

Welcome to St Mary's. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us. If you are here for the first time please make yourself known to one of the clergy or sidespeople. Do take this sheet home with you.

Prayer for the week

Loving God, thank you for mums and children and for all the joy of family life.
Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother;
Be close to those who are struggling because they have no children;
Be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from those they love.
Let your love be present in every home,
And help your church to have eyes to see and ears to hear the needs of all who come.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Church of England Prayer

The Retreat: Families with young children may like to use the Melvill Room (door beside the organ) as a Retreat space for young children who are getting restless. The service is relayed into there and there are toys and books for children. There is also coffee available for adults.

Services on 31st March

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
10am	All Age Parish Eucharist	President: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne Preacher: Charlie Auton & Sunday Club children
6pm		Evensong: Officiant: Geoffrey Barnett

Collect for 31st March

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Gospel: Luke 15 vv1-3, 11b-end **10am hymns:** 9, 136, 688, 826

If you have, or know of anyone who has a pastoral concern, please let Fiona Barnett know.
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Special Prayers:

The sick, including Anne White, Philip Mitchell, Sylvia Howell, Barbara Bryant, Anthony Breene

Those who have recently died: Lesley Lorimer, David Allen; Arthur Sisson; Barbara Westmorland

Anniversaries of death: Marianne Clark; Lilian Price

This week

Mon to Fri	9.05am	Morning Prayer in the Langton Chapel
Mondays	2.30pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thurs 4 th April	11.15am	Quiet Time
	12 noon	Holy Communion (BCP): President & preacher: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne
Sat 6 th April	10.30am	Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room
Sun 7 th April	8am	Holy Communion BCP: President & preacher: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne
Fifth Sunday of Lent	10am	Parish Eucharist: President & preacher: Rev'd Julian Reindorp
	11.30am	Informal Service with baptisms: Officiant: Rev'd Julian Reindorp
	6pm	Evensong: Officiant: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne

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The Bishop of Southwark writes:

"The theme for the 2019 **Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call** is "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10.10b). As you and your parish prepare for Lent and look forward to Easter I commend to your prayers the projects and peoples that we are supporting this year. I am glad to be able to continue the tradition of the Bishop's Lent Call here in the Diocese of Southwark. We have been supporting work here and around the world through the Lent call for over 20 years now and last year we were able to give grants of over £92,000 to work in the Holy Land, Zimbabwe and in our own Diocese.

Lent is a penitential season when we reflect upon our lives and let God's light shine into them. This Lent is a time of great change in our nation and our world continues to be a complicated and at times unjust place where there is violence and often despair. If we can keep the wonderful words in John 10 at the forefront of our minds as we pray this Lent we can be part practically and prayerfully of helping those in our troubled world to know that Jesus came for us all so that we might have abundant life."

This Sunday at St. Mary's we are focusing on several projects in our own Diocese. There is information about these at the back of the church. Please consider giving generously to these very worthwhile projects.

HOW CAN I HELP ST MARY'S?

- a) Come to the Annual Church Meeting on Thursday at 7.30 (drinks) for 8pm
- b) Consider joining our Church Council! Elections at the Annual Meeting
- c) Stay for (some or all) of the Vigil till midnight on Maundy Thursday. Offer to do a reading
- d) Decide to come to one of our special Holy Week and Easter Services
- e) Offer to do a Bible reading at one of them. A number of the services will need readers. Sign-up list at the back of the church
- f) Come to the Maundy Thursday Communion Supper in the Kitson Hall. Sign up list at the back of the church. Bring food to it. Sign up at the back of the church
- g) Welcome people to the Three Hour service on Good Friday. Do a one hour stint
- h) Come to the Dawn Service on Easter Morning. NB 5.30 start this year. Sign-up sheet at the back of the church
- i) If in doubt just ask a churchwarden if there is any way you can help.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting: 8pm this coming Thursday, 4 April. Refreshments from 7.30. Vote for churchwardens and new PCC members. Ask questions about the last year and our future plans.

You asked to see the address Bishop David Stancliffe gave at the **Music Festival choral evensong** last week. It is on the church website. Bishop Richard Harries' sermon last Sunday will also go there.

Easter Lilies: If you would like to buy a lily in memory of a loved one, please sign up at the back of the church giving your name and the loved one's name. The lilies cost £5 each and will form the entire floral part of our Easter display.

Holy Week and Easter services

Mon 15 April 8pm: Meditation and Compline

Tues 16 April 8pm: Stations of the Cross

Weds 17 April 8pm: Choral Tenebrae

Thurs 18 April 6.30 pm: Maundy Thursday Supper, followed by Stripping of the Altar and Vigil till Midnight

Good Friday: 11.15 Walk of Witness

Noon: Three hour service

6pm: The Crucifixion by John Stainer,

sung by the English Chamber Choir

Easter Sunday: 5.30 am Dawn Service, followed by Prosecco and salmon breakfast

8am said Communion

10am Sung Communion

11.30 Informal service

No EVENSONG

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