

St Mary's News

Sunday 20 March 2022

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Today

3rd Sunday of Lent

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist in church

Readings:

Isaiah 55: 1-9

Luke 13.1-9



The Collect for the 3rd Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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

Next week

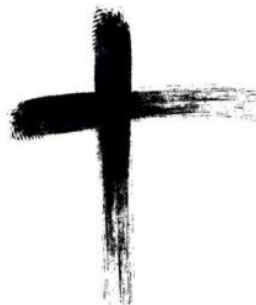
Mothering Sunday

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am All-Age Eucharist in Church
and on Zoom

Readings:

Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32



Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all who live in
Carpenters Lane and Steers Place

And from our Book of Remembrance, we pray for

Carolyn Broussely (20th)

George Simpson (22nd)

Gill Donkin (23rd)

James T Naismith (23rd)

Kate Louisa Longford (24th)

Geoff Bishop (26th)

Stella Bissenden (26th)

Coffee After Church

Visitors are warmly welcomed; please join us for refreshments after today's 10am service.



This Week at a glance

Monday

7.30pm PCC meeting

Tuesday

5.30pm Yoga

8pm Historical Society

Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots

1pm Café Plus

7.30pm Bell ringing practice.

Thursday

10am Newsletter Folding

1.5pm Funeral: Rupert Nixon

Friday

7.15pm Choir practice.

Saturday

9.30 for 10am Lent Course

We thank Rev'd Christopher Miles for leading and preaching at our 8am and 10am services today.

For Children and Young People

Activity Bags for younger children are in baskets in the children's corner near the side entrance to church. There are also books, crayons etc.



Sunday Club: JAM (Jesus and Me)

Every week in term-time during the 10am service in the Upper Room. Suitable for ages up to 11 years.

All Visitors' Children are Welcome

National Day of Reflection

Wednesday 23 March

Two Years since we were put into the first lock-down we, along with the Church of England, are supporting the National Day of Reflection organised by Marie Curie. On this day there is a call to light a candle at 6pm.

Jenny is going to be arranging for Tea and Scones in Church at 5pm then have a time of reflection and an opportunity to light a candle at 6pm.

Lent Appeal

Donations for Ukraine Aid

It has been great to see so many ideas for Lent appeal charities this year but with the evolving situation in Ukraine we feel we should do all we can to help. Unlike most years where we will collect donations and donate at the end of Lent, the money is needed now! So please either donate at one of our Lent events and we will ensure it gets to the right charities or even better choose to donate yourselves.

There are a lot of charities around which are offering to help Ukraine. In this week's Diocese of Rochester email we learnt about the campaign launched by the Diocese of Europe with USPG for humanitarian aid both in Ukraine and for refugees across Europe. If you feel able, maybe you might want to support this charity during Lent. [Donate \(raisely.com\)](https://raisely.com)

Lent Course

Being held on **Saturdays, 9.30am for coffee & bacon roll for a 10am start.** It will run until Saturday 9 April. This year we are using the course book 'Still Standing' by Rachel Mann based on the film Rocketman.



Mothering Sunday

27 March at 10am

Join us for an all-age service celebrating Mothers. This service has been designed to be family friendly – suitable for everyone. It would be great to have a busy church; please do invite along any friends or family who might wish to give thanks for mothers everywhere.

UNLOCK WALK 2022

Saturday 23 April.

'In the Shadows of the Tower'
Tower Hamlets – History, Housing and Heroes. Come and enjoy a day walking in this ethnically rich area of London and help raise some money to assist churches working in deprived areas as they reach out to the varied communities around them. Seek sponsorship or make a donation. We usually have a couple of groups taking part. Call in at 7 different churches. About 7.5 miles with several stops and usually a picnic in a park. Interesting walk maps and all other information from Julia Miles (01732 852323).

Hospital Car Service

If you would like transport to a hospital or other medical appointment, please contact Mike Harvey on 01732 851881.

Electoral Roll & the APCM

The Church Electoral Roll (ER) is having its annual revision until 20 March. If you are not already on the ER and St Mary's has been your regular place of worship for at least six months, you are invited to join. Being on the ER does not commit you to anything, but demonstrates your membership of St Mary's and entitles you to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on Sunday 24 April and to stand for office if you wish. The form you would need to sign is on the table at the back of church.

Some thoughts on today's Scripture – Luke 13. 6-9

The gardener planted the tree. He waters it, feeds it, and prunes it. Everything he does is designed to produce a strong, healthy fruitful tree. Can I see his loving hand in all that happens to me? The Lord has planted me in this life. He has given me all I need to bear fruit that will delight him. Some day in the future will be my last day on earth. After it, there will be no further opportunity to increase the quality or the quantity of the fruit that I bear. What if that day were to be today?



Who's Who at St Mary's?

Vicar

Position vacant

Anna Chaplain

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Parish Administrator

Janice Massy (07570 941809)

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PCC Members, any of whom can be approached for help or information:

Michael Payne, John Speed (Church Wardens); Martin Massy; Barry Wheeler & Mike Harvey (Deanery Synod reps.); Cathy Brill, Melissa Crawshay-Williams; Kirsty Finch; Jenny Hopkins; Richard Hopkinson; Lee Kirk; Janice Massy; Katerina Nixon; Lisa Porritt and other members.

PCC Secretary:

Martin Massy

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Minutes of PCC meetings are on the notice board and on St Mary's website.