



## 22nd March 2015: Fifth 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 is our God who gives new hearts to his people

**To God be praise and glory forever**

Blessed be god, our creator and redeemer

**Who keeps his promise forever**

When we, in our weakness, fail to keep our promises

**You forgive us and heal us**

When our hearts are too hard to love

**You create and make in us new hearts**

When the seed falls to the ground and dies

**From it you bring forth new fruit**

Grant us grace to let go of our hearts of stone

**That we may receive from you hearts made for  
love alone**

And following Christ, in whom all things are made new,  
**Give ourselves in love and service and so fulfil your  
promise**

Blessed be God Father, Son and Holy Spirit

**Blessed be God forever**

### Readings

#### Jeremiah 31:31-34

Jeremiah recalls the covenant God made with his people when he gave them the law at Sinai: a law that they broke. Rules and laws can change our behaviours but they cannot change our hearts. So God promises not only a new covenant to his people but also new hearts. This new covenant will be for all people, the greatest and the least, and will be based on knowing God and receiving his forgiveness.

#### John 12: 20-33

The passion begins with the Greeks who come and ask to see Jesus. To see Jesus, to truly see, understand and know God is to see the cross. The true nature of God is not to be found in the laws and in judgment but in self-giving love. We, made in the image of God, remade in the image of Christ, will find our life, our true self, to the extent that we are able to give ourselves away in love.

## Calendar

**TONIGHT 6.30pm** CTiC  
Lent Evening Prayer at St.  
Peter's

### Mon 23rd March

**9.00am** Morning Prayer

### Tue 24th March

**9.00am** Morning Prayer

**10.30am-12.00pm**

Silver Socials

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

Rectory Grove

**7.30pm** Eucharist

**8.00pm** PCC Meeting

### Wed 25th March

**9.00am** Morning Prayer

**1.30pm** Lent Group, Holy

Trinity, Clapham Common

**7.30pm** Lent Group, Clap-  
ham Methodist Church

### Thu 26th March

**12.30pm** Eucharist

followed by lunch

**1.45pm** Lent Group, here!

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### Fri 27th March

**3.00pm** Lent Group, St.

James's, Park Hill

**6.00pm** Matthew Passion

Soloists w/piano Rehearsal

### Sat 28th March

**12.00pm-2.00pm**

SATURDAY SOUP

**2.00pm-9pm** Matthew

Passion rehearsal

### Sun 29th March

**PALM SUNDAY**

**9.00am** Said Eucharist

**9.30am** Adult Choir, Stage  
room

**10.15am** Procession of  
Palms

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

**2.30pm - 5.30pm** Matthew  
Passion Rehearsals

**6.30pm** CTiC Lent

Evening Service @ Clapham  
Methodists' Church

## Please pray for:

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

## Notices

**LENT EVENING PRAYER** Join our friends from Churches together in Clapham at St Peter's TONIGHT at 6.30pm.

**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.

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

**EASTER READING:** Book Club is reading "Address Unknown", Kressman Taylor & "The World in the Evening", Christopher Isherwood. They meet to discuss at 8pm on Monday 13th April at 19 Rodenhurst Rd. ALL WELCOME

### **TAXI!! Could you offer somebody a lift on Tuesdays?**

Silver Socials is going really well and we are thrilled at how numbers are growing. BUT we need some help to make sure everybody can get here! Could you volunteer to give somebody local a lift along to Silver Socials? Contact of-  
fice@holyspirit-clapham.org.uk to find out more!



### **MONDAY, 30th March**

**8.00 pm** Passover Supper. Join us in the Contact Centre as we celebrate the feast of Passover. Lots of traditional food, plenty of wine and music! A great chance to get together and prepare for Holy Week.

### **Maundy Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

**8.00 pm**, Eucharist of the Last Supper with feet washing (Followed by candlelit prayer until 10pm)

### **Good Friday, 3rd April**

**10.00 am** Buns, Bulbs & Boulders – Family Easter Workshop (Easter Garden and hot cross buns) /

**12.00 noon** Stations of the Cross / **1.00pm**

Good Friday Liturgy / **2.00 pm** Music, Poetry & Prayer

### **Easter Sunday 5th April**

**6.00 am** Dawn Easter Vigil (Followed by EASTER BREAKFAST)

**10.30 am** Easter Festival Eucharist (With renewal of baptismal vows)



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