

11 February 2018 / **Sunday next before Lent**



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

MORNING PRAYER

Leader: Angela Barnfather / Preacher: Steve Paynter
Theme: The Cross of Christ I: God's love and his justice
outpoured
Reading: Romans 2:1-11, Titus 3:1-7

6
PM

HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Richard Halberstadt / Preacher: Steve Paynter
Theme: The Cross of Christ I: God's love and his justice
outpoured
Reading: Romans 2:1-11, Titus 3:1-7

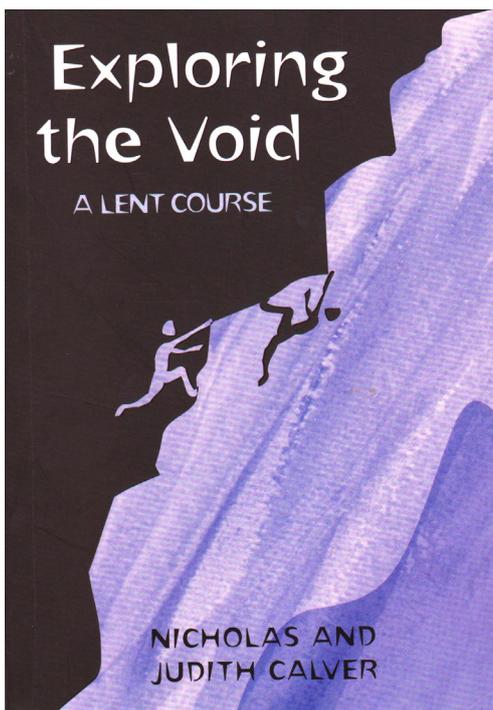
If you would like any information, please visit our Welcome Desk in the Polygon, where there will be someone happy to talk to you, or visit www.stmarysealing.org.uk (where you can also download our notice sheet).

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.



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a season of penitence and inward renewal in readiness for Easter. Do join us for our Communion service of silence, reflection and imposition of ashes, especially if you have never been to this service before. You would be most welcome. 14 February at 8pm in church.

London Fire Brigade will be giving a talk about fire safety at Polygonian Friends on Wednesday 21 February at 1.45pm. Everyone is welcome, even if you don't usually come to Polygonian Friends. Please let Wayne Leighton know if you would like to attend so that he has an idea of numbers. Keep Fit will be cancelled that day.



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.

The Annual LCM Camerata and Her Majesty's Coldstream Guards Concert will take place on Wednesday 21 March at 7.30pm in the church. Entry is free.



The **Mission Noticeboard** has been updated, please do have a look. Many thanks to Ian and Chris Goldsmid for their hard work on this.

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.

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.
- * 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.

Wednesday

1.10-2.00pm LCM Lunchtime Concert
12.30-2.30pm Polygonian Friends
8.00pm Ash Wednesday Holy
Communion

Friday

7.00pm Youth Group

Church Office hours

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

SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY

First Sunday of Lent

ST MARY'S at 10.30am

Holy Communion

Led by Steve Paynter

Preacher: Wai Meng Chow

Theme: The Cross of Christ 2: 'Free indeed'
Readings: Mark 10:41-45, Romans 3:19-26

ST MARY'S at 6pm

Service of the Word

Led by Steve Paynter

Preacher: Wai Meng Chow

Theme: The Cross of Christ 2: 'Free indeed'
Readings: Mark 10:41-45, Romans 3:19-26

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness
because of my enemies. Make your way
straight before me.' Psalm 5:8

- The life of faith is not static but dynamic, it involves walking in Christ's footsteps.
- The best way to start the journey is in the morning, in praise and prayer, seeking God's presence for the journey.

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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