

Sometimes Lent is called 'this joyful season' - why? Because behind Lent lies the power and love of God, by which the Israelites were delivered from Egypt, brought back from exile in Babylon. The same power was at work in Jesus, who resisted temptation in the wilderness. The same power can work in us today, moving our hearts and minds towards God, moving us to love our neighbour.

PAMLA PASTORAL will be next **FRIDAY 2nd MARCH**. Everyone is invited to the office church this weekend. Please take one and return it with your donation next weekend. Those of you who are expatriates may like to consider filling in the Gift Aid Declaration attached to the envelope. As you realize, this will enable **CANOD** to claim an extra 28 pence for every pound you donate. This is money you have already paid as tax and will not cost you any more when you make a **GIFT AID DECLARATION**.

FINANCE
Weekend 17/18 February 2007.
Pledge Collection £306 with an additional £297 given by Gift Aid.
The Gift Aided sum produces a tax rebate of a further £83 = TOTAL £686.
TO ENHANCE YOUR GIVING BY 28% PLEASE CONSIDER USING GIFT AID. Contact David Groom Tel: 666725.
Second Collection for the **Diocesan Children's Society**, £240.

PARISH WEBSITE
Our site at www.stpeterschurch.org.uk exists to inform parishioners, intending visitors and newcomers to the parish. Kathy and Roger Wharton help in any way or have useful comments to make about improving the content. Their phone number is 01793 751863.

Churches Together in Chreweater
LENT GROUPS
During Lent there will be a number of ecumenical study groups operating in various venues in Chreweater and Stratton at different times of day. Each group will follow a six week course entitled *Can we build a better world?* (produced nationally by York Courses). Details of particular groups, venues etc are on request from Father Michael.

QUIET HOUR
The Chreweater Branch of the Mothers Union invite women from St Peter's to a Quiet Hour in the Parish Centre on Wednesday 7 March at 2 pm. Afterwards there will be tea and a time of fellowship.

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WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE
Friday 2 March, 2 pm, Asteroff Church.
This service for 2007 has been prepared by the women of Pangnauy. The speaker will be Canon Pat Harris. Everyone is very welcome and refreshments will be served afterwards.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 75th ANNIVERSARY
Saturday 12 May 2007, Broadmead Baptist Church, Bristol.
A celebration of narration, reading, dance and song to mark the 75th Anniversary of the first WWP service in England. Guest speaker - Sister Brenda Gainer. Tickets £5. A couch will leave the Parish Church, Chreweater at 12 noon, cost £9. Reservations please to Mrs Yeo, Tel: 654625, or Tina Dick Tel: 650400, before 14 March.

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM
Further dates:
Saturday 24 March 10-11 meeting at Sacred Hearts, Charlton Kings, Chalfont, for Bishop Deehan and members of Diocesan and Parish Pastoral Teams.
Next regular meeting of our Team: Monday 14 May, 7 pm.

Mon 26 Feb Mass 10 am
Tue 27 Feb Mass 10 am
Wed 28 Feb Mass 10 am
Thur 1 Mar Saint David Mass 10 am

Fri 2 Mar Mass 10 am
Sat 3 Mar Mass 10 am
Confessions 10.30 - 11 am, 5 - 5.30 pm

Please pray for:
- those who are sick, including Pat Barry, Ann Wall, Paula Manning, Marie Westery, Sheila McKeeven, Margaret Forster, Mrs Green Murphy, Tony Barry, Dorothy Goodeman, Catherine Jones, Mrs Gabeonoff, Clive O'Neil, Mary Kinson, Stephen Griffiths, Ann Beake, Angela Pilkington
(Please inform Fr Michael of any changes to be made to the above list)

- those whose anniversaries occur about this time, including George Dewa, William Carter, Elizabeth Wylie-Carrick, Paddy Walsh, Della Ford, Ivy Durham

FEBRUARY is the MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
MARCH is the MONTH OF SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY
Prayer intentions: Candidates for the Sacraments, Women, The Needy and Hungry of the World, Penitents and Wanderers

PRAYER
St Peter's Book, for you to write your prayers, can be found at the back of church.
Prayer Line - call Doreen Fothergill (01451 860609) or Dee Stanall (01606 860387).

HOLY COMMUNION
All those at Mass who are not in Full Communion with the Catholic Church, and those Catholics not receiving Holy Communion, are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing. When approaching the celebrant, please hold your arms across your chest so he will know that you wish to receive a blessing.

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Permanent Deacon: Rev. J. Rothergill
Fr Aidan Rothergill

Welcome to our church. If you are a visitor, we shape that you will enjoy your stay in Chreweater. If you are new to the Parish, please make yourself known to someone in the congregation.

Sunday 25 February
First Mass of Sunday:
Sunday Mass:
9.30 am
11 am (Tom, Madeley R.L.P.)
Saturdays 6 pm
9.30 am

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
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Fisher week 1.
Deuteronomy 26:4-10.
Delivered from Egypt, by God's hand.
Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

PSALM RESPONSE:
Second Reading:
Romans 10:8-13.
Believe from your heart, confess with your lips, that Jesus is Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL:
Luke 4:1-13.
Resisting temptation, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

