

THE BERKELEY ENSEMBLE

Eight talented classical musicians will perform on Friday 13th November at 7.30pm at Highworth Methodist church. Tickets are £8, available from Terry Williams or the Lighthouse Bookshop. They will be performing Dvorak String Quintet, Schubert Octet, plus the world premier of a piece for Double Bass and Ensemble written by Gareth Wood.

You are invited to:

St Andrews Methodist Church,
Moredon Road

Brunel Brass in Concert

(National 3rd Section Champions)

Friday 20th November at 7.30pm

Tickets £5.00 / £3.50 concessions from
Church Members

Proceeds in aid of Church Funds & ZANE
(Zimbabwe - A National Emergency)



Week beginning Sunday 25th October 2009

We Should Love One Another, For Love Is Of God

A young minister asked a more experienced minister:

"What are the requirements to be a successful minister?"

The response he received was: "You have to be an entrepreneur. You have to be organised and efficient, able to manage your time well, and able to see projects through to completion." The young minister did not realise this more experienced minister was on an ego trip and was basically describing himself.

A few days later this same young minister asked another minister — one who was approaching retirement — the same question.

Without hesitation, the older, wiser minister answered,

"You have to love your people."

The young minister asked, "What about being organised and efficient? What about being a self-starter?"

The older, wiser minister replied,

"A person with good organisational skills will have a large congregation — and you should develop those skills as much as you can. But a minister who loves people will make a difference in their lives for all eternity."

As we all minister to one another, in ways many and varied, let us minister in love - for love is of God.

Lesley Uzzell

PRAYING FOR THE BENEFICE

This week we pray for those who live in
Cotswold Way, Crane Furlong, Cricklade Road, The Cullerns,
The Dormers and Downs View

PRAYER

Lord, open our eyes to your presence.
Grant us a vision to see what we can achieve;
As your love touches us may we reach out to others.
Lord, stretch our capabilities, extend our vision and increase our sense of purpose, that we may grow in our service of you;
Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Spirit. One God now and forever

Amen

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

...all those who are sick or troubled,
praying especially for
Lorna Bowie, Val Cox, Andrew Crowley,
Gwen Drew, Hilary Fortnam, Kim Fulgoni,
Peter Gibbs, Syd Huband, Janet Livall,
Keith Lodwick, Carole Richmond, Julia Riggs, Betty Taber

...all those who are recently bereaved,
praying especially for those who love and miss
Rose Ayres, Trevor Chapman,
Henry (Jim) Peapell, Robert Steer

Parish of Highworth, with Sevenhampton & Inglesham - who to contact

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Our readings today are:

1 John 4: 7-21 (pew bible p1227)

John 3: 16-21 (pew bible p1066)

Please join us for refreshments after our 10am and 4pm services today

If you prefer not to take alcohol, alcohol-free wine is available at our communion services - please take a pink card from a steward and ensure it is visible as you come for communion

SERVICES TODAY, Sunday 25th October 2009, Last after Trinity

Highworth	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP, Justin Griffith
	10.00am	Parish Communion with children's activities, Justin Griffith/ Ann Griffith
	4.00pm	T-Time Service with children's groups, Justin Griffith
	7.00pm	Informal Worship, Arthur Woo
Hannington	10.30am	Morning Worship, John Godfree
Blunsdon	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP, Arthur Woo
	10.00am	Family Worship, Arthur Woo

SERVICES NEXT WEEK, Sunday 1st November 2009, All Saints Day

Highworth	8.00am	Holy Communion CW, Allan Bucknall
	9.00am	Parish Breakfast, Church Room, All are welcome
	10.00am	Morning Praise with children's activities, Lesley Page/Lesley Uzzell
	4.00pm	T-Time Service all age communion, Arthur Woo/Katie James
	7.00pm	Informal Worship, Arthur Woo
Sevenhampton	9.00am	Holy Communion CW, Arthur Woo/Ann Griffith
Hannington	10.30am	Holy Communion CW, Arthur Woo/Ann Griffith
Blunsdon	10.00am	Holy Communion CW Patronal Festival, Geoff Sowden/John Rees

STAR PARTY

All Primary School children currently in Reception to Year 6 are invited to a Star Party on October 31st at Highworth Methodist Church, 5:45pm until 7:30pm. If you would like your child to receive a personal invitation, please contact **Arthur Woo**.

If you are able to offer help at the party please give your names to **Lesley Uzzell**. There is also a list on the chest to offer food for the party. Thank you if you can help.

Please pray that many children will attend and enjoy themselves without the sinister overtones of many secular Hallowe'en parties these days.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 26 th	9.30am	Prayer time in church - all are welcome
	9.30am	Watercolour Group in the Church Room until 3.00pm
	11.00am	Funeral of Rose Ayres in Church
Tue 27 th	9.30am	Pilates in the Church Room
		No Tuesday Morning Fellowship today
	8.00pm	Tuesday Fellowship, 47 Kilda Road (Allan)
Wed 28 th	11.30am	Funeral of Henry (Jim) Peapell at Kingsdown
	7.00pm	Pilates in the Church Room
Thu 29 th	11.00am	Funeral of Trevor Chapman at Kingsdown
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice, Bell Tower
Fri 30 th	7.00pm	Choir Practice
Sat 31 st	10.00am	Coffee Morning and bulletin folding, Church Room
Sun 1 Nov	9.00am	Parish Breakfast in the Church Room - all are welcome
	2.00pm	Church Room booked for Private Hire until 4.30pm

Parish Breakfast will be served between the 8.00am and 10.00am services next Sunday 1st November - please do join us - we love to see new faces as well as old!

COMMUNION**IN THE LIGHT OF SWINE FLU**

While swine flu remains in our community wine will be distributed in the bread/wafer placed into the recipient's hands. I am sure everyone will understand the reasons for the adoption of this practice. **Geoff**

ROB, JANE AND ABI STEWART:

The Stewarts have now moved to Bristol but will be returning on 8th November when, in the Church Room at 12 noon, we would like to have a 'bring and share' lunch and make a presentation to them.

If you would like to contribute to their gift please put this in a marked envelope and hand to either a Churchwarden or a Sidesman.

Rosie Castle

"In Loving Memory"

On the chest in church are some letters addressed to some of those who have been bereaved during the past year. I would be very grateful if you could deliver them as they are an invitation to come to the "In Loving Memory" service to be held in church on **SATURDAY, November 7th** at 3pm, when we welcome Ven Alan Hawker as our speaker. Please make this service widely known to anyone who might find it helpful.

Jean Ashton

From Bishop Lee (Bishop of Swindon)

Dear friends in Christ

You may have heard by now about the 'Blue Wave' rally happening in London on 5 December and the coaches which have been organised.

Churches, congregations and Christian relief agencies are in the forefront of drawing attention to the need for action in response to Climate Change. The rally – and assemblies for prayer and worship that will accompany it – are aimed at persuading the UK Government and the world's leaders to act collectively and positively during and after the Copenhagen Summit.

What you may not know is that there is also going to be a cycle ride from Bristol and Swindon to London over 3-5 December which we hope will attract interest and publicity. The details can be found at <http://www.bristol.anglican.org/churches/bristolbluewave>.

I will be joining in myself and hope there will be a good contingent with me. Chris Dobson and Simon Topping are the key people to ask if you need more details. This is a key opportunity for Christians to bring their influence to bear on a crucial issue of care and justice which affects everyone on this planet.

Yours in Jesus. **+Lee**