

NOTICES

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: Gladys Vendy and Lorna Lambert wish to thank all who contributed to the Children's Society half yearly collection which totalled £399.95. This amount is mainly from small change which is put into the box at the end of the day/week. If you wish to become a box holder please contact Gladys Vendy.

PALM CROSSES: if you wish to return your palm cross to be burnt for Ash Wednesday ash please leave it in the basket at the back of church.

THANK YOU to all who supported our Christmas Giving. GOOD GIFTS raised £1,772.50 for Together in Barnet (TiB) the charity running the winter Night shelters in Barnet. Our CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS raised a total of £2,745.02 which will be split equally between Barnet Mencap, Christian Aid Appeal for Syrian Refugees and the North London Hospice.

FLOWER ROTA: The new flower rota is available on the noticeboard worship table. Bouquets of thanks to all the hard working arrangers and a plea for new helpers please. We have lost several key arrangers this past year. Lynn (020 3015 2302/07977 222708).

DIARY

ST MARY'S BIBLE STUDYGROUP meets again this Wednesday, **22nd February**, 7.30 at 63 Holdenhurst Avenue. We are looking at the Eucharist. Anyone is welcome. For more details contact Claire at 020 8346 8856. During Lent there will be an Ecumenical study group meeting at no 63 so the St Mary's group will not meet again until **19th April**.

MID-WINTER QUIZ NIGHT to support HAB
Details: downstairs at The Bohemia, 762-764 High Road, North Finchley N12 9QH, **Thursday 23rd February 2017** at 7.00pm. £5 per person; teams and individuals welcome (tables can be made up on the night) Pay on the door. A fun way to support Homeless Action in Barnet in its 20th Anniversary year.

LENT begins on **1 March, ASH WEDNESDAY**. There will be a sung Eucharist wish ashing at 8pm.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday 3rd March 2017 2pm at St Alban's RC Church, 51 Nether Street. Creche available.

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2nd Sunday before Lent
19th February 2017
ST MARY-AT-FINCHLEY
HENDON LANE, N3 1TR



WELCOME - this is an Inclusive Church. If you are new to St Mary's and would like to know more, please fill in a welcome card from the table at the back of Church and hand it to one of the Clergy or Welcomers.

There is an Induction loop for the hard of hearing



A toilet with facilities for the disabled is available next to the Parish Office.



TODAY: 8am Holy Communion Order 2
10am Parish Eucharist
More details of readings, hymns, music etc
inside this leaflet
6pm Eucharist

FOLLOWING THE PARISH EUCHARIST

Fairtrade coffee and tea are served in the Hall. Please join us.
The Welcomers will be delighted to show you the way.

THIS WEEK

Monday-Friday	9-00am	Morning Prayer
Monday-Thursday	5-00pm	Evening Prayer (Thursday BCP)
Monday 20th	9-30-11-30am	Acorns St Mary's Playgroup
Wednesday 22nd	11-00am	Holy Communion BCP
Thursday 23rd	7-30am	Eucharist
Friday 24th	8-00-9-30pm	St Mary's Youth Club
Sunday 26th Feb Sunday next before Lent	8-00am 10-00am 6-00pm	Holy Communion Order 2 All-Age Parish Eucharist Eucharist

USEFUL INFORMATION

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE. During the 10am Eucharist: Junior Church, 3-5's in the Blue Beetle, 5-7, 8-11, 11+ Discussion Group in Church Hall. N.B. Term time only. Children's corner for under 5's only. Only one parent/carer accompanying, please, as the corner gets very full.

COMMUNICANT MEMBERS of all churches are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you do not usually receive Communion you are most welcome to come to the altar for a blessing—please bring your service book with you.

GIVING. Visitors We do not pass round the collection plate during the service but a plate is available by the first pillar on the left as you enter church before and after the service. If you are a UK taxpayer please consider using the Blue Envelopes for your offering. You can also now give up to £10 at a time via text message. Type the code SMAF01 with the amount you would like to donate in a text message and send it to the number 70070. e.g. SMAF01 £10.

Regular worshippers please consider joining Planned Giving. Contact our Stewardship Treasurer Patricia Bagster for more details.

8-00am Holy Communion Order 2 page 229

Celebrant The Revd Philip Davison

10-00am Parish Eucharist

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Eucharist setting Ayres: The Finchley Setting
Organist Damon Ying
Director of Music Alison Fisher

Processional Hymn 285

Reading Genesis 1.1-23 John Huckstep

1 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

6 And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

9 And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

14 And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

20 And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

24 And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' ²⁷ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' ²⁹God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Psalm 136vv 1-9,23-26 Cantor Jane Lee

Response: For his steadfast love endures for ever

Response

Andrew Moore

v. 1b For his stead - fast love en - dures for ev - er.



O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever.

O give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures for ever.

O give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures for ever; **R** who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures for ever; who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures for ever; who spread out the earth on the waters, for his steadfast love endures for ever; who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures for ever; the sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures for ever; the moon and stars to rule over the night, **R**

for his steadfast love endures for ever; It is he who remembered us in our low estate, for his steadfast love endures for ever;

and rescued us from our foes, for his steadfast love endures for ever; who gives food to all flesh, for his steadfast love endures for ever. **R**

O give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures for ever. **R**

Reading Romans 8.18-25 John Huckstep

18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gradual Hymn 155

Gospel Matthew 6.25-end

25 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

34 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'

Preacher Claire Disbrey

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Intercessions Joel Rickett

Offertory Hymn 360

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Communion Hymn 90

Post Communion Hymn 282

Anthem Margaret Poston: *God of Glory*

6pm Eucharist

Prayer Requests

Douglas Hodson, Ivy Brownhill, Graham & Haryati Poston, Michael Stevens, Hannah, Marilyn, Margaret Whitlock, Barry and Margaret Cullen, Simmone, Tony Lewis, Leslie, Patrick, Popi, Lyn Niland, Kate Anderson, Joan Airey, Helena Quintal, Sheila Eagle, Pam Walker, Leon Moodie, Saul Venit, Julia Watt, Geoff Moir, Petra Mulimi, Keven Hall, Andrew Butcher, Kim Stone, Tony Rosa, Les Zamit, Sarah McMillain, Pam Leahy, George Palmer, Anne Peet, Caroline Steckel
RIP Patricia Ann Gallon Hughes,

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

International:

Mahajanga (Indian Ocean): Jean-Claude Andrianjafimanana (Bishop)

Roskilde (Denmark): Peter Fischer-Moeller (Bishop)

Capital Vision 2020:

let us pray for the new London Witness group as they begin on their training, that they would be equipped confidently to share the gospel of Christ in new ways

Diocesan:

Westminster (St Margaret) Deanery: Philip Chester (Area Dean)

Deanery Synod: David Richards (Lay Chairman), Lawson Crawford (Treasurer)