

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
10.30 am Festival Mass

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



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 are here for. So who are we and what are we here for?



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

READINGS

Our readings this week continue the theme of wilderness, today focusing on the experience of thirst. Without water we cannot live; without God we cannot truly live either.

Exodus 17:1-7 Only God can bring life: it is not within our gift. So the people must trust not in themselves but in God who is able to bring water out of a rock just he brought creation out of nothing.

John 4.5-42 In last week's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that the life God's spirit brings is not at the command of humanity: it flows and blows where it will. Here we see the fullness of life in God offered not to the chosen people of Israel but to the despised Samaritans. Life, the gift of God, is not constrained.

What about us? What areas of our lives, individually and communally, need to be brought to life by the boundary crossing spirit of God? Who in our community needs the water of life? Can we be the channel through which it flows?

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Hymns:

128

669

337

143

CALENDAR

Today

8.00am Pram Service

9.00am Said Eucharist

10.30am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm CTiC Lent evensong here

Mon 20th March

9.00am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 21st March

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Molies

10.30am Silver Socials

Wednesday 22nd March

9.00am Morning Prayer

12.00pm Charleston House sing a long

Thurs 23rd March

12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist
followed by simple lunch

2.00pm CTiC Lent Study Group

7.30pm Knitting Group

Saturday 25th March

12.00-2.00pm Lent Soup Lunch

7.00pm Robes night shelter

Sun 26th March

8.00am Pram Service

9.00am Said Eucharist

10.30am Parish Eucharist

All Age Mothering Sunday

6.30pm CTiC Lent evening service
St Peters

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

This evening 6.30pm



Choral Evensong

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

Come and join us next Sunday

All-Age

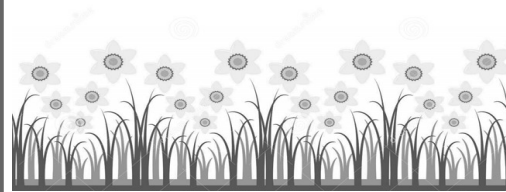
Mothering Sunday service

10.30am

Cake sale in aid of Christian

Aid's East Africa Appeal

Please Bake and Buy

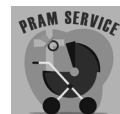


Notices

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 this Thursday 23rd March, 7.30pm at 13 Chelsham Road, 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.

CTiC service of Music, Prayer and readings for **Palm Sunday, 9th April**, will be held at Clapham Methodist Church on Sunday 9th April, Singers needed, Rehearsals on 24, 31 March, 7 April at 8pm and 9th April at 4pm. if you would like to join in please contact Dorothy (02086733579, dorothyblincoe@btinternet.com)



Sign a long at Charleston House next Wednesday lunchtime, do come and join us, we are raising funds to buy a new portable keyboard to replace the one we have on loan, it will cost £200, if you would like to support our outreach work and donate to this please give your donation to Mtr Helen.

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



Crosslight: A Passion Play. 10th April 7.00 pm St Martin-in-the-Fields, highly recommended and cast includes an ex parishioner Sarah Finch. Advance booking recommended

Theology on Tap will meet on 29th March at 7.30pm, venue TBC. Our topic will be 'Why did Jesus die?' - a good, hearty Lenten topic!!



Easter Flowers Lent will soon be over and we shall be enjoying lovely flowers in the church soon, If you would like to join the flower rota, either as a regular member which is about every 6/7 weeks or on just one or two special occasions, please speak to Judith Vickery. No special skills required, help and advice given. judithvickery13@hotmail.com

Help local **refugee families** by getting involved in the vintage and nearly-new fundraising sale, hosted by Lambeth Welcomes Refugees! Donated items will go to help newly settled refugee families in our community, and then what remains will be sold in a fundraising sale on 1st April 2017, with 100% of the proceeds going to help the families. See poster and flyer for details.