

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

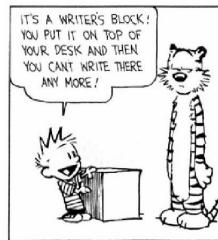
WRITING WORKSHOP

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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Holy Spirit



Sunday 21st February 2nd 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

Genesis 15:1-18 Although Abraham is doubtful, God reassures him that God's promises will be fulfilled and he will make Abraham the father of a great nation. However that nation will suffer hardship, living as slaves and resident aliens in a foreign land. Despite or maybe because of this hardship this nation will be blessed by God in order that they might in turn bring blessing to all nations.

Luke 13:31-end Jesus is warned to flee but is confident that Jerusalem will be the place of his death. He grieves for a city that rejects those God sends. He longs to gather its people together and yet, because they will not be gathered, they are scattered and so are seduced by worldly power and might.

Hymns:

683

575

675

595

CALENDAR

Today

6.30pm Evening Meditation

6.30pm CTiC Lent evening service St James

Monday 22nd February

9.00am Morning Prayer

7.30pm Abbeville Fete committee meeting

8.00pm Writing Workshop

Tues 23rd February

8.30-10.30am Coffee morning at MacFarlanes in aid of Trinity Hospice

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am-12.00pm
Silver Socials

Wednesday 24th February

9.00am Morning Prayer

8.00pm Book Club

Thurs 25th February

12.30pm Eucharist followed by lunch

8.00pm Lent Study Group in vestry

Sunday 28th February

9.00am Said Eucharist

9.15am Choir, Stage room

10.30am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Taize CTiC Lent evening service here

Lent Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord our God, father of all nations
to you be praise and glory forever.

You called Abraham out of his homeland into the unknown
His children travelled far and were strangers and foreigners
in the land

You gave them your blessing, that they might carry that
blessing to all nations

Grant us courage to follow your call to places and peoples
unknown

That they may become known

Grant us humble and obedient hearts

That as the hen gathers its brood under its wings

We may be gathered with all your children in Christ

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 .

Notices



Evening Meditation TODAY 6.30pm and continuing first and third Sunday of every month.
Simply in the stillness and space of meditation feel the love of Christ .

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

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 christiana-aid.org.uk/lent . There is also an app for iPhone/iPad and android available online at App store or Google Play.



Taizé Next **Taize** service here next week, 6.30pm, in conjunction with the CTiC Lent evening service

Women's World Day Of Prayer a gathering of our sister churches in Clapham 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.



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

Book Club meets next at 8pm this **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.

MacFarlanes are going to be 18! To celebrate they are holding a coffee morning on Tuesday 23rd Feb 8.30-11.30 am to raise funds for Trinity Hospice. Do pop along and support them.

Trinity Hospice
Living every moment



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