

THE PORCH

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VISITING PREACHER, Sunday 1 November 2009

The preacher at the 10:00
service will be Revd
John Philpott-Howard, formerly
a curate at St Alfege. We look
forward to welcoming him
again among us.

SWINE FLU AND THE CHALICE AT COMMUNION

We are continuing to follow the
Archbishops' and Diocesan
advice by not offering the
chalice to people's lips during
communion to avoid cross
contamination. The
Archbishops have made
it clear that it is perfectly
permissible only to take the
wafer at communion and not
the wine.

AN AUTUMN THREE-COURSE SUPPER WITH PAY BAR & AUCTION OF PROMISES TO RAISE MONEY FOR ST ALFEGE CHURCH HALL, 14 November 2009

A grand supper party in the newly
refurbished church hall, with live music
and an auction of fabulous gifts and
promises in aid of making the hall a
really pleasant and useful place. "Fall
for the Hall" promises a good time for
all. There will be a fine wine bar.
Tickets £10 from Jenny Edmunds. For
further details, see the poster in the hall
lobby. Tables for 8 available.

CHRISTIAN READING GROUP

Last Wednesday of the month, 19:30-
20:30: 18 November, 27 January.
Contact Kate Steer.

PUPPET SHOW, 1 November 2009

In church hall for all children and young
people. Followed by Sunday School
book, cake and toy sale in aid of St
Monica's nursery and primary school in
Stone Town, Zanzibar. Donations of
books, cakes and toys welcome.



"I heard the voice of Jesus say: come unto me and
rest... I am this dark world's light, look unto me,
thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright."
Horatio Bonar, 1846

CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES

**2 November-19 December 2009,
10:00-16:00** Cards for Good Causes
opens on Monday 2 November, selling
Christmas cards and a wide range of
Christmassy things in aid of several
charities. All charities receive at least 75p
in every £1 from their card sales, out of
which they pay for the production and
distribution of their cards and any
applicable VAT. This year the only Cards
for Good Causes branch in South East
London is at St Alfege Church.

HANDEL'S "MESSIAH", Sunday 13 December 2009, 19:00

Performed by the Thomas Tallis
Society, directed by Stephen Dagg.
Leader: Simon Smith. Soprano:
Juliet Fraser; Counter-tenor:
David Bates; Tenor: Sam Boden;
Bass: Robert Davies.

ADVENT WINDOWS, GREENWICH Looking ahead to Advent Windows 2009, 15 or so people have signed up for Windows again this year. Please let Gill Moody and Jenny Edmunds if you would like to take part or if you know anybody else who wants to take part.

REVD KATHRYN TWINING
Having completed her six-month secondment at Eltham, Kathryn is to begin a new stage in her training as curate at St Edward's, New Addington, from Advent Sunday onwards. All of us at St Alfege wish her every success in her new context and future ministry.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
Sunday 8 November 2009**

CHRISTMAS SERVICES
Kate Steer has the dates for Christmas services: Nine Lessons and Carols and the Midnight service on Christmas Eve, also Christmas day. We need lots of volunteers for these services, so it would be much appreciated if you could let Kate know if you are able to do one or both of these. It would be great to get this organised now.

For such a time as this

... be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." Ephesians, 6:10-13

Lunch-time recitals (All start at 13:10 unless otherwise stated)

Thursday 5 November
Recital: Trinity College of Music
Astraeus Saxophone Quartet
(Francesca Reich, Yasmin Ogilvie, Ben Capon, Emma Cross).

Saturday 7 November
13:10: Recital: Annie Ashton (cello) and Holger Aston (piano).
17.30: Concert: "Songs of War and Remembrance" performed by Matthew Jelf and Stephen Wilmot.

Thursday 12 November
Recital: Trinity College of Music, Armitage Brass Quintet.

**Friday 13 November-
Sunday 15 November
Greenwich International Early
Music Festival**

Friday 13 November
13:10: Recital: Trinity College Recorder Consort
17:45: Concert: Pamela Thorby (recorder) and Huw Warren (keyboard); tickets £10 (£7).

Saturday 14 November
11:00-13:30: Masterclass by Alison Crum (viola da gamba).
19:45: Concert: Trinity Early Music & Composition Faculties, inspired by the International Year of Astronomy; tickets £10 (£7).

Thursday 19 November
Recital: Trinity College of Music Guitar Orchestra. Conductor: James Woodrow. Music by Leo Brouwer, Villa Lobos, Satie & Piazzolla.

Saturday 21 November
Recital: Mitra Tham (piano).

Sunday 22 November
20:00: Jazz at St Alfege: Julian Stringle, Barbara Snow, Dominic Ashworth, Rob Rickenberg, Richard Niles.

Wednesday 25 November
1930: Choral & Orchestral Concert: Eltham College,

Thursday 26 November
Recital: Trinity College of Music Harp Department Concert.

Saturday 28 November
13:10: Recital: Leah Blakelock, soprano.
18:00: Concert: Steinberg School of Music Pupils. Steinberg Duo: Nicholas and Louisa Burns; music by Kreisler & Elgar; tickets £5.

Sunday 29 November
18:30: Advent Carol service. Church choir of St Alfege Church; Director: Stephen Dagg.

News from the Diocese

**READER AND SPA MINISTRY:
Open Evenings at Trinity House**
Information Evening about the Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary Ministry (SPA) on Wednesday 11 November 19:30.

Open Evening about Reader Ministry on Tuesday 17 November 18.30-20:00.

See posters at the back of church. Further information from *christine.crenell* @southwark.anglican.org tel 0207 7939 9400

Late news

Friday 6 November, 12:00: Funeral of Joan Pickard

3 January 2010: pantomime *Mother Goose* at 13:00pm at Greenwich Theatre. If you are interested in coming or would like to sponsor a child who might otherwise be unable to come, please contact Karen or any of the other Sunday School leaders.

With items to be included in the church notices, contact Chris Todhunter. Deadline: 20:00 Thursday

To have people included in Those in Need, or the Departed, in the Service Sheet, contact: Judith Hutchinson