



March 26 Mothering Sunday
10.30am All Age Eucharist
for the whole family

April 9 Palm Sunday
10.15am Procession with Palms
meet outside Bonneville School
at 10am
10.30am Eucharist with Passion
Drama

April 11 Passover Supper
7.30pm in Church

April 13 Maundy Thursday
8pm Eucharist of Last Supper with
Foot washing

April 14 Good Friday
10am Family Workshop
12noon Stations of the Cross
1pm Mass with Veneration of the
Cross
2pm Meditations on the Cross

April 16 Easter Day
5.30 am Dawn Service with Lighting
of Easter Fire

PLEASE HELP to deliver our Easter postcards to a road in the parish. Sign up at the back of church NOW!

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Sunday 12th March Second Sunday of Lent

LENT

WHAT IS IT GOOD FOR? WHO NEEDS IT?

Lent is a time to strip away all that is unessential IN ORDER THAT we can re-discover who we really are and what we here for.

As a community of faith we believe that we are sent to take God's love out into the word around us: to share our blessings with the old, with the young and with all who come to us.

Today we explore ways in which we have been called to include, to love and to value: the young, the old and all those who come to us.

HOW ABOUT YOU? What are your gifts? What are you for?

What are you being called to? Where is God sending you?

WHO needs **YOU** most? the **YOUNG?** the **OLD?** the **FRIEND & STRANGER** in our midst?

READINGS

Genesis 12:1-4 Reminds us again that we are chosen by God for a purpose: I will bless you so that you may be a blessing. Who does God want to bless through us?

John 3:1-17 Nicodemus comes to see Jesus in the dark: he has learning and authority it would be embarrassing or worse for him to be seen coming to Jesus for guidance. Jesus asks him to risk letting go of all he holds close in order that he may begin again, be reborn. This new life is made not of earthly things we can touch and own but of spirit that is unseen and always on the move. Can we risk letting go of what we hold onto and trust that God will re-create our lives?

Hymns: 595 787 147 702

CALENDAR

Today

- 8.00am** Pram Service
9.00am Said Eucharist
10.30am Parish Eucharist
6.30pm CTiC Lent evening service
St Mary's Clapham Park Road

Mon 13th March

- 9.00am** Morning Prayer
7.30pm Fete meeting

Tuesday 14th March

- 9.00am** Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Molies
10.30am Silver Socials
7.30pm Pastoral visiting team meeting
8.00pm Book Club

Wednesday 15th March

- 9.00am** Morning Prayer
7.45pm PCC meeting

Thurs 16th March

- 12.30pm** Lunchtime Eucharist
followed by simple lunch
2.00pm CTiC Lent Study Group

Saturday 18th March

- 12.00-2.00pm** Lent Soup Lunch
7.00pm Robes night shelter

Sun 19th March

- 8.00am** Pram Service
9.00am Said Eucharist
10.30am Parish Eucharist
6.30pm CTiC Choral evensong

Please pray for:

Those who are sick: Heidi Bell, Jane Bell, Tim Grisdale, Cassie Williams, Anthony Walker, Sara Carter, Harry Rich, Lynford Esterine, Jean Boxill, Aude Bonnetain, Fred Udhe, Yvonne de Grouchy, Molly Price Owen and Sonia Gordon

LENT PRAYER

We give you thanks
that in these forty days

you lead us into desert
of repentance

that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace

and learn to be your people once again;

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service

you bring us back to your generous heart;

Through study of your holy word

**you open our eyes to your presence in the
world**

and free our hands to welcome others

into the radiant splendour of your love.

We pray for those who need a welcome:

The YOUNG ...

The OLD ...

And ALL who come to us ...

*Merciful Father, grant us grace this Lent to
return to you in heart and mind*

*And to offer to you all that we are and all
that we have.*

Amen



Soupy Saturdays, 12-2pm We shall be serving simple soup lunches in church in aid of the Bishop's Lent Call. This year it is supporting projects in our diocese and in our partnership diocese in Zimbabwe. Can you help cook and serve? Speak to Alan

Knitting Group meet to get crafty and natter on Thursday 23rd March, 7.30pm at 13 Chelsham Grove, all welcome.



Pram Service every Sunday 8am, Croissants, coffee and fruit breakfast served from 7.40am.

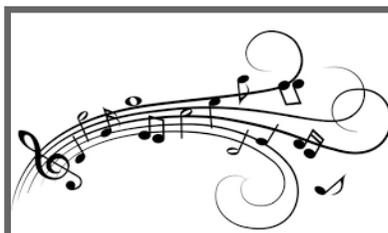
Prayers, stories and songs designed for our smallest parishioners and their carers, but all are welcome.

APCM, our annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on 2nd April after the 10.30 Eucharist, we elect the new PCC members and hear reports of the work we carried out last year. Before then will also be revising the **Electoral Roll**, Being on the Electoral Roll entitles you to stand for election to the PCC and to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting thereby making a contribution to the running of our church. It also means that you are formally showing that you are a committed member of our church. If you are over 16 and baptised please do fill in a form available at the back of church, forms need to be in before March 15th.

Electoral Roll

- Belong
- Participate
- Contribute

Active Kids we are collecting Sainsbury's tokens for our Guide and Brownie pack, please put in box at back of church



Next Sunday March 6.30pm

Choral Evensong

Come and join us and our CTiC friends for a music filled service which is open to participation by everybody