

NOTICES

ELECTORAL ROLL: we are currently updating the Electoral Roll. If you think of St Mary's as your church and are not yet on the Roll please complete an application form and hand it to the Clergy or Welcomers. Any queries to Sally Prescott (020 8346 7034)

LENT COLLECTIONS: will be for Housing Justice, to provide living expenses for refugees who are being housed by clergy around London. See the display for more information. Please use a blue gift aid envelope if you can. Look for one marked 'Housing Justice/Refugees'.

LENT LEAFLET is available. Please take one home.

FLOWER ROTA: The new flower rota is available on the notice-board 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

FAIRTRADE STALL today: during coffee time in the main hall.

FINCHLEY MORE IN COMMON: Finchley residents! Please join our #MoreInCommon meeting on **Wednesday 15th March** at 7.15-8.30, at the Blue Beetle room at St Mary at Finchley parish hall, Hendon Lane (5 minutes walk from Finchley Central tube). We want to bring together local people concerned about the rise in intolerance and racism since the EU referendum. We'll share our ideas about what can be - and is being done - locally to build a positive response to hate, and longer-term we'll turn those ideas into reality. No special expertise or insight needed. All welcome - any and every religion, ethnicity, political persuasion, age - you just have to be concerned and want to help. For more information please contact mslizzyhawkins@gmail.com.

CONCERT Sunday 19th March at 6pm: The Forna String Quartet play Webern, Stravinsky and Beethoven. The Forna (ex-Sattler) Quartet was formed at the Royal College of Music in 2011, and currently enjoys a busy a varied performing career based in London. They have chosen an adventurous programme which start with the beautifully expressive Langsamers Satz of Webern. This is followed by Stravinsky's vibrant Three Pieces for String Quartet (1914/18), which incorporate folk melodies into an energetic and varied quartet texture. Then we'll hear Stravinsky's brilliant and joyous Concertino. To finish, the Forna Quartet will play the 6th of Beethoven's Opus 18 quartets, in B flat major. The concert lasts 1 hour. A relaxing and enjoyable experience for all! Contact Alison Fisher for more information. Email: Alison.smart@ntlworld.com

Entry is free with a retiring collection for the St Mary-at-Finchley Roof Appeal. Refreshments are provided after the concert - relax over a glass of wine and some nice cheese. Please come and join us and bring your friends!

POETRY GROUP: Wednesday 22 March, 2.30pm at Baxendale. The theme is Countryside. Contact the Rector for more details.

ST MARY'S WALKERS: The next walk will be on **Sunday April 9th p.m.** Details to follow. Hope you will join us. Mary Gent/Nick Upton

RETREAT 2017 will be from tea time **Friday 2 June to lunchtime Sunday 4 June** in Ely. If you are interested in going please contact the Rector.

CONTACT US

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For more information about St Mary's visit our website

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2nd Sunday of Lent
12th March 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 Compline and Quiet

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 13th	9-30-11-30am	Acorns St Mary's Playgroup
Wednesday 15th	11-00am	Holy Communion BCP
Thursday 16th	7-30am	Eucharist
Friday 17th	8-00-9-30pm	St Mary's Youth Club
Sunday 19th Mar 2nd Sunday of Lent	8-00am 10-00am 6-00pm	Holy Communion Order 2 Parish Eucharist Concert

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.

10-00am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant The Revd Philip Davison
Eucharist setting Sanger: The Common Life
Organist Tim Hooper
Director of Music Alison Fisher

Processional Hymn 478

Reading Genesis 12.1-4a Polly Harman

Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'
⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Psalm 121 Cantor Barbara Crosbie

Response: My help comes from the Lord who made heav'n and earth

Response Philip Moore

v. 2 My help comes from the Lord who made heav'n and earth.



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I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth. **R**
He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. **R**
The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. **R**
The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and for evermore. **R**

Reading Romans 4.1-5,13-17 Polly Harman

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.
¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.
¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Gradual Hymn 375

Gospel John 3.1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.'
³Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.'
⁴Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?'
⁵Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above."
⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.'
⁹Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?'
¹⁰Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?
¹¹ 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.
¹⁶ 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.
¹⁷ 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Preacher The Revd Philip Davison

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Intercessions Nick Upton

Offertory Hymn 518

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Anthem Godfrey: *My spirit longs for thee*

Post Communion Hymn 10

6pm Compline and Quiet

Prayer Requests

Douglas Hodson, Ivy Brownhill, Graham & Haryati Poston, Michael Stevens, 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, Iris Fletcher

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

International:

Maseno South (Kenya): Francis Abiero (Bishop)
Maseno West (Kenya): Joseph Wasonga (Bishop)
Karlstad (Sweden): Sören Dalevi (Bishop)

Capital Vision 2020:

we pray that the Lord might watch over those in London living in abject circumstances, and help us to find new ways to fight against injustice in our capital

Diocesan:

Pray for Mary Spredbury, City of Westminster Finance Adviser