

## Special dates– February 2009

The year dedicated to St Paul

- 2<sup>nd</sup> The Presentation of the Lord *Candlemas Feast*  
3<sup>rd</sup> St Lawrence of Canterbury OR St Blaize *Blessing of throats*  
11<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Lourdes  
25<sup>th</sup> **Ash Wednesday** *Season of Lent*  
28<sup>th</sup> Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Rite of Election at the Cathedral

***Website [www.bexleydeanery.org.uk](http://www.bexleydeanery.org.uk)***

***and post your comments and news to the subscribers***

### ***What is.....***

the ‘Women’s World Day of Prayer’?

On the first Friday of March each year, Christian women, worldwide, meet to pray ecumenically. From Tonga at sunrise to Samoa at nightfall a circuit of prayer takes place lasting around 36 hours. It is a moving, challenging and faith-deepening act of worship. It gives the opportunity to learn about a different country, seeing the problems other women face and supporting each other in Christian solidarity. A magazine ‘*Together in Prayer*’ is available and relevant to the Day. Around 5,000 services will be held in England, Wales and N. Ireland. In 19<sup>th</sup> Century North America, female Mission Boards were established and annual days and weeks of prayer for women and children in Mission fields started. In 1922 a common date for USA and Canada was set on 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of Lent. 1928 saw an International gathering in Jerusalem. Between 1930-35 it established across the British Isles.

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# ***Deanery Notices***

**For Bexley”**

***Newsletter of events in RC Deanery of Bexley***

***Archdiocese of Southwark***

On the first Saturday of Lent the Archbishop invites all those adults going forward to be received or baptised at Easter to attend the Rite of Election. Those to be baptised have their names entered in the Book of the Elect. This ancient tradition is believed to be the source of the term ‘putting your name on the line’. The record was the source of many Christians being martyred in the Roman persecutions.

## Third World Group News

### ***PROJECTS FOR 2009***

***Grants will be made to***

- ***Spiritans in Ghana***
- ***Shelter for homeless in India***
- ***Credit union in Tanzania***
- ***Earthquake victims in Peru***
- ***Educational Projects in Congo and Zambia***
- ***Transport for Missionaries in Rwanda***

***Please support these through your parish or school***

***More information on the Bexley Deanery website***

## Women's World Day of Prayer

6<sup>th</sup> March

This year's theme is 'In Christ there are many members, yet one body', prepared by Christian women from Papua New Guinea

In Sidcup 1.45pm at Christ Church Main Rd. with Mrs Heather Williams and 8pm at Sidcup Baptist Church Main Rd. with Mrs Teresa Wilmot.

All Welcome Tea & biscuits provided

At Crayford 8pm at The Baptist Church, Lower Road with Gill Gray from the Methodist Church.

All welcome, including men and children.

Missa Cantata monthly on Saturday

7 February at 10.30am at

Our Lady of the Rosary Blackfen

The Traditional Latin Mass with Gregorian chants followed by Benediction. Confessions from 11am

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*See on the Web*

**Women's World Day of Prayer**

[www.wwdp-natcomm.org](http://www.wwdp-natcomm.org)

**CRIBS**

[www.cribsonline.org](http://www.cribsonline.org)

## *CRIBS Roadshow*

*Christian Resources in Bexley Schools*

'just six words' is a special event to show how a life with purpose can change the world.

6<sup>th</sup> February Avery Hill Christian Fellowship

Southspring Sidcup

7<sup>th</sup> February St Paul's Mill Rd. Northumberland Heath

8<sup>th</sup> February Trinity Baptist Church Broadway Bexleyheath (with AGM)\*

doors open 7pm for 7.30pm light refreshments, free entry, everyone welcome \* special presentations

### *Parishes in Bexley Deanery*

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St John Vianney Bexleyheath 020 83031957 [parish@stjv.org.uk](mailto:parish@stjv.org.uk)

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Our Lady of the Rosary Blackfen 020 83002697

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St Thomas More Bostal Park 020 83032189

St Mary of the Crays Old Road Crayford 01322 523492

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