



## The Church in Great Notley

*We are a Local Ecumenical Partnership of the Baptist Union, the Church of England, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church; in associate partnership with the Roman Catholic Church.*

We welcome you to worship at 10.30am in the Community Centre.

Junior Church provides Bible teaching and activities for children of all ages. On 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays we celebrate communion using the pattern of one of our partner churches. 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays are All-age Family Worship.

### **Ministry Team**

Rev Beth Bendrey Br 567971

Rev Mike Shrubsole Br 564880

### **Church Secretary**

Jacqui King

Br 560561

### **Church Treasurer**

Maggie Ouwehand

Br 348682

### **Friends' Treasurer**

Betty Barltrop

Br 330093

## Notices for week commencing Sunday 28 Feb (2nd in Lent)

### Today (28 February )

10.30am – Rev Mike Shrubsole AAW

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35; Luke 9:28-36, (37-43)

### Next Sunday (7 March – 3rd in Lent)

10.30am – Valerie Carter

6.00pm - Rev Mike Shrubsole (in the small hall)

**TODAY** - after the service, there will be a short meeting to talk about Sunday morning services. If you are able to stay for a few minutes, please do, as we would welcome your input.

**Calling for annual reports!** – as we approach our Church AGM on 22 April, it is time to begin to collect together written reports for the meeting. If you have an area of responsibility in the life of the church that you would like to report on, please start thinking now about what you would like to report. Text can be sent to Mike, Beth or Jacqui K. The deadline for submissions is 14 March.

**Lent Lunches** - will be held on Wednesday 17 Feb to 31 March, 11.45am -1.15pm at the Baptist Church, off Coggeshall Road, Braintree. The cost is £2.30 for adults and £1 for children, the proceeds to go to BRAINTREE STREET PASTORS and TABOR CENTRE FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED. If there is anyone who is unable to attend the lunches but would like to make a donation to the above causes, there will be a plate on our church table throughout Lent. Finally, the Church in Great Notley will be helping with the lunches on 17 March.

**Global Poverty Week: One Voice** - as part of the above, an event in Braintree is being planned for the evening of Wed 3 March, to unite with praying churches worldwide. *One Voice* is about bringing churches around the world together in prayer and worship. It's about connecting with our almighty God and each other through prayer and hearing from God as we seek justice, mercy and an end to poverty. *One Voice* is about praying for change and being the change. We need to notify by Sunday 14 Feb whether we may be able to support this event. The venue will depend on the number attending. For more info, contact Terry Clark on [tclark1949@aol.com](mailto:tclark1949@aol.com) Full details of " *One Voice*" can be found on <http://www.tearfund.org/Praying/GPPW+2010/>

Volunteering in our new building - if you haven't already, do fill out a Volunteer form which will help us plan for activities in our new church. Ruth Gilman is collecting these once completed.

Women's World Day of Prayer - on Fri 5 March: 'Let everything that has breath praise God!'

This annual event is prepared this year by the women of Cameroon. Please join us for any of these services (men also welcome!):

10.30am	St Paul's Church, Hay Lane.	Speaker	Rev Vilma Broadhurst
2.30pm	St. Mary's Church, Bocking Church St.	Speaker	Mrs Celia Coulson
7.30pm	Christ Church, London Rd.	Speaker	Mrs Sylvia Humm

Braintree Supports Haiti – there will be a concert for the victims of Haiti featuring local school choirs, amateur choirs, musicians and singers, at 3pm on Sun 7 March at Braintree Baptist Church. Tickets £1 from Mike Shrubsole. Please be prepared to give generously on the day.

Easter Celebration Gospel Concert - at Christ Church, Braintree on Sat 20 March at 3.30pm. The concert is being performed by London based Hill City Mass Choir, and is sponsored by Christchurch Pharmacy. It is in aid of Farleigh Hospice. Tickets are by donation for Farleigh, with a suggested amount of £5, and are available from Christchurch Pharmacy.

Braintree Street Pastors - if you are interested in applying to work as a Street Pastor in Braintree, see Mike Shrubsole or Marion Rollins for an application form. This year's training programme for new volunteers starts on Sat 20 March and then runs for five more sessions on Wednesday evenings. New volunteers from local churches are invited. Show the love of God to young people out on the streets late at night through our practical concern and action.

Music Group - a few singers and musicians met this week and enjoyed thinking about and preparing some music for Easter. A number of others have said you would be interested in joining in. We need to convene another day: could you email Beth about whether Mon 22 or Tues 23 March would be suitable evenings?

[bethbendrey@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bethbendrey@hotmail.co.uk) or phone as above.

Fundraising concert - there will be a concert on Saturday 24 April to raise money for our building project. It will be organised by Sue and John Malam, professional musicians and members of St Peter and St Paul's, Black Notley. If any of you would like to volunteer a spot, please do get in touch with Sue or John on: 01376 329958. And do make a note in your diary!

Circuit Missions Supper – on Wed 9 June at Trinity Methodist Church, 7pm for 7.30pm, in the Link. Speaker: Jacqueline Fowler, who is a Deacon at a Church in Harrow, Middlesex, and will be speaking on the work of the Diaconal Order. For more information, email [jandmhayman@freenet.co.uk](mailto:jandmhayman@freenet.co.uk)

