

BERRINGTON, CROSS HOUSES & BETTON STRANGE
Services in April and May 2010

Sunday 4th April EASTER DAY

11am All Saints Eucharist

Sunday 11th April Easter 2

11am All Saints Eucharist

Sunday 25th April Easter 4

10am Cross Houses Family Worship

Sunday 2nd May Easter 5

9.30am Betton Strange Eucharist

Sunday 9th May Easter 6

11am All Saints Eucharist

Sunday 23rd May Pentecost

10am Cross Houses Family Worship

Everyone is very welcome to all or any of these services.

GROUP DWELLINGS SERVICE

Holy Communion will be given at The Community Hall, Noel Hill Road, Cross Houses on the FOURTH Wednesday of the month at 11:00am.

ALTAR FLOWERS

April Janet Rowney
May Julie Davies, Fiona Hibberd

CHURCH CLEANING

April Janet Rowney, Tracy Weaver
May Linda Hammond, Stella Hall

CHURCH LOTTERY WINNERS

February 2010

1st Mrs King 2nd B. King 3rd B. Graham

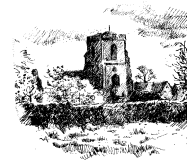
March 2010

1st G. Jones 2nd J. Harris 3rd K. Titley

Monthly prizes are: £20 , £10 , £5

There are still some vacant numbers available and if you wish to participate, please contact Heather Ward:

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The Parish of All Saints Berrington
Newsletter for
April/May 2010



Rev. Judy writes...



After such a long and cold winter, we have been awaiting Spring with great expectation. Already the plants are shooting forth daffodils and catkins about new growth; new life.

And on 4th April, Christians celebrate EASTER DAY the day of the Resurrection of Jesus. The dark days of Good Friday have been left behind. We can now live in the radiant light of the Resurrection we too can have new birth as we have hope in our salvation.

When Jesus arose from the dead, he conquered death, sin and the devil. He kept his promises as he opened for us the prospect of eternal life the life we share with him now and forever if we trust and believe in him.

The cross, now vacant, offers for us a new freedom, a new beginning.

So many are searching for meaning in your lives. If your life seems to going nowhere, then why not try putting your trust in our risen Lord Jesus. You won't be disappointed.

HAPPY EASTER

God bless

Judy

Fundraising Events for 2010

MONTH	DAY	DATE	EVENT	VENUE	NOTES
APRIL	Friday	16/04/10	Cheese & Wine Evening	Berrington Village Hall	£10 per head including cheese & 1 glass of wine
JULY	Sunday	04/07/10	Summer Luncheon	Berrington Village Hall & Field	£10 per head
SEPTEMBER		?????	Harvest Festival	All Saints Church	
OCTOBER	Friday	01/10/10	Harvest Supper	Berrington Village Hall	
NOVEMBER	Friday	12/11/10	Rock Steady - Live Music	Cross Houses Community Centre	
DECEMBER		???? ????	Carols By Gaslight Carols by candlelight	Betton Church All Saints Church	

In search of Regular givers

It costs in the region of £10,000 per year to keep the 2 churches open and we desperately need funds.

Any regular contributions together with any related Gift Aid we are able to claim will be gratefully received (all will be kept confidential).

Please contact Dean Harris 0174 3761642 for an application form and standing order mandate.

PRAYER CLOSET

The prayers of a righteous man availeth much..

James 5:16

Some ideas for things to pray for

Ask God to set us free from addictions, greed, to mend our broken hearts, and most important of all to help us through the situations in life that we cannot cope with by ourselves.

Thank God that he has given us a way to come back to him by grace (which means undeserved favour) through faith in his Son Jesus Christ who can save us eternally.

Ask God how you can encourage those who are in need of food, shelter, healing, and pray for those who have recently been bereaved or who find this time particularly difficult.

THE CARPENTER'S TOOLS

Brother Hammer served as the chairman. The other members of the tool belt informed him that he must leave, because he was too noisy. But brother Hammer said, "If I have to leave this carpenter's shop, then brother Gimlet must go too. He's insignificant and makes a very small impression." (A gimlet is a small tool with a screw point, grooved shank, and a cross-handle for boring holes).

Little brother Gimlet arose and said, "All right, but brother Screwdriver must go also. You have to turn him around and around to get anywhere with him."

Brother Screwdriver turned to the other tools in the belt and said, "If you wish, I will go, but brother Plane must leave too. All of his work is on the surface; there's no depth to what he does."

To this brother Plane levelled his terse reply, "Well, then, brother Saw will have to depart too. The changes he proposes always cut too deep."

Brother Saw complained, saying, "Brother Ruler will have to withdraw if I leave, for he's always measuring other folks as though he were the only one who is right."

Brother Ruler then surveyed the group and said, "Brother Sandpaper doesn't belong here either. He's rougher than he ought to be, and is always rubbing people up the wrong way."

In the midst of the discussion, the Carpenter of Nazareth walked in. He had come to perform his day's work. He put on His tool belt and went to the workbench to make a pulpit. He employed the ruler, the saw, the plane, the hammer, the gimlet, the screwdriver, the sandpaper, and all the other tools. When the day's work was over, the pulpit was finished, and the carpenter went home. All the accusations against each of these tools were absolutely true, yet the carpenter used every one of them. No matter which tool He used, no other tool could have done the work better.

You and I are God's "tools". While we have our flaws, each of us has a purpose, ability, and a task to perform. Won't you let God use you today?