BUILDING FUND NOTICES

Our church has this week received a cheque for £2750 from Allchurches Trust Ltd as a result of a quality application made some months ago by George Reiss on behalf of the Building Fund committee. Allchurches Trust Ltd is the owner of Ecclesiastical Insurance Group to whom our church and many other churches pay annual insurance premiums. There is now just one more outstanding result to come to us from an application made by George Hanna to yet another Trust but this will not be known for a few weeks yet. Watch this space and keep praying !!!

Those members of the congregation who were present at the Jean Martyn Concert on Saturday 3 March will I am sure have enjoyed a great evening. After expenses the event has made a net profit of £756.39.

Sincere thanks to everyone who helped both before the event and on the night of the event to make this so successful.

Our next concert in church is on Saturday 19 May when the Cannock Chase Orpheus Choir will be performing. Please note this in your diaries. Please note that there will be no cake stall this month because of Lent and there will also be no cake stall in April.

PSALM 19:7-end

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The commandments of the LORD are right, bringing joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are clear, giving insight to life. Reverence for the LORD is pure, lasting forever. The laws of the LORD are true; each one is fair. They are more desirable than gold, even the finest gold. They are sweeter than honey, even honey dripping from the comb. They are a warning to those who hear them; there is great reward for those who obey them. How can I know all the sins lurking in my heart? Cleanse me from these hidden faults. Keep me from deliberate sins! Don't let them control me. Then I will be free of guilt and innocent of great sin. May the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be pleasing to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

PLEASE NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Find us online at: www.christchurchtettenhallwood.co.uk email: <u>info@christchurchtettenhallwood.co.uk</u> Parish Office: <u>01902 238988</u>

Christ Church Notices

for the week beginning Sunday 11 March 2012 Third Sunday of Lent

<u>The Collect</u>

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer After Communion

Merciful Lord,

grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil,

and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

<u>Today's Readings:</u>

Next Sunday's Readings

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

John 2:13-22

Luke 2:33-35

The Week Ahead

2.00pm	Ladies Fellowship (see note below)
1.00pm	Meditation for Lent
7.30am	Prayer Breakfast at CC
2.00pm	Mothers' Union (see note below)
9.30am	Holy Communion
12.30pm	Prayer Lunch
12 noon	Lent Lunch Tett. Wood URC
	1.00pm 7.30am 2.00pm 9.30am 12.30pm

PRAYER POINTS:

Please include these items in your prayers this week.

- ► PCC & CCC members
- Paramedics & Ambulance crews
- Christians in Russia

The three churches of this benefice as they prepare for the induction of our new team rector Revd Phillip Wootton on 28 April 2012.

<u>The Bishop of Lichfield's Lent Appeal</u> will this year be supporting Christian initiatives working with children and young people both overseas and here in the UK (More information at back of church). Grey envelopes are available for your donation, and can be added to the weekly collection any time up until Easter Sunday. If you cannot sign up for Gift Aid, just put a line through the declaration. Thank you.

This year I am keen, after the prompting of Norman Lewis, that we should take things <u>out</u> of Lent rather than add more things in. We have tried to make sure we have no business meetings for the duration and I would urge you also to try to deliberately drop some of your busy-ness. Instead we are offering two periods for Meditation each week of half an hour each: each Wednesday at 1.00pm at Christ Church and each Friday at 7.30pm at Good Shepherd. Please try and make this a priority when you can listen to what the Lord is saying. PIPPA.

The next First Sunday Service 1st April (Palm Sunday) will be a communion service.

Lent Lunches – Please see poster at the back of church for details of this year's Lent lunches, the proceeds from which will be donated to the Covenanting Churches` charities for 2012 – Rwanda Child, Wolverhampton Food Bank and Fare Share.

<u>MAUNDY THURSDAY</u> – you are invited to the service at Lichfield Cathedral at 11a.m.

<u>In preparation for Easter</u>, we will be holding a Spring clean/work party on Saturday 31 March, starting at 9am. All are welcome to join us, for whatever time you can spare. Why not come along and treat yourself to a lent lunch at the same time? Please see Phil Dent or the wardens for further info. **BOOKSTALL** There is a new selection of books and cards on display, including the popular novel 'The Shack'.

<u>The New English Orchestra's</u> next concert will be at Birmingham Town Hall Saturday 21 April at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are available from the Town Hall - <u>www.thsh.co.uk</u> or phone 0121 780 3333.

REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLL Each year the electoral roll is updated. If you are not already on the roll, and would like to be, please see Carol Key or one of the wardens. The final date for handing in forms is <u>Sunday 18 March.</u> <u>MOTHERS' UNION - Lent Devotions</u>. Thursday15 March at 2.00pm. Pippa will lead a service of Holy Communion, followed by tea and time together. No raffle tickets will be sold on this occasion.

Mothers' Union - Make a Mother's Day

If you would like to give an alternative gift to your mother, or in her memory, this Mothering Sunday on 18 March, "Make a Mother's Day" offers ethical gifts. Catalogues can be found at the back of church.

<u>Mothers' Union Quiz Sheets</u> - Another quiz sheet with the theme of "Families" is available, price £1. Branch members have decided that money raised will go towards the Literacy & Development Programme & to Away From It All holidays (AFIA). Sheets are available from Carol Key or Margaret Boxall. To be returned by 31 March.

<u>MOTHERS' UNION - Easter Eggs and Toiletries.</u> During Lent we will be collecting Easter Eggs and toiletries for the Haven Homes. This annual gesture is very much appreciated by those who are experiencing a difficult family life. If anyone would like to contribute, there will be boxes in church. Thank you.

<u>**Transport Rota</u>** – please let Angela Williams know any dates between April/June when you will not be available please.</u>

FAIRTRADE GOODS are on sale at both services today.

EASTER FLOWERS - THERE IS A BOX AT THE BACK OF CHURCH FOR YOUR KIND DONATIONS.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP - speaker from Midlands Air Ambulance. There will be a sales table and retiring collection. We would really like to welcome new members. If you are interested in joining us please speak to either Margaret Boxall, Mary Maddocks or Ann Lawlor, or simply just come along at 2pm on Monday 12 March and see if you like us!!!