

## RECIPE FOR CHILDREN

### KRUNCHY MALLOW BARS

Please ensure that children are supervised when cooking.

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

45g butter or margarine  
300g (about 40) regular marshmallows  
200g miniature marshmallows  
180g Kellogg's Rice Krispies

#### METHOD:

Melt the butter in a large saucepan over a low heat. Add the marshmallows and stir until everything is completely melted, then remove from the heat.

Next add Rice Krispies and stir until well coated.

Using a buttered spatula, press the mixture evenly into a 13" x 9" x 2" greased baking tray.

Allow to cool and cut into 2" squares. Yummy!

#### MICROWAVE DIRECTIONS

Heat the butter and marshmallows in a microwave-safe bowl on HIGH for 3 minutes. After 2 minutes, stir the mixture until it is smooth. Then simply follow steps 2-4 above. Microwave cooking times may vary.



## Parish of St Catherine, Preston-next-Faversham St CATHERINE'S NEWSLETTER EASTER 2011

### Dear Friends,

Nowadays, most of us only need a candle when there is a power cut. Gone are the days when candles were a necessary item on everyone's shopping list and were to be found in the cupboards of almost every house. Yet the Church still uses candles in its worship and none more so than at the Easter Vigil which takes place after dark on the eve of Easter Day.

The Church is in darkness eagerly awaiting the call of the resurrection. Meanwhile, outside the church, the Easter candle is blessed and then carried in procession into the darkened church with the cry "The Light of Christ". This candle will remain lit at all services Pentecost (Whitsunday).

All candles give light. They help us not to stumble along or knock into things as we make our way in the dark. They prevent us from getting lost. The Easter candle symbolises Christ as the light of the world and the prayers of the liturgy speak of the light rising to dispel the darkness of our minds and hearts.

Candles can also provide some warmth and attraction. Although today we are spoiled by instant light and central heating, we are still able to recognise the cheery warmth of a flickering candle at a distant window. The Easter candle will stand prominently in the body of our church, summoning us into the warmth of the believing community and attracting us to the living flame which is Christ's gospel.

With a cheap imitation candle you simply replace the oil canister, but a real wax candle actually burns itself out as it provides light and heat. Over the next year we will see the new Easter candle being consumed as we celebrate the saving acts of Jesus. Just as Christ, the light of the world, gave himself up fully for our sake, so too we are called to be totally consumed by the flame of our service to God and one another.

At their baptism, candidates are presented with a lighted candle with the words: "Receive this light. This is to show that you have passed from darkness to light. Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father".

Finally, as long as a candle stays burning it remains as a reminder both of the person who lit it and of their intentions. This is why people light smaller votive candles in church as they offer their prayers, and why we keep perpetual flames at national monuments. For the next fifty days following Easter this special candle will proclaim Christ as the light of the world risen from the dead. Afterwards it will be used only for occasions such as baptisms and funerals: real life and death situations.

A very happy Easter to you all.

*Fr Derek Mottershead*

# HOLY WEEK SERVICES

## **PALM SUNDAY**

**8.00am & 9.30am**

Blessing of Palms & Eucharist

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**8.00pm**

Eucharist of the Lord's Supper  
Watch at the Altar of Repose

## **GOOD FRIDAY**

**10.30am** Procession of witness to the Market Place from Preston Street Church



**3.00pm**

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

## **HOLY SATURDAY**

**9.00pm**

The Easter Vigil  
Service of Light  
& First Eucharist of Easter

## **EASTER SUNDAY**

**8.00am** The Eucharist

**9.30am** Parish Eucharist

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Love suffereth long, and is courteous. Love envieth not. Love doth not frowardly, swelleth not, dealeth not dishonestly, seeketh not her own, is not provoked to anger, thinketh not evil rejoiceth not in iniquity: but rejoiceth in the truth, suffereth all things, believeth all things hopeth all things, endureth in all things.

Charity suffereth long, *and* is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

**John Blackford**

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**St Catherine's Church  
Preston-next-Faversham**

**MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE  
9.30am Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2011**

We would like to extend a warm invitation to you to attend our Mothering Sunday Service. The children and young people will be playing a major part within the service, including a puppet show, and small posies will be given out to the whole congregation.

Coffee, tea, fruit juice and biscuits will be available following the service.

Please come and join us for this special and happy occasion. Everyone is most welcome.

## KING JAMES BIBLE

This year marks the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the King James Bible. At the Hampton Court Conference in 1604, called by James I in an attempt to reconcile the opposing wings of the Church of England, it was agreed that a new English Bible should be produced. The king's instructions to the committees who produced it were not to make a new translation but 'to make a good one better'. The translators were to base it on the Bishops' Bible, which, as the name implies, was translated by a panel of bishops in 1568. If the new translators felt that a passage in the Bishops' Bible was not very well translated they were instructed to go to other earlier translations, including Tyndale's, Coverdale's and the Geneva Bible.

There were 47 translators, divided into six groups, two each at Oxford and Cambridge and two at Westminster. The remarkable thing is that this great translation, which has been described as the greatest work of English prose, should have been produced by a committee! The thing that made this translation so great was that it was written to be read aloud and to be listened to. Each group of translators was given a number of books of the Bible to work on, and each member of the group was expected to translate all those books. He then read his translation aloud to the rest of the group who decided what to accept and what to reject. The process was repeated when each group read their translation aloud to all the other groups before final decisions were made.

Here are two translations of a page from 1 Corinthians 13, the first by Tyndale and the second from the King James Bible. They show how much the King James Bible derives from Tyndale's translation but also, particularly if you read it aloud, how the translators created the beautiful musical rhythms of the King James Bible, which has made the translation so memorable:

The Parochial Church Council would like to thank all those who returned their questionnaires, they have been a great help to us to assist in the planning of our future. We will be addressing some of the issues raised in future newsletters and in this edition please see the article on the Sunday School which gives an insight into the work being carried out with children and young people. If you have not yet returned your questionnaire it is not too late we would be pleased to receive it. Your help with this survey has been much appreciated.

## PRESTON SCHOOLROOM

The schoolroom now has an electrical heating system installed which has greatly improved the environment for hall users. The hall will also now be used again as a local polling station, the next occasion being the Local Government election on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011. The hall is still not being used enough by the wider local community (it is, after all, the only town facility of its kind south of the railway line). The hall is available for hire throughout the week, excluding Sunday mornings. We welcome all enquires for those that need a meeting place for those special events. Please contact Rodney Foord on 01795 535937 for availability and rates.

The plans for the new extension are moving apace and are ready to go out to tender. These plans will provide a space for meetings and facilities for a nursery or playgroup with outside space, full disabled access and toilets together with a new kitchen. The Trustees are in the process of applying for grants but we also need to do some fundraising within the community. We have some events planned including concerts and a table top sale but if anyone has any ideas that they would like to put forward could they please contact Hilary Tulett on 01795 538013. Thank you.

## RESTORATION APPEAL

Plans are progressing for our restoration appeal for the Church building and social events have been planned but also we will be holding an open day that will explore the history of St Catherine's. We are researching the history of those men who are commemorated on our two war memorials as well as the three war

both churches depicted together with the names of the vicar, curate and churchwardens of both Parishes with a date of 1905. If anyone knows the history of this please could they let me know.

Finally if anyone has any old photos of the church or its members we would be interested in seeing them. Thankyou.

### PRESTON EDUCATIONAL TRUST

The Educational Foundation Thomas Smith & Others (ECC) (now known as Preston Educational Trust) was set up many years ago to assist with further education. The Trustees are pleased to announce that once again small amounts are now available for those young people attending University, College or Apprenticeships.

Applications should be made in writing giving full details to include personal details, educational or apprenticeship establishments and sent to 37 Preston Lane, Faversham, ME13 8LG.

Hilary Tulett 01795 538013  
Rodney Foord 01795 535937

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### Memories of St Catherine's Preston CHURCH CHOIR -CIRCA 1939 TO 1955-

Further to Bill Carden's memories of the Church choir in Newsletters March 2010 and Summer 2010, Keith Burch has kindly given us the names of a few more people who belonged to the Choir at that time. If any of you have any other memories of the Choir please let us know.

#### Boys' Choir:

Peter Bovey  
The Hoile Twins

#### Men's Choir

Stan Hoile  
Ken Hoile

#### Boat Boy

Barry Hogben

Lent Lunches	12noon to 2.00pm on Fridays March 25 <sup>th</sup> /April 1 <sup>st</sup> / <b>April 8<sup>th</sup> – hosted by St Catherine's Church</b>	All held at The Baptist Church
Organ Recital by Keith Moxon	7.30pm June 11 <sup>th</sup>	St Catherine's Church
Tulip Tree Fete	2pm to 4pm Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Vicarage Garden St Catherine's Church
Organ Recital by Ben Saul & Soloists	7.30pm 16 <sup>th</sup> July	St Catherine's Church
Victorian Fayre		Alexander Centre

**Lent Lunches** – cost £3 per head. Lunch includes soup, bread & butter, cheese and coffee or tea. The local churches take it in turns to host the lunches.

### ST CATHERINE'S FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME 2011

Date	Programme	Venue
April 6 <sup>th</sup> at 12.30pm		The Vicarage
June 11 <sup>th</sup> at 2pm	Visit to Teynham Church	Teynham Church
June 1 <sup>st</sup> 12noon	Eucharist	St Catherine's Church followed by lunch at the Wine Vaults
<b>For further details please phone 01795 537782</b>		

### CHURCH CONTACTS

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### DIARY OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2011

Event	Date/Time	Venue
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Everyone's thoughts are heading towards Easter at the moment – so we thought this month we would share a round of knock-knock jokes with you:

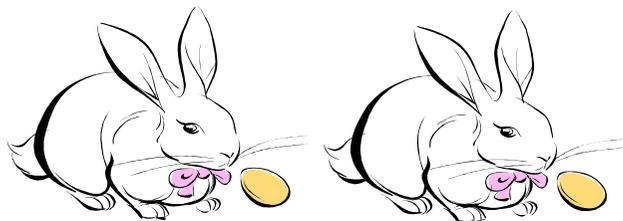
Knock-Knock  
Who's there?  
Easter  
Easter who?  
Easter Bunny

Knock-Knock  
Who's there?  
Andy  
Andy who?  
Andy nother Easter Bunny

Knock-Knock  
Who's there?  
Stella  
Stella who?  
Stella nother Easter Bunny

Knock Knock  
Who's there  
Consumption  
Consumption who?  
Consumption be done about all these Easter Bunnies!

Not that we have Easter Bunnies in the church, although there are eggs hidden around after the service on Easter Sunday!



## CHILDREN AT ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH

In responses to the recent questionnaires in the newsletter many people asked about, or commented on, provision for children at St. Catherine's Church. This has changed substantially in the last ten years, and as the person who co-ordinates most of the work with young people I would like to take the opportunity to explain a little of what we do.

### **Babies and Toddlers**

There is a children's corner by the entrance to the church, which the pews have been moved from. This is now carpeted, with books, toys and a low table available for children – and pews around the edge for the parents. Everybody at St. Catherine's realises that small children will make some noise, but it is much easier to take them to a service where there is a dedicated space with toys etc for them to play with, and other children to help keep them occupied. I can also say that by the door is a good place from personal experience, making it easy to remove a child having a tantrum, or making it easier to make a hasty exit whilst potty-training. It is in no way compulsory to sit in this area – many parents sit in the main body of the church with their children, and maybe use the children's corner later on in the service if they get restless.

### **Sunday School**

Sunday School starts at half past nine, and we go and join the rest of the congregation soon after ten o'clock. In this time we work on themes related to the readings for that Sunday taken from a three year cycle of lesson plans that follow the theme of each Sunday for each group. The children are organised into two separate groups with relevant activities for different age groups. Children need to be at least Year 3 in order to join the older group, but other than that there is no age at which they are kicked out – and also no minimum age. Children who are too young to benefit from Sunday School are still welcome to come out with a parent, to draw, hear stories and be with the other children, if their parents prefer to do that rather than to have them in church for the whole service. Listening to Bible stories, lots of artwork, some drama, writing prayers, talking about current events, learning to use a Bible and thinking about how we treat other people are all explored in various ways appropriate to each group.

We have many adults involved with the Sunday School on a rota basis, so that no-one has to teach every week and we all get regular time to attend a full service for ourselves. We currently have seven adults on the rota, all CRB checked. We also have a regular spot in the service to show what the Sunday School have been doing that morning – I don't know whether this is looked forward to more by the children or the rest of the congregation. We also have a noticeboard for the Sunday School in the children's corner, where work they have done is displayed. Sunday School takes place in the schoolroom, which has recently been substantially done up thanks to the generous efforts of volunteers, and the children thoroughly appreciate the large, warm and well-decorated space they now have to use.

### **Family Services**

We also have certain times of the year when we have a family service. The crib service on Christmas Eve is probably the best known, with a Nativity Play written by the teenagers attending the church, who also plan the service. We also have family services on Mothering Sunday and Harvest Festival, which are shorter than usual and where the children take over as many of the jobs such as reading and taking the collection from adults as possible. Easter Sunday is another occasion when we all join together, which is followed by an egg hunt. Members of the older Sunday School group are also in church on other occasions, often acting as servers. This helps to accustom children to normal Sunday services as they grow up.

### **Admission to Holy Communion**

In 2009 we began to offer the opportunity to be admitted to Holy Communion to regularly attending, baptised children. The children involved followed an additional course of teaching outside of Sunday School, and seven have so far gone forward for this. It has been an overwhelmingly positive experience for the children and their families. This does not replace confirmation, which will still take place at a later age. Those who receive Holy Communion are also being offered the chance to be servers at some services, and we currently have a lot of competition over whose turn it is to serve!

### **Puppet Workshop**

Our most recent innovation has literally just started – for the older Sunday School group, the third Sunday of the month is now going to be puppet workshop. We have bought some beautiful puppets, plus costumes and beards(!) and led by the same teenagers who planned this year's crib service, the children are working on sketches to perform in church. The first performance will be on Mothering Sunday – sure to be an experience not to be missed!

### **Dates for your Diary – Sunday School**

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	9.30am Mothering Sunday Family Service – first puppet performance
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am Confirmation of two older members of the Sunday School
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	10.00am Children meet at church to make the Easter Garden in the porch
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30 am Easter Sunday Family Service, followed by egg hunt

### **Other work**

The children of St. Catherine's are genuinely involved in many areas of church life, from helping with the recent Spring Clean or with the tea and coffee after church to running their own stalls at the church fair. They are frequently to be seen after the services playing rounders in the churchyard, or throwing snowballs when the weather permits! The children also enjoy the church fundays and Sunday School events that are organised, and they are not afraid to share their opinions of the church with us.

I am sure that the current point is not the end of the development of children's work at St. Catherine's, and judging from the happiness and enthusiasm of the younger members of our church, they will not let us rest on our laurels.

**Fiona Hamer 01795 536703**