

25 February 2018 / **Second Sunday of 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

BAPTISM

Leader: Richard Halberstadt / Preacher: Steve Paynter
Theme: The Cross of Christ 3: Evil defeated
Readings: Colossians 2:6-15, Luke 10:13-23

6
PM

HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Angela Barnfather / Preacher: Steve Paynter
Theme: The Cross of Christ 3: Evil defeated
Readings: Colossians 2:6-15, Luke 10:13-23

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.



Getting ready for spring - Saturday 10 March

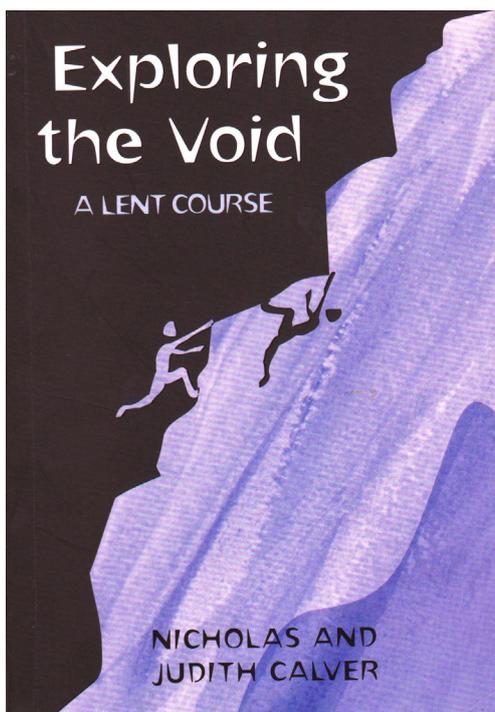
Do you keep stuff because you might need it one day? Well we do. We are having a **SPRING CLEAN** on Saturday 10 March, 10am-12 noon, and need your help to clear unwanted items in the church, Polygon and grounds and to do some housekeeping ready for the spring and summer. Please help us, no experience needed, just a willingness to get stuck in, tea and coffee on tap. If you can help, names please to Brian or Wayne and we are happy to answer any questions.

Also on the same day there will be a **Garden Work Party** from 10am-12 noon to do some general tidying and bulb planting.

Finally, **we will be making bunches of daffodils** for Mothering Sunday, also on 10 March, 10am-12 noon in the Polygon. We need lots of greenery, so please bring some along if you are able to. Please contact Jean Barclay if you can help.

There is something for all ages, do come and join us on this working day together.

If you cannot attend the Lent Course this year, but wish to mark Lent in some special way, there are some books in the Polygon which you are welcome to borrow for as long as you need them.



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 continue on Wednesdays 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. Book your seat on uwlsu.com/lcmlive



At **6pm** on **Sunday 4 March** there will be a quiet reflective service for Lent on the Sermon on the Mount. Everyone is welcome.

As from **2 March**, the Church Office will no longer be open on Fridays.

Can you help? St Mary's is again be taking part in the **Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter** (www.ecwns.org.uk/home). This involves us hosting 14 homeless people on Monday evenings in the Polygon until 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.
- * Pray for Philippa and Joshua who are being baptised today.

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

Wednesday

12.30-2.30pm Polygonian Friends

Church Office hours

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

The office is now closed on Fridays.

SUNDAY 4 MARCH

Third Sunday of Lent

ST MARY'S at 8am

BCP Holy Communion
Led by Steve Paynter

ST MARY'S at 10.30am

Whole Church Communion
Led by Steve Paynter and Angela
Barnfather

Theme: God's laws for living
Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

ST MARY'S at 6pm

A reflective service for Lent on the
Sermon on the Mount
Led by Angela Barnfather

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'You, O Lord, be not far away; O come quickly to my aid, and deliver my soul from the sword.' Psalm 22:19-20

- The God who has always loved us never changes.
- Even in the pit of darkest despair, God is there with us.

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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