

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.

Barnabus Fund invite you to a talk on

The Persecuted Church – The African Experience

by Francis Omondi,
Deputy International Director
at 7.45 pm

on Wednesday 18 November

BATH ROAD METHODIST CHURCH
SWINDON SN1 4BA



Week beginning Sunday 1st November 2009, All Saints Day

I sing a song of the saints of God,
Patient and brave and true,
Who toiled and fought and lived and died
For the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
And one was a shepherdess on the green:
They were all of them saints of God - and I mean,
God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
And his love made them strong;
And they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,
The whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
And one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
And there's not any reason - no, not the least -
Why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past,
There are hundreds of thousands still
The world is bright with the joyous saints
Who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
In church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;
For the saints of God are folk just like me,
And I mean to be one too.

(L Scott, 1929 'Everyday Hymns for Little Children')

And there's not any reason - no, not the least - why we **all** shouldn't be one too.

Lesley Uzzell

Our readings today are:

8am & 4pm Revelation 21:1-6 (pew bible p1249) John 11:32-44 (pew bible p1078)
10am Revelation 21:1-6 (pew bible p1249) Romans 1:4-7 (pew bible p1128)

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

PRAYING FOR THE BENEFICE

This week we pray for those who live in
Eastrop, Edencroft, The Elms,
Fair View and Folly Close,
and for all who attend, work or help at
Eastrop School

*“Be the change
you wish to see
in the world.”*

GHANDI

PRAYER

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age.
As we rejoice in the faith of your
saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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
Trevor Chapman

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

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SERVICES TODAY, 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

SERVICES NEXT WEEK, Sunday 8th November 2009, Remembrance Sunday

Highworth	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP, Geoff Sowden/Justin Griffith
	10.00am	Remembrance Service, Geoff Sowden/Justin Griffith
	4.00pm	T-Time Service with children's groups, Geoff Sowden/Bella Fasham
	7.00pm	Informal Worship, Arthur Woo
Hannington	10.30am	Remembrance Service, Rob Stewart
Blunsdon	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP, Rev Dr Richard Armitage
	10.00am	Remembrance Service, John Rees
	6.30pm	Evensong, John Rees
Grove Hill	7.30pm	Evening Service, Helen Weaver

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**"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**BRING & SHARE LUNCH 8TH NOVEMBER**

Please remember to sign up for the bring and share lunch for Rob and Jane in the Church Room on 8th November from 12.00noon and for contributions of food. Thank you

Lesley Page**WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK**

Mon 2 nd	9.30am	Prayer time in church - all are welcome
	9.30am	Watercolour Group in the Church Room until 3.00pm
	10.00am	Ministry Team Meeting, Church Office
	8.00pm	Social Committee meeting, 27 Pound Road
Tue 3 rd	12.15pm	Daytime Network Course, 14 Brookfield
	10.00am	Tuesday Morning Fellowship, 34 Eastrop (Lynn)
	8.00pm	ICC Prayers at Methodist Church
	8.00pm	Confirmation discussion at the Vicarage
	8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship, 26 Priory Green (Wendy)
Wed 4 th	9.30am	Music Bugs in the Church Room
	9.30am	Little Fishes in the Chancel
	7.00pm	Deanery Synod in St Michael's church
Thu 5 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice, Bell Tower
Fri 6 th	7.00pm	Choir Practice
Sat 7 th	10.00am	Royal British Legion Coffee Morning, Church Room
	3.0pm	'In Loving Memory' service, St Michael's Church, Alan Homer/Jean Ashton
Sun 8 th	12.00noon	Bring and Share lunch for the Stewarts, Church Room

PARISH BREAKFAST

Parish Breakfast will be served between the 8.00am and 10.00am services today Sunday 1st November - please do join us - all are welcome to this time of fellowship and companionship.

ROB, JANE AND ABI STEWART

This week is your last chance to contribute to the Stewarts' leaving gift. They will be here for a 'bring and share' lunch after the Remembrance Service next week when a presentation will be made to them. Please put your gift in a marked envelope and hand to either a Churchwarden or a Sidesman. (There will be some old envelopes that can be used on the chest)

Rosie Castle**CONFIRMATION**

I am pleased to remind everyone that we are hosting a Confirmation Service on Sunday 15th November at 4.00pm, to be led by the Bishop of Swindon. Please do come along and support our candidates, and those from the other two Churches who are involved, and make this a great day of celebration.

Geoff**CONFIRMATION REFRESHMENTS**

Following the Confirmation Service on 15th November at 4.00pm we will be offering a Parish Tea to the candidates and their families and friends. Please sign up to help get ready or clear away and to provide food, everything from sandwiches and sausage rolls to crisps and biscuits will be needed. There is a list on the chest. if you have any queries please contact me.

Lesley Page**TEARFund Coffee Morning**

Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of last Saturday's coffee morning. A total of £208.00 is being sent to TEARfund, which includes £35.00 from Gwen's cards.

Jean Homer