

Spring/Summer 2008

"In their hearts human beings plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps"
Proverbs 19 V 9



Women's Ministry Newsletter

Forthcoming events:

- "Women's Day Out" on Saturday 14th June
- Pamper Evening—date to follow
- We are planning now for an evening talk in the Autumn
- DVD night early Autumn
- Planning has started for a really inspiring "Women's Breakfast" next Spring.
- We are delighted that some really inspirational female speakers have agreed to come to St Saviours and support the Women's Ministry. They are just as excited as we are!
- Watch out for dates in the Newsheet and the Women's Newsletter
- If you have ideas for the Women's Ministry please let us know.

Women's Ministry Team:

Sue Wood, Helen Smith, Cathy Crockford, Elaine Wisden, Carolyn Fitch, Rachel Magowan, Hannah Cuffe, Morag Gillies, Janet Berry.

Women's Curry Night at great success

On Thursday 24th April just under 40 women gathered at **Curry Nights Restaurant** for a wonderful meal and a really sociable evening. We were delighted with the turn out, especially in a week when there were so many other church events on – and if you weren't able to come this time, please join us next time!

The manager had laid on a delicious array of food for us, we were treated like VIPs for the evening by the very attentive staff and it gave us the chance to chat and get to know new people. It was, however, a surreal moment when 3 men walked into the midst of our "women only evening" - to be found a table by an accommodating waiter, and to be greeted with a round of applause! They hadn't realised of course, that it was "ladies only" evening, but they were brave enough to take the table and enjoy their meal, sitting amongst us all. They commented, as did the manager of the restaurant, that when they heard it was a group of women from a local church, they were really surprised. As one man said "when you think of a bunch of women out from a church, you picture a group of old ladies in sensible cardigans. Which church did you find all these young beautiful women in!" Writing this it occurs to me that it is God that makes us beautiful, he makes us the way we are, he puts the joy in our hearts, and it was a wonderful witness to Him for these people, to see just what having God in your life does for you and what joy there is in being supported and having fun in such a community. Maybe their view of church-going women may have changed as a result of that meal out!

"Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the women's testimony" John 4 V 39

"Women's Day Out" - Saturday 14th June

Our next event for women is on Saturday 14th June—a 3 part event—take part in all of it, or come for whichever part you can. The **morning** will be a **reflective time**, led by Anna Brooker, Vicar of All Saints Church and a friend of Sue Wood's. We will meet at All Saints Church, Church Road in Isleworth at 10 a.m. for coffee, and then Anna will lead us in a time of reflection until 12.30 p.m.

At lunchtime (1 p.m.) we will wander over to the **Town Wharf** pub close to the church for a spot of lunch—if you haven't come to the morning, but want to join us for lunch, you are more than welcome. The only cost involved in the day is the cost of your lunch. Lunches must be booked in advance, so sign up for it on the sheet.

After lunch, at around 2 p.m., and subject to good weather, we will then have a **stroll** along the bank of the Thames to Richmond, where there's a little tea room we will call into for a cuppa, before rambling back. Again—if you only have time to come for the walk and the cup of tea, please do, you will be very welcome.

This day is open to everyone so please come, and bring a friend—there is no cost. Join us for the morning, for lunch, for the ramble—or for any combination! Sign up sheets will be in the back of the church. *Please speak to any of the team if you want to come but need a lift.*