

21 January 2018 / Epiphany 3



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

BAPTISM

Leader: Angela Barnfather / Preacher: Steve Paynter
Theme: Freedom to be who we were created to be
Reading: John 8:31-39

6
PM

HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Alex Volossevich / Preacher: Steve Paynter
Theme: Freedom to be who we were created to be
Reading: John 8:31-39

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**. There will be a planning and orientation

evening at 8pm on **Monday 22 January** in the Vicarage. All new and past team members welcome. Thank you.

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.

The kneelers (cushions) have been removed from underneath the pews to make room for the Bibles. If you would like a kneeler to kneel or sit on, you are welcome to take one from the pile at the back of the church. Thank you.

Budget. Save. Spend.

Are you in control of your money, or is your money in control of you? St Mary's is running another CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Money Course, designed to help people gain control of their money. The course will run over three 2-hour sessions in the Polygon. The course is free and will start on Tuesday 23 January, 7.30pm, and then at the same time on the following two Tuesdays – 30 January and 6 February. If you would like to come on the course, please contact Steve Merrill. Numbers are limited.



Becky Everett is holding a cake sale

TODAY (Sun 21 Jan) to continue fundraising for her expedition to Nicaragua next year. She will be doing several different activities including trekking over volcanoes and through cloud forests, cultural activities, and, most importantly, volunteering work in a school in a small, rural village. Please do visit the stall after the service. She is also available to do babysitting and childcare during term-time evenings and school holidays, and other small jobs. Many thanks.



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.

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).

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.

Modern Day Slavery: Are you aware of it in your community? There will be an event at St John's Church, Mattock Lane, on 22 January (7pm-9pm) to raise awareness of modern slavery and discover practical information about this issue. See the noticeboard for more details. Please RSVP on Eventbrite or call 0207 931 6077.

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 in Hammersmith Hospital having tests.
- * The family and friends of Janet Salter, her funeral will be on 9 February.
- * Pray for our candidates getting baptised today: Naomi Amara and Jamie Julius.
- * Harry Simpson, brother-in-law of Wayne Leighton, who is now in a care home. He is having difficulty settling in so please pray for him and his wife as she adjusts to living on her own.
- * 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.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

12.30-2.30pm Polygonian Friends

Church Office hours

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

SUNDAY – 28 JANUARY

Candlemas

ST MARY'S at 10.30am

Holy Communion

Led by Alex Volossevich

Preacher: Steve Paynter

Theme: The promise is fulfilled

Readings: Malachi 3:1-5, Luke 2:22-40

ST MARY'S at 6pm

Service of the Word

Led by Angela Barnfather

Preacher: Steve Paynter

Readings: Malachi 3:1-5, Luke 2:22-40

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Blessed be the name of the Lord, this
time forth, and for evermore.' Psalm
133:2

- As we praise God, from the rising of
the sun to its setting, we discover more
and more of what God is continuing to
do in our world. Praise Him!

Prayer Triplets

If you would like to pray with two or
three others on a regular basis, please
contact Suzanna Rust or Christine
Goldsmid.

HOME GROUPS

If you are not currently a member of a
group but would like to join one, please
fill in a Home Group reply slip from the
Welcome Desk and put the completed
slip in Steve Paynter's pigeonhole.

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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