

Watoto Children's Choir

The Watoto Children's Choir will be visiting Tunbridge Wells on Wednesday 29th February. The **Watoto Children's Choir** is an African children's choir based in Kampala, Uganda, at Watoto Church. The choir is made up of children who have lost one or both parents to the AIDS epidemic or to war. The Choir has toured Canada, the United States, Europe, Asia, New Zealand, Israel, Japan, Brazil, The Netherlands, China, Germany, and Australia with a team of Ugandan adults. Their performances are a unique blend of native African rhythms, contemporary gospel music and ethnic dance. They will be performing at St Philip's Church, Sherwood at 7.30 pm. Admission is by ticket only, available from St Paul's Parish Office in Rusthall (539174, or office@stpaulrusthall.org.uk), or St Philip's Parish Office in Sherwood (530384). Please get in touch soon to obtain your **free** ticket.

Crisis Recovery Day Centre

Crisis Recovery Day Centre in Tunbridge Wells provides help to homeless, alcoholic and other drug addicted individuals and is looking for additional volunteers. Volunteers should be mature Christians who have a recent CRB check and are happy to talk with the guests and to help with the activities in the Day Centre. The Day Centre is open on Mondays and volunteers should be available from 10am until 2pm. If you are interested in helping, please phone 01892-510520 or email recoverycourse@hotmail.co.uk



"Our basic wedding charges are very reasonable – optional extras include pew usage, hassock rental, hymn-sheet supplement, parking, lighting...

ST MARY'S CHURCH SPELDHURST

We welcome any visitors and friends to our worship today

5th February 2012

Third Sunday before Lent

10 am

Parish Communion (Douglas Wren & Karol Leeves)

For details of service see powerpoint or separate service sheet

Readings: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 (p.1150) (Julie Pinnell)

Mark 1:29-39 (p.1003) (Joan Shipley)

Intercessions led by Men's Fellowship

Concluding Voluntary: Toccata & Fugue in D minor - Pachelbel followed by refreshments at the back of church

6 pm

Evensong (Karol Leeves)

Readings: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 (p.1150) (Audrey Stuart-Black)

Mark 1:29-39 (p.1003) (Lynn Poulson)

Hymns: A&M 131; 365; 238; 512

Psalm 147:12-20

Concluding Voluntary: Trumpet Tune - H Purcell

Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Epiphany



Eternal God,
whose Son went among the crowds
and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your church as we gather together,
and by our lives as they are transformed
into the image of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



From St Mary's Prayer Cycle:

- 1) Penshurst Road and Roopers
- 2) The Surgery
- 3) The maintenance of our Church and Churchyard
- 4) The UPCC and DCC

All items for inclusion in the next newsheet should reach the office by

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10TH at 9 a.m.

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See our website on <http://www.speldhurst.org/church>



Monday to Friday	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
Monday 6th	9.15 am	Prayer in the Tower Room
	2 - 2.45 pm	Bellringing - Quarter Peal to mark the 60th anniversary of the Queen's Accession
	2.30 pm	Speldhurst School Prayer Group
	3.15 pm	Climbers and Explorers (<i>Speldhurst School</i>)
	7.30 pm	X-plode (<i>The Chapel</i>)
Tuesday 7th	7.45 pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesday 8th	8 pm	+ chat (<i>The Chapel</i>)
	8.15 pm	UPCC (<i>Ashurst Village Hall</i>)
Thursday 9th	7.30 pm	Music Group practice
Friday 10th	2 pm	Funeral Service for Barbara Cocks
	7.45 pm	Choir Practice



Sunday 12th February
Second Sunday before Lent

8 am Holy Communion (1662) (Douglas Wren)
10 am Parish Communion (Douglas Wren & Bishop James of Rochester)

SERVICES NEXT WEEK
ELSWHERE IN THE UNITED PARISH

Sunday 12th February

St John's, Groombridge 11 am Holy Communion (1662)
(Revd Basil Marshall)

No separate service at St Martin's, Ashurst



Spring Harvest 2012 - last call!!

I still have 10 beds spare for Spring Harvest. Do not let the opportunity pass you by: great experience - not to be missed!
Call me now: Kate 863018



Speldhurst School Prayer Group

meets again on
Monday February 6th
at 2.30 p.m. in school



Anyone with a heart for the school in our community is most welcome.

Service of Thanksgiving - an opportunity

We are very fortunate to have been able to do so much work to our building, both restoration and development. Next Sunday at 10 am we will celebrate this with Bishop James. Not everyone is so fortunate. Our brothers and sisters in Harare Diocese are frequently excluded from their church buildings by state sponsored violence. Our Church Council has agreed that as a token of our thankfulness we will have a special collection at our Thanksgiving service for Harare Diocese. This is a cause close to Bishop James' heart. If you would like to write a cheque you can make it payable to St Mary's, Speldhurst. If you are able to fill in a Gift Aid envelope we can claim the tax and send all monies on to Harare. If you are thankful for our building you will have an opportunity next Sunday to be generous to others who are not even able to enter their church buildings.

Douglas

St Mary's in C²¹

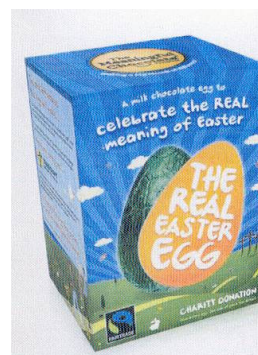
Before Christmas there was a meeting for anyone who was interested in thinking about how we can enhance the notice boards and porch areas. We were delighted that there were many ideas raised.

The people who came to the meeting wanted a broad consultation with other members of the church family. Maybe they have talked to you already.

Please discuss how we can make our entrances and notices boards say something positive to people about the space where we meet with God. Feel free to talk about this to your home group, friends, family and anyone who might be interested. Please pray about this next step for St Mary's C21.

After these informal discussions we expect to meet on Tuesday 21st February at 8.15 pm. Please come if you can.

Martin Atkinson, John Baker and Mary Wren



The Real Easter Egg

Order the 2012 Real Easter Egg here in church. Out of 80 million Easter eggs sold in the UK every year, the Real Easter Egg is the only Fairtrade charity egg to tell the Easter story on the box.

Whilst this egg will be available in some shops, many supermarkets have been reluctant to place large orders, not wanting a mention of Jesus on their shelves. So, to make the Real Easter Egg campaign a success in 2012 we need to support it as a church through mail order. Eggs cost £3.99 with free delivery. Please sign the list in the porch or contact the Church Office (speldhurst.church@bopenworld.com or

phone 861187). **Payment will need to be received by February 19th at the latest.** If you would like more details visit the website: <http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk>