

# TEAM NOTICES

**'Come & Sing' Choral Evensong** this evening, 9<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm in St Mary's Church. Our guest this month is Timothy Brown, formerly Clare College, Cambridge. *Come and Sing* event is open to all singers. Arrival at St Mary's is for a 4.00pm rehearsal start. Cups of tea are provided between the rehearsal end and the service start at 6.30pm. All Welcome. Music provided. Just come and sing!

**Many thanks** to everyone who supported the coffee morning on 1<sup>st</sup> March, raising funds for The Leprosy Mission. As a result of the event we donated £250, and still had delicious cake left over for the refreshments in church on Sunday! The Mission sends their thanks to everyone who attended and plan to use our funds to help people living with Leprosy in Odisha – they wrote: "In Odisha, eastern India, families affected by leprosy are living in unimaginable conditions, pushed to the edge of society, forgotten. Poverty, poor sanitation, and crumbling buildings are the perfect breeding ground for leprosy. It's no surprise that the disease is spreading to the next generation, stealing futures and hope." Leaflets about the Odisha Project are available in Church

**"What on Earth is Heaven"** is the title of the presentation by Dr James Paul at *Any Questions* this **Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March** at the United Reformed Church, 112 High Street, Swanage, BH19 2NY. Dr Paul is an author and Director of the L'Abri Fellowship. L'Abri study centres give individuals the opportunity to seek answers to questions about God and the significance of human life. L'Abri believes that Christianity speaks to all aspects of life. Dr Paul challenges misconceptions about Heaven and offers an alternative vision of what Heaven is about. **Refreshments from 7pm, presentation starts at 7.30pm.**

**Lent lunch** will be held at St. Mark's Church on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March. All are welcome to join us for home-made soup, bread and cheese between 12 noon and 1:30 in support of the work world-wide of Christian Aid.

**Purbeck Deanery Synod Meeting** will be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm at All Saints Church. *'Scroll all about it – communicating in a digital world'*. A presentation by Rebecca Pavey, Diocesan Director of Communications and Engagement. Everyone welcome.

**Stewardship Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.** Across Team churches in Swanage we will be looking at Stewardship and encouraging everyone to prayerfully review how they use their time, talent and treasure as we seek together to live out our diocesan vision of 'Making Jesus Known' and share God's love in our community.

**Swanage Parish APCM** will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at All Saints. Everyone welcome!

The funeral of Mrs Sheila Hiett will be held at St Mary's on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30am.

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# REFLECTION

## Luke 4:1-13

I love an alliteration – maybe because it is the foundation of a particular method of Welsh poetry called *Cynghanedd*; (you can learn something new every day). I have 2 alliterations to share as we reflect on the temptations of Jesus.

The first thing we learn is that **Temptations are Tailor-made**. You may not be tempted by the same things as me, and I may not be tempted by those things which tempt you. Jesus was tempted, very specifically, to betray his calling as the Suffering Servant Son of God. Who else would be tempted to demonstrate their position by jumping off the pinnacle of the Temple? Yes, he could have done it, and yes, God's angels would have protected him. It was a temptation tailor-made for God's Son, to wreck his mission and trash God's plan of salvation. Similarly, the offer of all the kingdoms of the world, at the price of worshipping the devil, must have seemed very attractive; take a short-cut, avoid all that stuff about a cross..... Another Tailor-made temptation!

The second thing we learn is how to deal with Tailor-made Temptations. **The Solution is Scriptural**. Jesus' answers to the devil were all quotations from Old Testament scripture. Knowing scripture enabled him to recognise the devil's temptations, and gave him the means to avoid them – even when the devil himself tried to misuse Scripture in his third temptation.

**Lent** is a good time to get into good habits of reading and reflecting on God's Word. The world is full of **Tailor-made Temptations**, together with false beliefs, and all sorts of things which can lead us astray from God's ways. God's Word gives us his **Scriptural Solutions** to enable us to grow in faith and love for Jesus, and to recognise and resist the devil's lies.

*Revd David Richards*