The Old Church News

A L L - O P E N

VICAR'S VOICE

July is the end of term for school children and continues the "open" church season church with Sundays Trinity following Sunday, so we are able to think of God the Father, God the Son (Jesus) and God the Holy Spirit - the priests dress in green to reflect new growth of faith. There is a service in the Cathedral congratulate those who have this year completed the 3D (Diocesan Discerning-Discipleship) course. Trustees Our (The Smethwick Chapelry set up by the Will of Dorothy Parkes) have their annual meeting to look at the church while building, we continue in fellowship

(like our parish trip to Chester) and growing our faith by exploring together how we shall grow and transform ourselves in new ideas of worship, partnership (with Rev'd Nigel becoming also priest-in -charge of St Matthews St with Chad's), social, discipleship and communications (read and share this monthly news letter, courtesy of Audrey, Wendy, Christine and Charlotte - showing us all examples of how our own vocations may be discerned in a new and exciting way to serve one another - and those beyond these walls - as we proclaim ourselves to followers of Christ's!)



If you planted hope today in any hopeless heart, If someone's burden was lighter because you did your part, If you caused a laugh that chased some tears away If tonight your name is named when someone kneels to pray Then—your day has been well spent.

Source unknown



PAST MONTH'S NEWS

The Old Church - we continue to pray for Elsey, Nicole, Jake, Jack, Lauren, Reza and Bishop Ramon. Irai Mottadeheh, assistant Bishop of this Diocese, confirmed 8 of our church family at the Deanery of Warley Confirmation Service held at Holy Trinity - we continue to pray with them for their developing faith (Alex, Jean, Thomas, Nicole, Ramin, Reza, Adrienne and Paul). We also

June saw 7 baptised at pray for Andrew and Nicola who were married on 5th June. The summer fair was on Saturday 26th (if weather fine) in the Vicarage garden (with scouts and choir from Uplands School Choir.) On Tuesday 29th a children's choir, from Rome in Italy, sing in church (having sung at Lincoln Cathedral and Christchurch Oxford!) We welcome them and thank them for their concert.

QI.... Eucharist

- Greek Word
- means "Thanksgiving"
- "Give thanks" said Jesus (Matthew chapter 26 verses 26-28, Mark chapter 14 verses 22- 24 and Luke chapter 22 verses 17-20)
- Jesus sat with his disciples for supper on the evening of "Maundy Thursday"
- other names: Holy Communion, the Lord's Supper, the Mass.
- bread and wine for Christ's body and blood
- shed for all upon the Cross the following day: "Good Friday"
- "taken, gave thanks, broken and given
- "Do this in remembrance of me"



DIARY DATES

July Ordination of Deacons in the Cathedral, 4th including Douglas Machiridza from our own congregation - we pray for him (and others to be ordained) and continue to pray for his family (Alice, Tawana and Tadenda) in their new parish and home.

6th Deanery Synod meet at St Giles Rowley Regis.

8th Dorothy Parkes Chapelry Trustees' AGM

-Light Reading Group
-3D participants' graduation service in the
Cathedral in Birmingham 7.30pm - pray
for David Tanner and others

15th Thrifties (Ladies Social Group)
Pamper Night

17th Parish day-trip to Chester

28th Light Reading Group

29th Prayer Group

August The Transfiguration of Our Lord Feastday
6th - with communion in the Vicarage garden
(6.30pm) followed by BBQ

23rd Thrifties Picnic in the park

27th - Big Fish attend Greenbelt Christian 30th Arts Festival (We pray with them)

SPOTLIGHT ON...SERVERS

The role of the Server is to prepare the altar for Holy Communion and assist the Priest during the service. At present there are five Servers - Sister Maureen, Rob, Wendy, Thomas and Charlotte. If you would like to know more about becoming a Server please speak to Nigel.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Discoverers are a group of people aged 50 plus who enjoy visiting local places of interest on the second Thursday of each month. Recently they visited Soho House in Handsworth. This house is a museum and testament to the achievement of Matthew Boulton as one of Birmingham's leading metal manufacturers. The group found this visit to be an interesting and enjoyable experience. The Discoverers' next outing on September 9th will be to the Jewellery Museum in Birmingham's Jewellery Quarter. Please see Judy Eynon for further details should you wish to accompany them.



URGENT APPEAL

2009 celebrated the 90th anniversary of the S.O.C. Scout Group. However 2010 sees the Cub group section in desperate need of leaders. The Cub group for ages 8-10, meets every Tuesday evening from 7.15 - 8.30pm. Unfortunately the Cub Section may be forced to close shortly if additional leaders are not found. If you can provide help please speak to a Church Warden or contact Austin Taylor at austinntaylor@hotmail.co.uk