday. They are a sacramental like candles so are available to anyone wanting to receive them. Many of the mainstream churches will have a distribution of Ashes at their services on 17 February.

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“Live in

Harmony

with one another”

Newsletter from Churches Together in Sidcup

Three of the long serving ministers for Churches Together in Sidcup will leave us this month. Andrew Wilson, vicar at Christ Church, goes to Release International and David Hildred leaves St Andrews for a parish in Darfield near Sheffield. I personally want to thank them for their commitment, support and openness to ecumenism and all that is good here in Bexley. They will be missed greatly for their influence and gifts.

Rev Pat Percival will soon take over a parish at Blendon. Since before her ordination she has been active with husband Mike in CTiS committees and events.

Please pray for them and their parishes both old and new.

The Redeemed Christian Church of God has been accepted and welcomed as a new and full member of Churches Together in Sidcup. The Church meets at Emmanuel Church Hall for services and bible study with their pastor Richard Odufisan.

As we start to turn to Lent and look onward to the great feast of Easter it's a time to examine our own lives and ask how close we are to God's kingdom. It's a time for seeking guidance from the Holy Spirit to learn what He wants of us and for receiving the gifts needed to achieve it. As Jesus went into the wilderness for 40 days praying and fasting so we have the same need to get closer to God. Take some time out from our daily routines and spend time doing, or not doing, something different to the usual routine. Give the Lord time to speak and open our ears to hear. Lent gives us the ideal opportunity to reshape our life.

But before that happens live it up a little by coming to the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party with all the toppings you ever thought of. A ideal start to fasting on Ash Wednesday.

Rev Michael Baldry Deacon at Our Lady of the Rosary

SHROVE TUESDAY

Pancake Party

New Generation Church Birkbeck Road

6.30pm - 8pm on Tuesday 16th February

A good preparation to start Lent. Preparation for deeper prayer, fasting and sorrow for sins before the joy of Easter

**Friday Lent Lunches at Holy Redeemer
Church Hall, Days Lane**

Food & fellowship at a modest price

**Starts on 19th Feb at 12.30pm and
every Friday until 26th March**

The Lisieux Trust for Women's Ministry

Invites you to a Training Day on Making Liturgy.

10am - 5pm on Sat 27th Feb at St Andrew's, Short

Street, Waterloo, London SE1

(10 mins from Waterloo East)

Workshops, plenaries & liturgies. All are welcome.

To book a place contact

Dorothea McEwan 020 8883 5408 (between 5pm-9pm)

WOMENS' WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

'Let all that hath breath praise the Lord'

Compiled by Christian women

from Cameroon

Friday 5th March 2010

1.45pm at St John's, Church Road, Sidcup

with Sue Robbins

8.00pm at Footscray Baptist, Sidcup Hill

with Joy Raggett

Good Friday Witness at 9.30am at 2nd April from St John's, Church Road. Refreshments at Emmanuel Church, Hadlow Road afterwards.

The next Churches Together in Sidcup Annual General Meeting is at 7.45pm on Wednesday 21st April at St Lawrence's, Main Road.

The next CTiS General Meeting is at 8pm on Wednesday 16th June at Footscray Baptist, Sidcup Hill

**Monthly Churches Together Prayer Meeting every 3rd
Saturday**

9 - 9.30 am. All welcome

Next Meeting is

20 February – Our Lady of the Rosary

20 March – Sidcup Baptist Church

17 April – New Covenant (at St Andrew's)

*Emmanuel will provide the editorial for March
Footscray Baptist Church for April
Holy Redeemer for May*

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