

28 January 2018 / **Candlemas**



St Mary's

A warm welcome, especially if you are new or a visitor. We hope you enjoy our service. Please join us in the Polygon after the service for a tea or coffee.

1030
AM

HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Alex Volossevich / Preacher: Steve Paynter
Theme: The promise is fulfilled
Readings: Malachi 3:1,5 / Luke 2:22-40

6
PM

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Leader: Angela Barnfather / Preacher: Steve Paynter
Theme: The promise is fulfilled
Readings: Malachi 3:1,5 / Luke 2:22-40

If you would like any information, please visit our Welcome Desk in the Polygon, where there will be someone happy to talk to you, or visit www.stmarysealing.org.uk (where you can also download our notice sheet).

If you wish to be prayed for, go to the chapel to the right of the altar immediately after you have received Communion or a blessing, where there will be members of the congregation who will pray with you. If it is Morning Prayer, please come up during the last hymn.

Thank you to Ruth Morris

'We are hugely grateful to Ruth Morris who is coming to the end of her second term of office as our Church Treasurer. Thank you Ruth for being so wonderfully competent and efficient. Ruth will be stepping down at our APCM in April and I would be grateful if we could all bring before God in prayer the need for a new person to take over from Ruth. Please also ask yourself if this is a role God might be calling you to take on? I would be grateful for all thoughts and ideas. Many thanks. Steve Paynter.'

Can you help? St Mary's will again be taking part in the **Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter** (www.ecwns.org.uk/home) next spring. This will involve us hosting 14

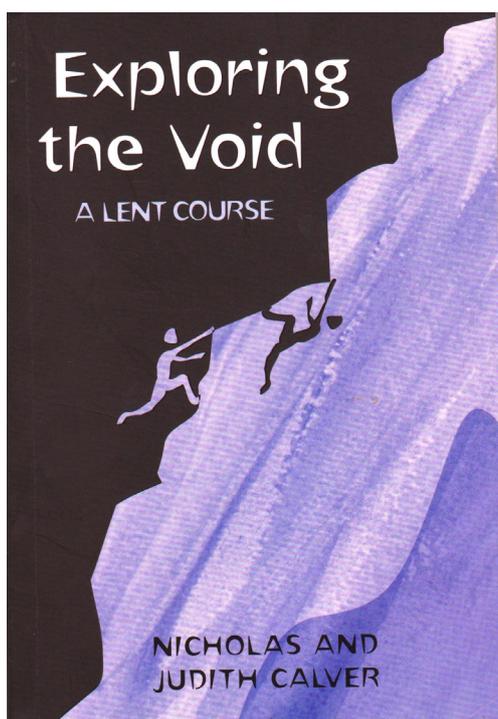


homeless people on Monday evenings in the Polygon from 19 February to 26 March 2018. Five different teams of people are needed to cover (i) the set up & evening period (6pm-10pm), (ii) the night time (10pm-7am), (iii) the morning breakfast from 7am-8.30am, (iv) cleaning up from 8-9am and (v) people with a large car to help transport all camp beds and bedding to the next venue on Tuesday mornings.

If you can help with any of the above teams for one or more evenings then please give your name and contact details to **Zanda Russell**. All new and past team members welcome.

Thank you.

Ealing Transition: Screening of *An Inconvenient Sequel* on Sun 4 Feb at 7.30pm in church. A decade after *An Inconvenient Truth* (2006) brought climate change into the heart of popular culture comes the follow-up that shows just how close we are to a real energy revolution. Entry is free (donations welcome).

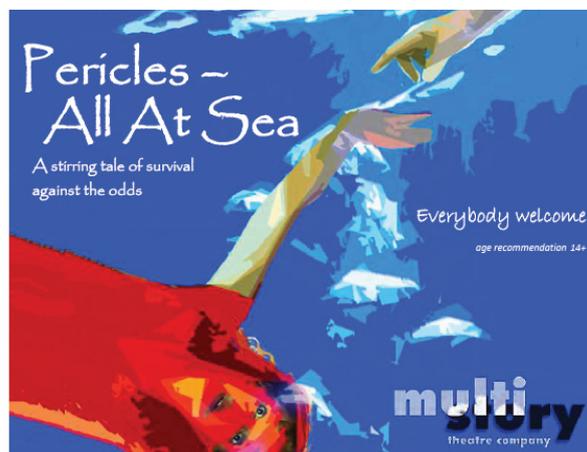


Lent Course

The St Mary's Lent Course this year is 'Exploring the Void' by Nicholas and Judith Calver. It is a great study which uses the gripping true life story of two climbers' fight for survival when disaster strikes on an expedition in the Andes, to help us reflect on our own life journeys. Each session will include extracts from the highly acclaimed film documentary, questions for group discussion, passages from the gospels on Jesus' journey to the cross, personal reflection and worship. All welcome. Do sign up at the Welcome Desk. The course will run after the Ash Wednesday HC Service of Ashing (14/2) on Wednesdays: 21/2, 28/2, 7/3, 14/3 and Tuesday 20/3. Each evening starts in the Polygon with coffee and tea at 7.45pm for an 8pm start and finishes by 9.40pm. Do join us.

Drama at the Quakers: Pericles (by the Multi Story Theatre Company)

Pericles - All At Sea is a stirring tale of survival against the odds. It takes Shakespeare's *Pericles*, re-works it for our times and explores issues of trafficking and refugees fleeing from war. It is a free performance followed by a collection and will take place on Sunday 4 February at 2pm at Ealing Quaker Meeting House, 17 Woodville Road, London W5 2SE.



Janet Salter's funeral will be on 9 February at 11.20am at Mortlake Crematorium, followed by a service at St Mary's at 12pm.

The BATS are in town: Alan, Bill and the band are playing at The Grove pub, Ealing (just up the road) on Saturday 3 February at 8.30pm, and would love to see our St Mary's friends supporting us and maybe even singing/dancing along! It'll be fun.

WATCH (Women and the Church) - Candlemas Quiet Day: A Feast of Light

Saturday 3 February at Christ Church Brondesbury NW6 7YN, 10.30am-4.00pm.

A day of reflection, prayer and contemplation shaped around the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple led by the Rev Dr Julia Candy, Priest in Charge of St John the Evangelist, West Hendon and St Peter, and member of the London WATCH committee. Julia will explore with us how the roles of Mary and Anna in this story might speak to our own lives and contexts. Christ Church has quiet areas for those who prefer space for reflection and prayer. WATCH is totally inclusive and both men and women are welcome to this Quiet Day. Lunch will be provided. RSVP to sally.barnes3@btopenworld.com.



Thank you!

'A huge thank you to everyone who donated and bought cakes at last week's bake sale to raise funds for my trip to Nicaragua. We managed to raise £201.83, which I am really grateful for.' Becky Everett.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- * The elderly, housebound, lonely and those we know who are ill or need healing either in body or spirit; Anne and Stuart Mills.
- * Richard Halberstadt, now home from hospital and waiting to see the consultant next Monday.
- * The family and friends of Janet Salter, her funeral will be on 9 February.
- * Jean Foster misses St Mary's but is grateful for the care she is receiving in a nursing home in Co. Durham near her family. Please remember her in your prayers.

Please let the church office know if you would like your name added or removed from the prayers.

THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer takes place in the West Porch Meeting Room; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 8.45am.

Monday

8pm PCC meeting

Tuesday

9.30-11.30am Babies and Toddlers
7.30pm CAP Money Course

Wednesday

12.30-2.30pm Polygonian Friends

Friday

7pm Youth Group

Church Office hours

Monday-Thursday 8.30am-4.30pm
(except Wednesday 9am)
Friday 8.30am-12.30pm

SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY

Fourth before Lent

ST MARY'S at 10.30am

Whole Church Communion

Led by Angela Barnfather

Preacher: Angela Barnfather

Theme: Who is Jesus?

Reading: Mark 4:35-41

ST MARY'S at 6pm

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Led by Angela Barnfather

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'We ponder your steadfast love, O Lord, in the midst of your temple. Your name reaches to the ends of the earth.' Psalm 48:9-10

- Christ, not the temple, is now God's presence on earth. He is the sanctuary, the place of refuge.

If you would like to know about **St Mary's Stewardship Scheme**, which enables you to give regularly to the church, please contact the Stewardship Recorder, Hazel Neaverson.

DO WE KNOW WHO YOU ARE?

If you are new to St Mary's, and not yet on our membership list, please consider letting us have your details. You can fill in the contact list update form available on the Welcome Desk.

Noticesheet deadline: Please note that requests for notices need to be given to the church office by **11am on Thursday** to be included in the following Sunday's noticesheet.

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