

4 March 2018 / **Third 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.

8
AM

BCP HOLY COMMUNION

Led by Steve Paynter

1030
AM

WHOLE CHURCH COMMUNION

Led by Steve Paynter and Angela Barnfather

Theme: God's laws for living

Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

6
PM

A REFLECTIVE SERVICE FOR LENT ON THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Led by Angela Barnfather

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.

Mencap Service - 3pm Sunday 25 March

We are looking for more volunteers to contribute items towards the tea after the service and/or to help on the day. Please speak to Elaine Standen for more information. There will also be a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk.



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

As from last Friday (2 March), the Church Office is no longer open on Fridays.



At **6pm this evening**, there will be a quiet reflective service for Lent on the Sermon on the Mount. Everyone is welcome.

‘An Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is an important occasion for us to celebrate our life together in Christ over the past year and put in place people and structures for the coming year. All areas of our life together matter to God, including finance and fabric, and no area of life falls outside our discipleship to Jesus. Hence this year we plan to hold our APCM as part of the morning service on 22 April at 10.30am. If you are not comfortable with this please come to our evening service at 6pm where I will also preach on our vision going forward here at St Mary’s. There will be activities for the children as at a normal Sunday 10.30am service.’ Steve

St Mary’s electoral roll is being updated ready for the APCM (Annual Church Meeting) in April. Joining St Mary’s electoral roll is an important statement of witness and a way of saying ‘this is my church’.

If you live in the parish of St Mary’s, are baptised and over 16 years of age, you can join by completing a form. If you don’t live in the parish then you need to have been attending church regularly for six months before applying. There is a map of St Mary’s parish and forms by the PCC notice board at the entrance of the Polygon. Any completed forms go in the Church Administrator’s pigeonhole please. If you would like more information please speak to Jean Barclay, Electoral Roll Officer.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

*The elderly, housebound, lonely and those we know who are ill or need healing either in body or spirit.

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

1.10-2.00pm LCM Lunchtime
Concert

7.45-9.40pm Lent Course

Saturday

10am-12pm Spring Clean, Garden
Work Party and Daffodil
Making

Church Office hours

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

The office is now closed on Fridays.

SUNDAY 11 MARCH

Mothering Sunday

ST MARY'S at 10.30am

Morning Prayer

Led by Angela Barnfather

Preacher: Steve Paynter

Theme: The Cross of Christ 4:

God's Love triumphs over all.

Readings: Isaiah 53, Romans 5:6-11

ST MARY'S at 6pm

Holy Communion

Led by Richard Halberstadt

Preacher: Steve Paynter

Theme: The Cross of Christ 4:

God's Love triumphs over all.

Readings: Isaiah 53, Romans 5:6-11

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Do not let my treacherous enemies triumph over me O Lord. You have seen them; do not be silent, be not far from me.' Psalm 35:19, 22

- As we continue our journey with God, we realise that he does not promise security, prosperity, or even spiritual highs. God promises his presence in all circumstances. Just that.

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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