

18 February 2018 / **First 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

HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Steve Paynter / Preacher: Wai Meng Chow
Theme: The Cross of Christ 2: 'Free indeed'
Readings: Mark 10:41-45, Romans 3:19-26

6
PM

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Leader: Alex Volossevich / Preacher: Wai Meng Chow
Theme: The Cross of Christ 2: 'Free indeed'
Readings: Mark 10:41-45, Romans 3:19-26

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

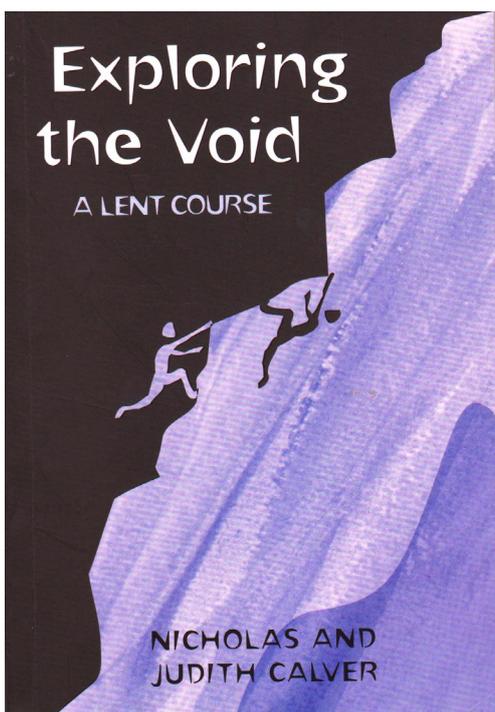
Do you keep stuff because you might need it one day? Well we do. We are having a **SPRING CLEAN** on Saturday 10 March, 10am-12 noon, and need your help to clear unwanted items in the church, Polygon and grounds and to do some housekeeping ready for the spring and summer. Please help us, no experience 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 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.



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.

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.

Tuesday

9.30-11.30am Babies and Toddlers

Wednesday

1.10-2.00pm LCM Lunchtime Concert

12.30-2.30pm Polygonian Friends with
talk from London Fire
Brigade

Church Office hours

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

SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY

Second Sunday of Lent

ST MARY'S at 10.30am

Baptism

Led by Richard Halberstadt

Preacher: Steve Paynter

Theme: The Cross of Christ 3: Evil defeated

Readings: Colossians 2:6-15, Luke 10:13-23

ST MARY'S at 6pm

Holy Communion

Led by Angela Barnfather

Preacher: Steve Paynter

Theme: The Cross of Christ 3: Evil defeated

Readings: Colossians 2:6-15, Luke 10:13-23

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'The friendship of the Lord is for
those who fear him, and he makes his
way known to them. My eyes are ever
towards the Lord.' Psalm 25:14-15

- God cannot, and will not, abandon
his people. So we can take refuge in the
God who chooses to abide with his
people and love them.

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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