

# February Diary 2008

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## Vicar's February jottings

Over 2007 I seemed to hear a repeated phrase spoken during or after a number of events. It ran something like this: "Look how church members here are outnumbered by those from the wider community". My mind ran in two directions - but being a man, not at the same time!

Firstly, I recalled how several years ago we'd felt God urge us to love our community. We were working with the thought of how, in the fable of the Sun and the Wind competing to get the coat off a man's back, it was the warmth of the sun that prevailed not the forcefulness of the wind. Initiatives since our last weekend away have fed into this and when the PCC met last year to pray about the Vision of the church, again the idea of engaging with our community was one of the key themes. Were we beginning to see our community becoming more open towards us as a church?

Secondly, I prayed asking God what we should be doing with these people. At first I felt him say, "Feed them", and that connected me with Jesus' words to the disciples at the feeding of the 5000 ["You give them something to eat"], and his words to Peter in John 21 ["feed my lambs"]. Days later as I continued to ask God, I felt him say, "Share your bread with sinners". This connects with an alternative prayer of Humble Access - "You are the God of our salvation and share your bread with sinners". If we are to share our bread I take that to mean sharing Jesus, our Saviour and the Bread of Life. As the song says, "its all about you, Jesus", or as St Peter puts it, "In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord" (1Peter 3:15).

Are we ready to do that? Do we know the truth about Jesus and why his life death and resurrection have transformed history? Have we each experienced that truth for ourselves so that we have a living testimony of what Jesus has done and is doing in our lives, even if we don't understand it all? And do we trust that the ongoing mission of Jesus, by the Holy Spirit at work through us, still has power to bring healing, release and the kingdom of God to us and those we encounter? Making sure we can answer these questions is why at the start of Lent we'll be spending 3 Sundays focusing on Jesus in 3 sermons - Truth, Testimony and Trust. Try to be there for them all or if not, get to listen to them afterwards.



*in our villages, towns & cities*

I want to write about this next month but for the moment try this quote from Peter Kusmic: "*Hope is the ability to hear the music of the future. Faith is having the courage to dance to it today*"

Nick Grew

Date & Day	Time	Details	Venue
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Upper Room
	10am-12noon	Child Protection Training	Holy Trinity Coffee Room
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY</b> <u>Epiphany 5</u>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>All Together</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>
	<b>9.45am</b>	<b>20:20 Church</b>	<b>St Saviour's Church</b>
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Evening Hour</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
5 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	1.45pm	'Bill Johnson Group' (see Trevor Oldroyd)	Holy Trinity Upper Room
	8.00pm	Monthly Prayer meeting <i>led by Val &amp; Andy Harris</i>	Holy Trinity Church
6 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	10.00am	Prayer meeting	St Saviour's Church
	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Holy Communion</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>


	2.30-3.30pm	Healing Prayer Group	HT Church, via Vestry
	5.30-6.30pm	Quiet Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	7.30-9.00pm	Lighthouse	Holy Trinity Church Hall
	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Holy Communion</b>	<b>St Saviour's Church</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	12 noon	Not-so-Young	Holy Trinity Coffee Room
	1.15-2.45pm	Parent & Toddler Group	Holy Trinity Church Hall
	8.00pm	Growing Leaders	St Saviour's Church
9 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Upper Room
	2.00pm	Wedding of Neil Talbot & Justine Fisher	Holy Trinity Church

<b>10<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Hands Free</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>
<b><u>Lent - 2</u></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>St Saviour's Church</b>
	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Evening Praise</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>

11 <sup>th</sup> Monday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	8.00pm	re:fresh meeting	18 Highclere Road
12 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	1.45pm	'Bill Johnson Group' (see Trevor Oldroyd)	Holy Trinity Upper Room
13 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	10.00am	Prayer Meeting	St Saviour's Church
	2.30-3.30pm	Healing Prayer Group	HT Church, via Vestry
	5.30-6.30pm	Quiet Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	7.30-9.00pm	Lighthouse	Holy Trinity Church Hall
	7.30pm	Wardens Meeting	Trinity House
14 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	1.15-2.45pm	Parent & Toddler Group	Holy Trinity Church Hall
15 <sup>th</sup> Friday		<b>Church Office Closed</b>	
16 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Upper Room

<b>17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Hands Free Holy Communion</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>
<b><u>Lent - 1</u></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Inter-gen</b>	<b>St Saviour's Church</b>
	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>
	<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>Commemoration Service</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>

18 <sup>th</sup> Monday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
19 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	1.45pm	'Bill Johnson Group' (see Trevor Oldroyd)	Holy Trinity Upper Room
20 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion – 1 John 2:18-3:3	St Saviour's Church
	2.30-3.30pm	Healing Prayer Group	HT Church, via Vestry
	5.30-6.30pm	Quiet Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	7.30-9.00pm	Lighthouse	Holy Trinity Church Hall
21 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	12.30-2.30pm	'Lunch with Others' in Brookwood	B'wood Memorial Halls
	1.15-2.45pm	Parent & Toddler Group	Holy Trinity Church Hall
23 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Upper Room

<b>24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Hands Free</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>
 <b><u>Lent 1</u></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Morning Service – Fairtrade sale</b>	<b>St Saviour's Church</b>
	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Healing Service with Holy Comm</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>

25 <sup>th</sup> Monday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	8.00pm	Standing Committee	61 Percheron Drive
26 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church

27 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	1.45pm	'Bill Johnson Group' (see Trevor Oldroyd)	Holy Trinity Upper Room
	10.00am	Prayer Meeting	St Saviour's Church
	2.30-3.30pm	Healing Prayer Group	HT Church, via Vestry
	5.30-6.30pm	Quiet Prayer	St Saviour's Church
28 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	7.30-9.00pm	Lighthouse	Holy Trinity Church Hall
	8.45am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	1.15-2.45pm	Parent & Toddler Group	Holy Trinity Church Hall
	8.00pm	The Place of Faith in the Healing Ministry – Pt 2	Holy Trinity Coffee Room