

## NOTICES

**BRITISH SUMMER TIME** starts next Sunday. Put your clocks forward an hour and don't be late for church.

**LENT GIVING 2019:** this year our giving will support the work of our Junior Church. To grow and support the work with our young people the Junior Church needs funds for various resources, materials and group activities. The work of Junior Church adds much to our Church Community and is a critical part of our inclusivity as a Church. As part of your Lent preparations we hope you will give as generously as you are able for the benefit of our young people in St Mary's. Please use a blue envelope and label it 'Lent Giving'. If you wish to discuss Lent Giving - talk with Rev Philip or any member of the Mission Committee. Thank you (John Bier for the Mission Committee)

**LENT LUNCH :** A big thank you to all the skilled soup makers who helped make the first CTIF Lent Lunch such a wonderful success. It raised £100 for the Noah's Ark Cancer charity. Praise too for all who helped prepare and clear. Please support the other churches in the lead up to Easter (see Lent leaflet for venues).

**ADULT BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION:** please contact the Rector if you are interested.

**CARTWRIGHT MEMORIAL:** work on the Cartwright Memorial started on 20 August (initially off site). If you would like to help please go to our JustGiving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/heritage-of-finchley-at-risk>

**ELECTORAL ROLL:** Every 6 years we have to prepare a new Electoral Roll. The revision takes place this year . If you are baptised, aged 16 or over and think of St Mary's as your church please complete an application form (available at the back of the church) and hand it to the Church Wardens or Welcomers before 31 March 2019. Any Queries contact Sally Prescott on 020 8346 7034.

## DIARY

**COMPLINE AND QUIET** at 6pm **this evening**

**LENT GROUP** meets **this evening** at 7pm in the Blue Beetle

**CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT GROUPS** on Wednesday afternoon and evening. Details on the Lent leaflet.

**THE LENT LUNCH this Friday** will be at St Barnabas, Solar House, High Road N12 at 12.30pm

**CRYSTAL PALACE WALK TODAY:** The walk will leave from St Mary's Church Hall at 12.45p.m. Sandwiches can be eaten beforehand in the Hall if wished. Distance will be 5 miles. See Nick Upton if you have any questions. Nick Upton (Mary Gent)

**POETRY READING GROUP:** bring a favourite poem.

**Wednesday 27th** 2.30pm at 57 Holdenhurst Avenue.

**CHURCHYARD CLEAR UP MARCH 30 :** Please join Green and Fair's gardening team as we tidy in readiness for Mothering Sunday. Join us from 10 am with shears and brooms etc. All ages welcome for whatever time is on offer. Refreshments available. Big thanks to Helen, Julie, Paul and Emmanuel for massive garden work undertaken already this season.

**SATURDAY 6TH APRIL AT 7.30PM IN ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, HERTFORD SG14 1HZ:** Third Hope Requiem: our very own Alison Smart Fisher will conduct this remarkable piece of music, setting biblical texts, performed by De Merc Chamber Choir, soloists, instrumentalists .Entry is free with a retiring collection for Third Hope which works with child soldiers in northern Uganda. It would be lovely to have support from St Mary's congregation. For more information (and clips of the music) see <http://thirdhope.org/events/>

## CONTACT US

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For more information about St Mary's visit our website

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**3rd Sunday of Lent**  
**24th March 2019**  
**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-Thursday	9-00am	Morning Prayer
Monday-Thursday	5-00pm	Evening Prayer (Thursday BCP)
Wednesday 27th	11-00am	Holy Communion BCP
Thursday 28th	7-30am	Eucharist
<b>Sun 31st Mar</b> Mothering Sunday	<b>8-00am</b> <b>10-00am</b> <b>6-00pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion Order 2</b> <b>All-Age Parish Eucharist</b> <b>Compline and Quiet</b>

## USEFUL INFORMATION

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE** are invited to Junior Church, which runs with fun activities during term-time Sunday 10am Services. Nursery and Reception age children are in the Blue Beetle (and are also welcome to use the Children's Corner in the main Church); Primary (Years 1-6) meet in the Church Hall. For 11+ the Discussion Group is in the Church Hall.

**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
Mass Sanger: The Common Life
Organist Tim Hooper
Director of Music Alison Fisher

Processional Hymn 517

Reading Isaiah 55.1-9 William Greenwood

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. 3 Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. 4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. 5 See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. 6 Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; 7 let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalms 63 Cantor Barbara Crosbie

Response: My soul thirsts for you, O God as in a dry and weary land.

Response Andrew Moore
Musical notation for the response: My soul thirsts for you, O God as in a dry and weary land.

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name. R My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. R But those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth; they shall be given over to the power of the sword, they shall be prey for jackals. But the king shall rejoice in God; all who swear by him shall exult, for the mouths of liars will be stopped. R

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Reading 1 Corinthians 10.1-13 William Greenwood

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

6 Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. 7 Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' 8 We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. 9 We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. 10 And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. 11 These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. 13 No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Gradual Hymn To mock your reign

- 1 To mock your reign, O dearest Lord, They did not know, as we do now, that though we merit blame you will your robe of mercy throw around our naked shame.
2 In mock acclaim, O gracious Lord, they snatched a purple cloak, your passion turned, for all they cared, into a soldier's joke.
3 A sceptered reed, O patient Lord, they thrust into your hand, and acted out their grim charade to its appointed end.
They did not know, as we do now, though empires rise and fall, your Kingdom shall not cease to grow till love embraces all.

Gospel Luke 13.1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?' 3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. 4 Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?' 5 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did. 6 Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. 7 So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" 8 He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

Preacher Nigel Wildish

Creed Service Book page 5

Intercessions Nick Upton

Offertory Hymn 117

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Anthem Bairstow: The King of Love

Post Communion Hymn 302

6pm Compline and Quiet

Prayer Requests

Ivy Brownhill, Graham & Haryati Poston, Marilyn, Margaret Whitlock, Tony Lewis, Leslie, Lyn Niland, Kate Anderson, Joan Airey, Saul Venit, Geoff Moir, Keven Hall, Les Zamit, Sarah McMillain, George Palmer, Roy Aylward, Frank Furness, Richard Weston, George and Gillian Lunn, Celeste Mascarenhas, Simone, Chris Mohan, Naomi, Harry Prescott, Rebecca, Christopher Browne, Christopher John Whitford, Caroline Byrne, Mark Harris, The Salinge family, Eileen Doyle, Colin Clark, Sonia Singham, Ronald Dadoo, Valerie Phillips, The Jacobs family, Janet Mary Whitford, Jill Russell, Evelyn Briers, Dorothy McCall, Robert Reed, Julie, John Obote

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

International: Pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

(The Holy Catholic Church of Hong Kong):

Paul Kwong (Archbishop, and Bishop of Hong Kong Island)

Lund (Sweden): Johan Tyrberg (Bishop)

Capital Vision 2020 Ambassadors: pray for hospitality workers

Diocesan: Pray for the staff of the Bishop of Stepney's Office, including Husna Louise, interim Personal Assistant