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CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

Sunday Worship

Sat. 24th Jan 6.00pm 1st Mass of Sunday in **Wells** ()
Sun 25th Jan 9.00am Solemn Mass in **Wells** (Pro Popolo)
11.00am Sung Mass in **Shepton** ()

Confessions Normally, the holy Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturdays from Noon to 12.30pm in Shepton and from 5.00pm to 5.30pm in Wells.

Next Week – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 31st Jan 6.00pm 1st Mass of Sunday in **Wells** (Sheila Neary RIP)
Sun 1st Feb 9.00am Solemn Mass in **Wells** (Pro Popolo)
11.00am Sung Mass in **Shepton** (Alice RIP)

25th January 2009 – Conclusion of Unity Octave

Weekday Worship in Wells

Mon 26th Jan Ss Timothy and Titus
9.30am Mass ()
Tue 27th Jan Feria of Week 3
9.30am Mass ()
Wed 28th Jan St Thomas Aquinas
9.30am Mass (The Love family)
Thu 29th Jan Feria
9.30am Mass ()
Fri 30th Jan Feria
9.30am Mass ()
7.00pm Mass in the Extra-ordinary Form ()
Sat 31st Jan St John Bosco
9.30am Mass ()

PARISH AGM Next Saturday 31st January at 10.00am we shall hold our AGM which will be our first formal parish meeting with Fr Philip. **EVERYONE IS WARMLY INVITED TO ATTEND.** Fr. Philip will celebrate Mass at 9.00am instead of 9.30pm. We might like to make the effort to attend this Mass to commit our proceedings to Almighty God. The Treasurer will present a financial report for the past year and there will be some other reports and an opportunity to express views and ask questions. Fr. Philip looks forward to re-activating the Pastoral Council at that meeting.

LAST WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION for the FABRIC FUND raised £139.12

Weekday Worship in Shepton

Mon 26th Jan Ss Timothy and Titus
9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC
Tue 27th Jan Feria of Week 3
9.15am Mass ()
Wed 28th Jan St Thomas Aquinas
9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC
Thu 29th Jan Feria
9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC
Fri 30th Jan Feria
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ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME Mary Moore (2006), Winifred Watts (1987) Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.

HEALING MASS IN CANDLELIGHT at St Mary, Glastonbury, Friday 13th February at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to this special healing Mass.

ST MARGARET'S HOSPICE Garden Fair at the Seager Hall, Union Street, Wells on Saturday, 14 March, 9.30-1.00pm. Kick start your spring gardening with a visit to the fair. Free entry; refreshments available.

MINISTER OF COMMUNION: It has recently been decided that only three chalices are needed at the 6pm Mass. So **if you are listed as '4th Chalice' on the current 6pm rota please do not come forward.** A new rota will be produced shortly. Ministers are also asked to mark any changes to the rota on the copy on the noticeboard as it is helpful for the sacristans to know who is ministering.

CLIFTON DIOCESE NEWSLETTER Please sign up for this useful round-up of news, views, events and other information from around our diocese. It is easy to do, just go to our website www.cliftondiocese.com and register your email address. The newsletter links readers to our website which publishes news about life in our diocese. Please also contribute your news of local Catholic life to our award-winning website.

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN WELLS: *Building a Community of Hope* There will be a United Service at the 6pm on Sunday 22 February at

6.30pm at the United Church. This will mark the launch of the CTW Lent course **TO PONDER OVER AT HOME DURING THE WEEK [the Gospel of the displaced Sunday]: Mark 1:14-20.** Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel." And passing along by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you become fishers of men." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zeb'edee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and followed him.

Question of the Week: Called into discipleship. How will I follow him in this Year of the Lord 2009?

LITURGY FORUM Fr. Philip will be setting up a Liturgy Forum in the parish. The purpose of the exercise is listening. Parishioners will have the opportunity to have their questions, thoughts and feelings listened to by the Parish Priest and fellow worshippers. They will also have the chance to hear Fr. Philip's responses and any helpful or relevant teaching. When the Forum has no other business to address, Fr. Philip proposes that its discussions focus first on the seminal document to Vatican II on the sacred liturgy, "Sacrosanctum Concilium". Thereafter, the General Instruction on the third edition of the current Roman Missal, issued in 2003 will prove the basis of our learning and listening. There will be a chance to discuss and explore contemporary issues in worship via these important documents of the Church. ***Our first session will be Wednesday 11th February in church at 7.30pm***

SAINTS THIS WEEK Saints Timothy and Titus were companions of the Apostle Paul and their establishment as bishop of Ephesus and Crete respectively is part of the move away from the travelling apostles. Tuesday could be kept as St Angela Merici, founder of the Ursuline teaching sisters. On Wednesday we celebrate the perhaps the greatest philosopher and theologian the Catholic Church has yet produced, Thomas Aquinas. He is a patron for those sitting exams. St John Bosco is the founder of the Salesian family of teaching religious.

CATHOLIC SINGLES is an organisation which helps single practicing Catholics meet up, either one to one or through social events. For more information please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit www.catholicingles.org.uk or email info@catholicingles.org.uk

NEW TO THE PARISH? You are very welcome. Please fill in one of the yellow registration cards which you will find in the porch. And if you are attending the 9am Mass do join other parishioners for coffee afterwards. After the AGM on Saturday and the re-activating of our Pastoral Council, it is hoped to produce an up-to-date list of parish contacts and a handbook with details of parish groups and activities.

THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL ON A SUNDAY As many of you will already know the Catholic Church is celebrating a Pauline Year since the 29th June last year, in honour of the Apostle to the Gentiles. It marks what is believed to be 2000 years since his birth. Whilst the sites associated with St Paul are far away, the saint himself is very close to us through His letters, which are read at



Sunday Mass, week by week. Because of the Pauline Year, the Holy Father asks us to mark the Conversion of St Paul (the end of the Unity Octave) this Sunday. The first and third readings will come from the proper of saints and the middle reading from the displaced Sunday. Although St Paul was martyred for the Faith in Rome, like St Peter, his Conversion is celebrated in white or gold.

For many of us, the sudden change of direction in the life of Saul of Tarsus is beyond our experience. Even those of us who are described as converts did not come from one religion to another. Conversion is the process of turning to the Lord and changing our lives accordingly. This kind of conversion is open to us all and comes highly recommended, whether or not we are in the Lenten season.

'AUTHORISED PERSON' We are looking for one or more parishioners who would be prepared to take on this very responsible and interesting position, acting as Registrar at weddings in our church. If you would like to know what is involved please speak to Michael Dathan (677488) or Mary Cryer (677459)

9.00AM SUNDAY MASS MUSIC

Hymns

Opening hymn see below

Presentation see below

Communion 496

Final hymn 812

Mass setting:

Kyrie 459

Gloria 460

Sanctus 461

Memorial Acclamation 462

Agnus Dei 466

Opening hymn

We sing the glorious conquest

Before Damascus gate,

When Saul, the Church's spoiler,

Came breathing threats and hate;

The ravening wolf rushed forward

Full early to the prey;

But lo! The Shepherd met him,

And bound him fast today!

O Glory most excelling

That smote across his path!

O Light that pierced and blinded

The zealot in his wrath.

O Voice that spoke within him

The calm reproving word,

O Love that sought and held him

The bondman of his Lord.

O Wisdom, ordering all things

In order strong and sweet,

What nobler spoil was ever

Cast at the Victor's feet?

What wiser master-builder

E'er wrought at thine employ,

Than he, till now so furious

Thy building to destroy?

Lord, teach thy Church the lesson,

Still in her darkest hour

Of weakness and of danger

To trust thy hidden power.

Thy grace by ways mysterious

The wrath of man can bind,

And in thy boldest enemy

Thy chosen saint can find!

Presentation hymn

A heavenly splendour from on high,

A light too great for mortal eye

Deprives the hunter of his prey

And turns his threatening wrath away.

In darkened eyes, an inward light,

Begins to shine upon his sight,

As in his heart he hears the call

To follow, and surrender all.

The Christ for sinners crucified,

Whose risen power he had denied,

Now claims this servant for his own,

And bids him make the gospel known.

The nations listen to his voice

And in the peace of Christ rejoice;

The church on earth his praises sing,

Who led the Gentiles to their King.

Blest Paul, the covert to the Lord,

May heaven's light to us afford

A blindness to the lures of sin,

That we with thee a crown may win.

To God the Father, God the Son,

And God the Spirit, Three in One,

From saints on earth and saints in heaven,

Let everlasting praise be given. Amen

