

EASTER SERVICES 2016

March 6 Mothering Sunday

10.30am All Age Eucharist
for the whole family

March 20 Palm Sunday

10.15am Procession with Palms
meet outside Bonneville School at 10am
10.30am Eucharist with Passion Drama

March 21,22,23

Experience Easter
Church open 9.00am-12.00pm
Pop in & walk our Easter Prayer Stations

March 22 Passover Supper

7.30pm in Church

March 24 Maundy Thursday

8pm Eucharist of last supper with footwashing

March 25 Good Friday

10am Family Workshop
12 noon Stations of the Cross
1pm Mass with veneration of the Cross
2pm Meditation and Music

March 26

11.30pm Easter vigil service with lighting of the
Easter Fire

March 27 Easter Day

10.30am Festival Mass

WRITING WORKSHOP

To help keep us all in the know about what's going on in church we need YOU! If you enjoy writing - or think you might, with a bit of coaching - then come along to a new workshop put on by the Church's Communications Group.

Every one can write! To prove it we are holding a 90 minute workshop on **22 February at 7:30 pm**,

The course will be delivered by Glenn Hickling, an experienced digital writer, PR professional and writing coach and member of our congregation, he is getting married here later in the year.

People who enjoy writing will have the opportunity to join a team writing future content for the Church website (but no pressure). Interested? Speak to Nick or Sara S

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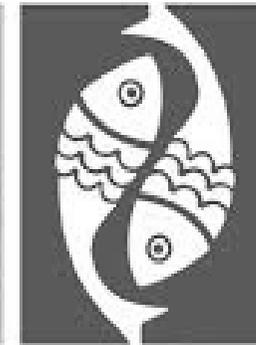
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Holy Spirit



PRAY FAST GIVE

Sunday 14th February 1st Sunday in Lent

WELCOME

Welcome to Holy Spirit.
We have Sunday School for children from Reception age upwards during term time & a crèche all year round. For LARGE print hymn & service books ask the sidespeople. There is a loop system; please adjust the setting of your personal hearing aid.

JOIN IN

Please ALL COME to the Lord's table: whether or not you are used to receiving communion. We gather together as members of the family of God to receive either bread & wine or a blessing.

Please stay for a drink & a chat after the service

SUPPORT

Make your donation count: Thank you for supporting Holy Spirit. You can make your donation even more valuable by allowing us to reclaim the tax on your gift. To do so please fill in your details on the front of the Yellow Envelopes.

THANK YOU!

READINGS

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Now in the promised land, God asks his people to remember that they were once foreigners and strangers, oppressed and afflicted. To show their thankfulness they are to offer the first fruits of the land. Then, remembering their past, they are to throw a feast & invite the strangers and aliens in the land so that they might make them feel at home.

Luke 4:1-13

Immediately after his baptism Jesus is led into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit: For Christ, as for the people of God before him, the wilderness is the place where God shapes him for his calling and equips him for his mission in the world.

Hymns:

121

629

675

702

CALENDAR

Today

6.30pm CTiC Lent evening service St Pauls

Monday 15th February

9.00am Morning Prayer

Tues 16th February

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am-12.00pm

Silver Socials

Wednesday 17th February

9.00am Morning Prayer

Thurs 18th February

12.30pm Eucharist followed by lunch

8.00pm Lent Study Group in vestry

Sunday 21st February

9.00am Said Eucharist

9.15am Choir, Stage room

10.30am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm CTiC Service St James'

6.30pm MEDITATION church

Holy Saturdays?

Lent Lunches in Aid of the Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call Every Saturday in Lent from 20th February 12-2.

Soup and bread and some good company ALL WELCOME
If you can help speak to Alan or Anna Rowsell.



Lent Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord our God, merciful and compassionate **to you be praise and glory forever.**

When your people were in a foreign land, afflicted and oppressed

You led them through the wilderness and into the promised land

Grant us grace to journey into the wilderness this Lent **that we too may hear the voice of the oppressed and the afflicted**

that we too may strive to reach the promised land

We ask this in the name of him who went into the wilderness

So that all your people may reach the promised land

Jesus Christ our saviour

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Blessed be God forever

Wilderness to Promised Land

The 40 days of Lent echo the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness which in turn echoed the 40 years that the people of God spent in the wilderness to reach the promised land. During Lent we try to create a little bit of wilderness: emptying out our lives of unnecessary distractions, trying to live simply so that, like the people of God before us, we may hear our calling more clearly.

This year we are considering how we all contribute, knowingly and unknowingly, to creating a wilderness for others; just as we all contribute to building the promised land. Together we will be listening to the stories of some of the migrants in our community, whose experiences today



mirror some of the experiences of the people of God when they too were strangers in a foreign land.

If you or a family member were born outside Britain we'd love

you to contribute to our Lent display by filling in one of the promised land cards at the back of church or talk to Sarah Miles or Mtr Ruth



Please pray for:

Those who are sick: Albert Bell, Heidi Bell, Jane Bell, Tony Trudgill, Tim Grisdale, Chris Friend, John Roberts, Dominic O'Toole, Nick Lynch, Cassie Williams, Chris Barton, Rev David Houghton, Elizabeth Godfrey and John Jenkins .

RIP Robbie Keville (age 7)

Notices

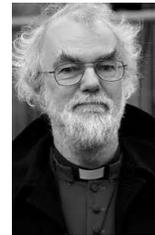
LENT STUDY GROUP will be meeting here every Thursday evening at 8pm in the Vestry. this year our study groups will be based on the Christian Aid material. **Count your Blessings** adult and children's calendars are available at the back of church or download on line christianaid.org.uk/lent . There is also an app for iPhone/iPad and android available online at App



store or Google Play.

Women's World Day Of Prayer on the first Friday of March every year women gather across the world to pray. Here in Clapham we gather with our sister churches for an ecumenical service. This year **WE ARE HOSTING** the annual Women's World Day of Prayer service at **2.00 pm on Friday 4th March**. PLEASE come and welcome our sisters in Christ from around Clapham.

We generally have a good old natter and a bit of a party after the service so **VOLUNTEERS** please to **BRING CAKE**.



Rowan Williams will be giving a free talk at Westminster Abbey on Monday 15 February at 18.30 on the **Staying power of Benedict in Parliament Square**, see poster at back or their website <http://www.westminster-abbey.org/institute/staying-power>.

Knitting Group will be clicking their needles next on 9th March at 13 Chelsham Rd SW4 6NR at 7.30pm, all welcome from beginners to experts

Writing Workshop 22nd Feb, see back of noticesheet for details

Book Club meets next at 8pm on **Wednesday 24th February** at 67 Rodenhurst Road to discuss "*The Accidental Tourist*" by Anne Tyler. New and occasional members of all ages welcome to come along to this friendly, wine-loving, group.

