



Welcome to **St Mary's Church** Wimbledon **Sunday 12th March 2017**

WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

If you are a newcomer, please introduce yourself, and join us for coffee in Garden Hall after the 9:30 service. Small children are always welcome, and we offer a crèche during the 9:30 service in term time.

GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY at St Mary's: please note that this will be at **10am** (*not* 11am as erroneously included in the Lent, Holy Week and Easter leaflet).

There will be **NO Morning Prayer at St Mary's on Saturdays** until after Yunghee's ordination.

This week's Lent Lecture: **Tuesday 14th March, 8pm** at **St Matthew's Church** on Chapter 3 (Forgiveness) of Rowan Williams' book, 'Being Disciples', followed by Compline at 9pm.

ELECTORAL ROLL. The annual revision of the church electoral roll is about to take place. If your name is not already on the roll and you wish to be included (eg: because you have joined the congregation during the past year or recently reached the age of 16), please complete an application form (at the cross aisles) and **return it to the Parish Office or to one of the Clergy by Monday 27th March**. If you are already on the roll, but your name/address /email has changed, please let us know (making it clear that you are already on the roll) so that we may update the roll.

BACH ST MATTHEW'S PASSION. On Palm Sunday we are going to be staging a liturgical performance of Bach's St Matthew Passion. The congregation will be invited to join in with four of the chorales during the Passion. In preparation for this, we are going to use a verse from one of the less familiar chorales to herald the Gospel during Lent this year, in place of the gradual hymn. The choir will sing the chorale once and then everyone will sing it a second time.

MOTHERING SUNDAY POSY MAKING: Saturday 25th March from 9.30am in Fellowship House. Many hands make light work, so please call Catherine Linsley if you can help!

VOLUNTEERS are sought to **verge for the midweek Communion Service, 10.30am on Thursdays**. Duties to include preparing for Eucharist and tidying away after the service. This service is very important to some members of our church as it is the only time they are able to attend church for communion during the week. **Do let the Rector know if you can help.**

As part of Yunghee's training course on Christian ethics, she has been asked to give a presentation regarding 'Whether we, as Christians, should support migration into our country'. Please come and support her at 8pm on Wednesday 15th March in Garden Hall.

St MARY'S Annual Church Meeting is at 8.15pm on Tuesday 25th April in the church, with drinks to follow in Garden Hall. The timing of Easter this year has made it difficult to schedule, but we hope that as many people as possible will be able to come to the meeting.

BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK'S LENT CALL is 'I was hungry... I was thirsty' and will support projects in Southwark Diocese (including Faith in Action Merton) and Zimbabwe (initiatives addressing food security and water shortages). Envelopes for donations are available at the cross aisles. Visit: www.southwark.anglican.org/lentcall

PSALMS AT EVENSONG: following the recent consultation about congregational singing of the psalms, the result was that a small majority of people would prefer to sing the psalms, however a significant number would prefer to listen to the choir. The Rector and Director of Music have therefore agreed that we will alternate between choir only (congregation seated) and the choir & congregation singing the psalms at Evensong. Congregational psalm singing will be taught by Max on the relevant Sundays before the service at 6.15pm.

The Rector would like to set up a **PARISH CONTACT LIST**. Blue paper forms and a posting box may be found at the cross aisles or you can go online (there is a link from St Mary's website) https://www.parishofwimbledon.org.uk/contact_details.php. Full details on how the information will be protected and used are at the cross aisles.

PASTORAL LETTERS from **BISHOP CHRISTOPHER** and **THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY**. Following the failure of the Synod to take note of the most recent report of the House of Bishops on Human Sexuality, both the Archbishop of Canterbury and Bishop Christopher have written pastoral letters to us. These are displayed in the church porch for all to read.

TUESDAY LUNCHESES meet on Tuesday 14th March from 12 to 1.30pm, at the home of Libby Robins', Apt 3, 4 Southside Common, SW19 4TG. Parking is pay & display. Cost is £4, donated to Action Aid. Contact Simone Tromans on: 07747 804 926 for details.

The **CHURCH BEES** will be arriving sometime in the spring pollination season for homing in their newly built hives. **Should anyone wish to assist or learn (clothing and instruction provided), please contact: stmarysbees@yahoo.com**

RETREAT TO LOS OLIVOS: we will be taking a group to **Los Olivos in Spain, 3rd- 8th September 2017**. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time in a beautiful place, with God and one another. Only 12 places available, & we need confirmations by the beginning of March. Cost is 400 Euros per person, plus flights & any outings. **Please speak to Catherine Linsley.**

SHROVE TUESDAY LOST PROPERTY: If you left anything at the Rectory following the pancake party, please check the marked box at the cross aisles. Thank You! There is also **additional lost property in the Parish Office**. Please claim it before it is donated to charity.

LOW CARBON SUNDAYS – LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH. You are encouraged to leave your car at home. Do read the leaflet at the cross aisles entitled: 'Nine ways to live gently on earth'. The leaflet gives ideas for those who need to come to church by car. Thank You.



Weekly Services in the Team

Monday	Daily Prayer	St Mary's 12 noon	
Tuesday	Daily Prayer	St Matthew's 8.30am	St Mary's 8.45am
Wednesday	Daily Prayer Toddler Praise Eucharist	St Matthew's 8.30am St Mary's 9.15am St Matthew's 10am	St Mary's 8.45am St Mark's 1.00pm
Thursday	Daily Prayer Eucharist Team Prayer	St Matthew's 8.30am St Mary's 10.30am St Mary's 12.30pm	St Mary's 8.45am
Friday	Daily Prayer	St Matthew's 8.30am	

Parish News

LENT LECTURES 2017: A Pilgrimage around the Team. These will be based on Rowan Williams' book "Being Disciples". The **Tuesday** Lecture dates around the parish are:
14th March, 8pm Chapter 3 "Forgiveness" at St Matthew's Church followed by Compline at 9pm
21st March, 8pm Chapter 4 "Holiness" at St Mark's Church followed by Compline at 9pm
28th March, 8pm Chapter 5 "Faith in Society" at St John's Church followed by Compline at 9pm
4 April, 8pm Chapt. 6 "Life in the Spirit" at St Mary's Garden Hall/St Mark's/St Matthew's/St John's
You can buy copies of the book for £8 at your church. Details in church news sheets.

PARISH SERVICE FOR PALM SUNDAY, 9th APRIL: J S BACH'S ST MATTHEW'S PASSION. The St Mary's choir, choristers and members of Wimbledon Youth Choir, together with outstanding young professional soloists and leading baroque players from the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, **will give a liturgical performance of the St Matthew Passion at St Mary's Church at 6.30pm. Admission will be free with a retiring collection.** Please put in your diaries the date of what promises to be a spiritually moving and uniquely memorable occasion. As in Bach's time, the congregation will be invited to participate in the drama through the singing of chorales. **We will sing four of these with a practice on the day at 6.10pm.**

THE BIG QUESTIONS DISCUSSION GROUP. With no political, religious or other agenda, the group of lay people is looking to involve around 12 people to discuss life's big questions. **They will meet for 6 sessions of 1.5 hours, starting March/April held on alternate Thursdays from 6.30-8pm in the Wimbledon area. No fees. Please contact Liz Aram: mail@lizaram.org or 0208 936 9737 or 07812 599 340.**

WOC – the choir for anyone over about 70 who enjoys singing **meets every Sunday in St Mary's at 2.30pm for an hour.** No previous singing experience required. All welcome.

Handel Messiah on Saturday 18th March, 7pm at St John's Spencer Hill performed by professional chamber choir Sonoro and Wimbledon Community Chorus conducted by Neil Ferris. A true community event to celebrate the rich & diverse choral activity in Wimbledon. **Tickets £10, £15, £18, £26 (premium), under 16's £5, from 0333 666 3666 or www.sonoromusic.com**

Academy Choir Wimbledon – The King Shall Rejoice! The choir's inaugural concert featuring Handel's Coronation works and those by William Boyce under new conductor Matthew Best, featuring the Academy Baroque Players and a trio of acclaimed soloists. **Saturday 25th March, 7.30pm, St John's Church. Tickets £15-25 from www.academychoirwimbledon/concerts**

Please email news items by Wednesday each week to parish.office@stmaryswimbledon.org
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