

7th April 2019 Fifth Sunday of Lent

To inspire
hearts and minds
to serve
the mission of God

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

Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences, that through your bountiful goodness

we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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 7th April

8am Holy Communion BCP President & preacher: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne 10am Parish Eucharist President & preacher: Rev'd Canon Julian Reindorp

I I.30am Informal Service with baptisms
 6pm Evensong
 Officiant: Rev'd Canon Julian Reindorp
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Collect for 7th April

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen

First Reading: Philippians 3 vv4b-14 Gospel: John 12 vv1-8 10am hymns: 813, 157, 806, 365

If you have, or know of anyone who has a pastoral concern, please let Fiona Barnett know. fiona.barnett2@btinternet.com 8878 6975

Special Prayers:

The sick, including Anne White, Philip Mitchell, Barbara Bryant

Those who have recently died:

David Allen; Arthur Sisson; Barbara Westmorland; Sylvia Howell; Gordon Robertson; Jerry McArthur

Anniversaries of death: Joan Thomas; Jean Kondratiuk; Robert Causton; Jill Chandler

This week Mon to Fri 9.05am Morning Prayer in the Langton Chapel **Mondays** 2.30pm Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338) Thurs IIth April 11.15am **Quiet Time** 12 noon Holy Communion (CW): President & preacher: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne Sat 13th April 10.30am Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room Sun 14th April 8am Holy Communion BCP: President & preacher: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne Palm Sunday 9.50am Meet at Kitson Hall to process with donkey and palms to church for Parish Eucharist: President: Rev'd Sister Margaret Anne I 0am Preacher: Martin Calderbank 6pm Evensong: Officiant: Christabel Gairdner

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 time 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 projects in Zimbabwe. 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: All documents relating to the APCM are now available at the back of church namely Annual Report, Annual Review booklet, accounts and also a biography to date of our new Rector, Rev'd James Hutchings.

Rev'd James Hutchings Institution Service will be held on Monday 22nd July at 7.30pm at St Mary's Barnes. The Bishop of Kingston will preside. Please do put the date in your diaries.

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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