



## 1st March 2015: Second Sunday in Lent

### WELCOME

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

### JOIN IN

If you are used to receiving Holy Communion in any other church you are welcome to receive it here. Otherwise please do come forward during Communion for a blessing.

**Please stay for tea,  
coffee & a chat after the  
service**

### SUPPORT

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**THANK YOU!**

### Lent Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
who called Abraham to journey in faith.

**To you be praise and glory forever**

You promise to Abraham, and to us,  
his descendants,  
lives filled with blessings

**As innumerable as grains of sand in the  
desert**

**As countless as stars in the sky**

Forgive us when we trust in ourselves alone  
Give us courage to believe the promise of  
your steadfast love

**And follow in the path of Christ our  
Lord**

**In whom all your promises are fulfilled**

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

### Readings

#### Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

God repeats his promise to Abraham encouraging him that the promise will be fulfilled despite its seeming impossibility, Abraham's doubts and mistakes. Like Noah last week, God gives to Abraham a sign of his promise: for Noah it was the rainbow; for Moses, it is the stars of the sky and the sand of the desert – God's blessings will be more numerable than these.

#### Mark 8:31-38

When God promises Abraham his blessing it is so that he and his people will be a blessing to all peoples. As Jesus heads to Jerusalem to face his death he reminds his followers (that's us folks) that not only are we blessed so that we might bless others but that it is blessing others that we find ourselves blessed: *"whoever loses their life for my sake and the sake of the Gospel will gain it."*

## Calendar

**Tonight - 6.30pm** Evening Prayer HERE for CTiC

### Mon 2nd March

**9.00am** Morning Prayer

### Tue 3rd March

**9.00am** Morning Prayer

**10.30am-12.00pm**

Silver Socials

**7.30:** Lent Group, St Paul's, Rectory Grove

### Wed 4th March

**9.00am** Morning Prayer

**1.30pm** Lent Group, Holy Trinity, Clapham Common

**7.30pm** Lent Group, Clapham Methodist Church

### Thu 5th March

**12.30pm** Eucharist followed by lunch

**1.45pm** Lent Group, here! Church of the Holy Spirit

**6.20-7.20pm** Informal concert by Rebecca Oliver's pupils

### Fri 6th March

**2.00pm** Women's World Day of Prayer @ St James'

**3.00pm** Lent Group, St. James's, Park Hill

### Sat 7th March

**11.30-5.30pm** Visit our Mosque! Tooting Islamic Centre, Upper Tooting Rd

**12.00pm-2.00pm** SATURDAY SOUP

### Sun 8th March

**9.00am** Said Eucharist

**9.30am** Adult Choir, Stage room

**10.30am** Parish Eucharist Sunday School and Crèche

**6.30pm** CTiC Lent Evening Service @ Christ Church, Union Grove

## Please pray for:

**Those who are sick:** Albert Bell, Heidi Bell, Claire Pullman, Anna Long, Candy Passmore, Jonathan Macey, Dave Witherington & Thomas Jansson.

## Notices

**Lent Groups** based on the film "The Way" day time and evening groups available. Details on website and up at back of church.

**LENT EVENING PRAYER HERE TONIGHT** 6.30pm It's our turn to host our brothers and sisters from neighbouring Churches Together in Clapham for Lent PLEASE COME!

**Saturday Lent Lunches** We will be open 12.00pm-2.00pm offering a bowl of soup and a friendly face. If you would like to help, get in touch with Alan Mundy or the church office.

**Spirit in Action for the Climate** Workshop for Christians to explore spiritual calling to care for God's creation. Saturday 14th March, 10.15am-5.00pm at St Andrew's, Short Street (SE1 8LJ). £15/£10 (inc. lunch). Email: campaigns@operationnoah.org or phone 07804059426.

**Visit our Mosque!** Saturday 7th March 11.30-5.30pm look around Tooting Islamic Centre (145 Upper Tooting Road), learn about the faith and the role of the mosque in the community. For more info, contact A Jussab on 07956215423 or Sister Maryam on 07967808216.

**READERS** needed for DRAMATISED ST MARK'S PASSION on Palm Sunday (29th March) PLEASE spk to Mtr Ruth!

**Women's World Day of Prayer** service followed by grub & gossip St James Park Hill 2pm **THIS FRIDAY**

## MOTHERING SUNDAY HERE 15 MARCH 10.30 am



Please do join us for our annual Mothering Sunday celebration with armfuls of daffodils and more cake than you can eat. Our cake sale in support of WAR CHILD extending motherly care to children in conflict zones.



### Please BRING CAKE. BUY CAKE. EAT CAKE.

Be a CELEBRITY in your own church! On Mothering Sunday (discrete) filming will take place for a short promotional video for our church community. DO MAKE SURE YOU COME (oh and remember to brush your hair!).



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