

# January Diary 2010

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## Vicar's January Jottings

This is the time of year when people juggle with 2 diaries, trying to remember to transfer crucial dates and information between 2009 and 2010. In this process at least one important issue usually gets missed even by people like me who have an electronic system! And then there are all those church rotas to copy into the new diary...!

In early December I was copied in on an e-mail exchange which was triggered by one busy person trying to make a change on a rota. Talk about dominoes toppling!! The melt-down made sorting the collapsing banks look simple! What did this say about us as a church? Now, be warned, I'm about to get controversial...!

I've been reflecting upon Hosea 6:6 and it came up in my daily readings as I read another instalment in the rota e-mail exchange. Jesus quotes this verse to the Pharisees on at least 2 occasions [see Matt.9:12, 12:7]. He tells them to go away and work out what it means. Jesus perceives the Pharisees' rules as a framework shoring up a dead religion. Where amongst the sacrifices and burnt offerings is the true life that demonstrates mercy & honouring God?

Have our rotas become like this for us? Do they give the appearance of order but actually disguise a hollowness in which a few are very busy (too busy?) and many others are relieved that the church is being run OK? Is this the church Jesus came to launch and equip by his Spirit? Are we doing too much as a church? Or are we doing the right things but trying to be the body of Christ while hopping on one leg, with one arm tied back and drooping eyelids?

I believe Peter was right when he said "His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness" [2Peter 1:3] and Paul was right when he said "We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works" [Ephesians 2:10]. Many of us know that, through the Holy Spirit, God gifts his people to equip us to work together as the Body of Christ [e.g. see 1Corinthians 12, Ephesians 6].

In January we will be preaching about these matters because we're inviting everyone to sign up to participate in The **Servant Course** in February. You can find information elsewhere and on the website but the course has 2 Teaching events which will be run both in the evening and during the daytime. You will need to sign up by January 25<sup>th</sup> to take part. The aim is to enable all of us to grasp more fully how God has equipped us so that by being who he has made us to be we will together accomplish what he has called us to do: *Making Jesus Visible by Word and Power*. Perhaps then our rotas will return to being sensible means of bringing order and good communication!

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Date & Day	Time	Details	Venue
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Parish Family Service</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
6 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	1.45-2.45pm	Intercessors for Healing	HTrinity Church via Vestry
	7.30-9.00pm	Lighthouse	Holy Trinity Church Hall
7 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	12noon	Not-so-Young	King's House Coffee Shop
	1.15-2.45pm	Parent & Toddlers	Holy Trinity Hall & Church
	8.00pm	Wardens Meeting	Trinity House
9 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Coffee Room
	<b>3.30-5.30pm</b>	<b>Messy Church: Joseph</b>	<b>St Saviour's Church/Hall</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY</b> <i>Epiphany I</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Hands Free</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</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 Worship</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>
	6.30-8.00pm	Youth Cell Group (school yrs 10 & 11)	H Trinity Upper Rm

11 <sup>th</sup> Monday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	8.00pm	Standing Committee	61 Percheron Drive
12 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	8.00pm	Men's Curry Club	Khyber Pass, Knaphill
13 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	1.45-2.45pm	Intercessors for Healing	H Trinity Church via Vestry
	7.30-9.00pm	Lighthouse	Holy Trinity Church Hall
14 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	1.15-2.45pm	Parent & Toddlers	Holy Trinity Church Hall
	8.00pm	Pastoral Team Meeting	Holy Trinity Upper Room
16 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Coffee Room

<b>17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Hands Free Holy Communion</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>
<b>Epiphany 2</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Intergen</b>	<b>St Saviour's Church</b>
	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Utd Service of Prayer for Christian Unity @ Knaphill Methodist</b>	
	6.30-8.00pm	Youth Cell Group (school yrs 10 & 11)	H Trinity Upper Rm

18 <sup>th</sup> Monday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Messy Church Craft planning</b>	<b>St Saviour's Church</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
20 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Saviour's Church
	1.45-2.45pm	Intercessors for Healing	H Trinity Church via Vestry
	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'	Brookwood Memorial Hall
	1.15-2.45pm	Parent & Toddlers	Holy Trinity Church Hall
	8.00pm	LTG Meeting	St Saviour's Church
23 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Coffee Room
	<b>9.45am-12.30pm</b>	<b>Child Protection / Safeguarding Children</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>

<b>24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Hands Free &amp; Baptism of Lilian Hemmings</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>
<b>Epiphany 3</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Morning Service &amp; Baptism of Elise Christian</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 Holy Communion</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>
	6.30-8.00pm	Youth Cell Group (school yrs 10 & 11)	H Trinity Upper Rm

25 <sup>th</sup> Monday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
	8.00pm	PCC Meeting	Holy Trinity Church Hall
26 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity Church
27 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	1.45-2.45pm	Intercessors for Healing	H Trinity Church via Vestry
	7.30-9.00pm	Lighthouse	Holy Trinity Church Hall
	7.30pm	'The Questions Children Ask' (for parents)	St Saviour's Church
28 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	8.45am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church
	1.15-2.45pm	Parent & Toddlers	Holy Trinity Church Hall
30 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Coffee Room

<b>31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Hands Free</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>
<b>Epiphany 4</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Morning Service</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>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>
	6.30-8.00pm	Youth Cell Group (school yrs 10 & 11)	H Trinity Upper Rm