

**Sunday 8th March
Second Sunday of Lent**

8.00am Holy Communion
President & Preacher: The Rector

9.30am Sung Eucharist, Sunday School & Creche
President: The Associate Vicar
Preacher: The Rector
Deacon: The Rector

11.15am The Service @ 11.15
Minister: The Associate Vicar
Preacher: Catherine Linsley

Readings for the Morning
Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

6.30pm Choral Evensong
Minister: The Rector
Preacher: The Associate Vicar
Psalm 135 congregational
Numbers 21:4-9
Luke 14:27-33

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

Weekday services in other Team churches

St Matthew's
8.30am Tuesday to Friday Morning Prayer
10.00am Said Mass Wednesday

St Marks
1.00pm Eucharist Wednesday

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Safeguarding Officer
If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact either the Rector or Pauline Bakker, who can be contacted at safeguarding@stmaryswimbleton.org. Full details of Diocesan safeguarding procedures can be found in the vestry or at www.southwark.anglican.org/diocesan-policies-procedures

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Welcome to St Mary's Church



SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

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**SERVICES THIS SUNDAY
First Sunday of Lent**

8.00am Holy Communion
President & Preacher: The Associate Vicar

9.30am Sung Eucharist & Creche
President: The Curate
Preacher: The Associate Vicar
Deacon: The Rector
Hymns: NEH 67, 294, 123, 359
Psalm: 32
Setting: *Moore*
Anthem: Ave Verum Corpus *Byrd*

10.30am Refreshments in Garden Hall

11.15am The Eucharist @ 11.15
Minister & Preacher: The Curate
Hymns: HON 144, 30, 428, 56
Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

6.30pm Choral Evensong
Minister: The Associate Vicar
Preacher: The Rector
Hymns: NEH 459, 59, 354
Responses: Reading
Psalm: 50:1-15 choral
Reading: Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 16-end
Canticles: Gibbons' short service
Reading: Luke 15:1-10
Anthem: *Versa est in Luctum Lobo*

CHURCH DIARY: THIS WEEK

Sunday 1st March
3.00pm WOC (Wimbledon Oldies Choir)
4.00pm WYC (Wimbledon Youth Choir)
7.30pm Rafterers in Garden Hall

Monday 2nd March *Chad, bishop, missionary*
8.45am Morning Prayer
9.30am Toddler Playgroup
11.00am Lent Group at the Rose & Crown

Tuesday 3rd March
8.45am Morning Prayer
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 4th March
8.45am Morning Prayer
9.30am Toddler Prayer
2.00pm BG School Eucharist Rehearsal
5.00pm Evening Prayer
7.00pm Silent Prayer
8.00pm Bellringers Practice

Thursday 5th March
8.45am Morning Prayer
10.30am Said Eucharist
12.30pm Team prayers at St Mark's
8.00pm Soulscape at St Matthew's

Friday 6th March
8.45am Morning Prayer
9.30am Toddler Playgroup
5.00pm Evening Prayer
6.30pm Choir Practice

Saturday 7th March *Perpetua, Felicity & companions, martyrs*
12.00pm Daily Prayer

More details on the next page
and website



To live justly, to love kindness and to walk humbly with God in the Service of Christ

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Pray for the Climate

Today at 12:30pm for half an hour at St Mark's Church. All welcome.

The March edition of The Bridge Diocesan newspaper will be in church today.

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 (forms are available at the cross aisles) and return it to the Parish Office. Completed forms must be returned by Wednesday 25 March. If you are already on the roll but your name/address/email address has changed please let us know (making clear that you are already on the roll) so that we may update the roll accordingly.

Guidance on Covid 19 (new Coronavirus) and Holy Communion from the Church of England

During the current outbreak the clergy, servers and lay assistants will be extra vigilant about hand washing before the service and will also be using disinfectant spray during the service before they handle the communion elements.

Government advice is that we should stay at home if we feel unwell. Please contact the clergy if you are unwell and we will arrange to bring you communion at home. We are advised not to dip the wafers in the wine as hands are as much a source of pathogens as lips and it can introduce germs into the cup. Intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) is no safer than drinking from the cup and can also threaten those with certain immune or allergic conditions.

It is Anglican teaching that to receive communion in one kind (just the bread or just the cup) is to receive the sacrament in

its entirety. If a communicant is unwell or does not wish to drink from the chalice then they should receive consecrated bread alone.

There is no need to refrain from sharing the peace at the moment.

For further information please go to <https://www.london.anglican.org/articles/coronavirus-guidance-for-parishes/> or speak to one of the clergy.

St Marys Bees - Meeting 3rd March at 8.00pm

There will be a meeting to discuss the future of the St Mary's Bee Keeping project in the meeting room. All who have invested in or been involved in the project in any way are invited to attend. The meeting will be chaired by the Rector.

Tuesday lunch 3rd March

12noon-1.30pm Clergy at the Rectory, 14 Arthur Road, SW19 7DZ. Access: One very small step on the flat. Parking: At the Rectory or in the churchyard. Contact Judy Allen by Friday of the previous week on 07931503824 if you need a lift. Other enquiries should go to Simone Tromans on 07747804926.

World Day of Prayer

Friday 6 March prepared by the women of Zimbabwe. Services at 10.30am at St John Fisher Church, SW20 9DB and 8.00pm at Christ Church, West Wimbledon, SW20 0RZ. Refreshments served after each service, all are welcome.

Gardening Group Saturday 7th March

Meets from 9.00am-12noon. Contact Alan Duncan at stmarysgardening@gmail.com

Flies! Lice! Blotches! Blains! Saturday 7th March at 7.30pm St Matthews Church

The Ariel Consort of London, directed by Douglas Lee, will perform Handel's dramatic oratorio *Israel in Egypt*. Tickets are just £15 (flies and lice not included), and can be bought from Louise Hebbourn

at St Matthews or online at www.wegotickets.com/event/498083

FUTURE EVENTS AND NEWS

Inspired to Follow: Art and the Bible Story.

St Mark's is again hosting this popular series on five Tuesday mornings in March, 10.15am - 11.30am. The resources were created by St Martin-in-the-Fields in partnership with the National Gallery as a way to explore the Christian faith. Each week we will look at a different painting and see how it relates to a Bible passage and to us. wendy.mcternan@gmail.com

Concert in Wimbledon - 14th March - St John's, Spencer Hill

The Academy Choir Wimbledon (which features many members of our choir here at St Mary's) will be giving a very special performance of Handel's dramatic and engaging oratorio *Saul* alongside the Academy Baroque Players and a quintet of top operatic soloists. Tickets are priced from £15-30 (£5 for students and under 18s) and are available from the choir's website: www.academychoirwimbledon.co.uk. events@wimbledonguild.co.uk or call 020 8739 2920.

Saturday 28th March @ 5.00pm – The Gospel of Mark, live at St John's

We are delighted to have The Rev'd Joseph Morris – a former actor, turned priest – all the way from Georgia, USA. He has performed his one-man show in hundreds of venues in the U.S., U.K. and Canada - including Southwark Cathedral in 2016. Admission: £10 suggested donation. 2 hours with interval. Refreshments will be served.

Seven Last Words from the Cross - Palm Sunday 5 April

As part of the church's Holy Week worship, the choir (as well as choristers) will be giving the premiere of an exciting collection of pieces based on Christ's seven utterances from the Cross, and including verses of the Psalms. The choir have commissioned seven

well-established and local composers Owain Park, David Bednall, Oliver Tarney, Ruth Byrchmore, Ken Burton, Esther Bersweden and Andrew Lenon. They will be interspersed with readings and congregational hymns, creating a musically varied and spiritually contemplative occasion. The service will last around an hour.

HELP WANTED

The Winter Night Shelter

Annalisa Zisman is still looking for volunteers to help on Saturday evening/night/Sunday morning at St Mark's Hall from 14th March to April 25th. Particularly on the cooking rota, but also to fill slots helping in the hall. If you are able to get involved please contact Annalisa on annalisa@backtobalance.co.uk Training available for those who haven't helped before.

ANTHEM TEXTS

9.30am Ave Verum Corpus Byrd

Hail, true body
born of the Virgin Mary,
Who truly suffered, sacrificed
on the Cross for man,
Whose pierced side overflowed
with water and blood,
Be for us a foretaste
In the test of death.

6.30pm Versa est in Luctum Lobo

My harp is turned to grieving
and my flute to the voice of those who weep.
Spare me, O Lord,
for my days are as nothing.