

WELCOME

All Christians who would normally do so are invited to receive communion. If you wish not to receive, please come forward for a blessing. You are warmly invited to coffee afterwards.



CHILDREN

Children are very welcome at St Mary's. Junior Church takes place in the Parish Room during the Sung Eucharist. There is a children's corner in Church for supervised pre-school children.

20th March 2016
Palm Sunday

Hymns

438, 463, 412, 411, 333, 644

TODAY

Children's Stations of the Cross takes place this morning in place of the 11.15 am Family Service. The Family Service will resume on 24th April.

Lent Charity On Sundays during Lent there will be a retiring collection for **Veterans Aid**.

LOOKING FORWARD

Easter Day Please note that the **Easter Day** service will be at the later time of **10am with the clocks going forward 1 hour next weekend!**

BITS AND PIECES

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) This will be held on Sunday April 17th at 11.15 am. Notices are now up in the foyer calling for nominations for new members of the PCC to serve for 3 years and for Churchwardens, who are elected annually. Please read the information on these notices and consider standing for a role and/or encourage those you know to do so. This is a great opportunity to help our church do God's work.

Children's Easter Garden and Activity Holy Saturday, 26th March 10am. Come and create an Easter Garden and share some Easter fun - bring small bunches or pots of spring flowers, catkins and foliage, and be surprised what you take away! Please speak to Rev'd Rachel for more information or with offers to help.

Sidespersons Sidespersons play an important role in welcoming and helping the congregation at services. We are looking for further volunteers to take on this role. If you feel you might be able to help occasionally please put your name down on the notice in the lobby.

Readers at St Mary's If you would like to join the Readers' rota please get in touch with Debbie Filer.

PASSION READING

Please join in the words marked in bold

Pilate: I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

Luke: Then they all shouted together:

Crowd: **Away with this fellow!**
Release Barabbas for us!

Luke: (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.)

Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting.

Crowd: **Crucify! Crucify him!**

Mowing Teams: Did you know that the churchyard is mown by volunteers? If you would like to join this band of grass cutters, you would be very welcome, and we are looking for new persons to join us this year. All equipment and petrol is provided, and we are organised in teams of two. We are "on duty" for a 2 week period and ask that each person mow 1/2 of the churchyard once during their allocated 2 week period. Currently that works out that each team mows 4 times between April and October. If you are interested or have any questions, please speak to **Steve Sakakini** (tel. 81 1956)

St Mary's Church Electoral Roll Are you on the Electoral Roll? During the next few weeks, leading up to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 17th April, the Electoral Roll will be advised. Please see the separate notice in the lobby which gives details of who is eligible to join the roll and what this entails.

Easter Flowers A box is now placed on the offertory table to receive donations towards the Easter Flowers in church. Please consider making a donation in memory of a loved one.

The Churchyard Conservation Group (PIOCC) will be holding its AGM on **Monday 4 April at 8pm in the Parish Room**. Do come along and find out what's been happening in the Conservation Area. After the business is concluded, to put us all in a sunny mood, Margaret & Tim Carr will be giving a talk on "Spring in Crete & Lesvos". Light refreshments available all welcome.

Coffee Catch Up – Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support – 21st March Raffle tickets in preparation for the Macmillan Coffee Morning will be on sale in the lobby after this morning's 9.30 am service.

Please pray for

- Faith, hope and love as we respond to others and to our calling in Christ.
- Families experiencing the pain of breakdown, illness or bereavement.
- Peace and an end to suffering for people of Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Holy Land, and other places of conflict
- James, Fiona, Zenden, and all preparing for Baptism or Confirmation.
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Penelope Bickley; Elan Bansal; Beryl Streether; Mavis Lloyd; Jackie Deadman; Jean Schluter; Clifford & Christopher Browne; Des Atkin; Emily Fisk; Marg; David Buckland; Betty Thorn, Maureen Gobener; all others in pain or sorrow;
- All those who have died recently; Yvonne Black; and all whose anniversaries fall at this time, and those who grieve for them.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Days of Holy Week:

Monday 21st March – 7.30 pm
Stations of the Cross: *A meditative journey through the events of Holy Week*

Tuesday 22nd March – 7.30 pm
A reflection on the theme of Forgiveness *through Music & Art*

Wednesday 23rd March – 7.30 pm
A service of healing

MAUNDY THURSDAY: 24th March
7.30 pm Eucharist of the Last Supper.
Stripping of the Altars & Watch of the Passion

GOOD FRIDAY: 25th March
The Three Hours of the Cross:
12.00 noon Silent prayer and reflection
1.00 pm Choral Meditation
2.00 pm Good Friday Liturgy

HOLY SATURDAY: 26th March
8.00 pm Easter Vigil, the first Eucharist of Easter.

EASTER DAY: 27th March
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Sung Eucharist of the Resurrection for All Ages

During the service a collection will be taken during the Offertory Hymn. If you miss this collection, gifts can be placed in the wall pillar. Gift Aid envelopes are available in the pews. Deo Gratias Registered Charity No. 1136606

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