

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 and lighting of the
Easter Fire

March 27 Easter Day

10.30am Festival Mass



HOORAY! Rev Helen Harknett will be joining our Church Family in June as Assistant Stipendary Curate (full time). Please pray for her and her lovely family: Dan, Isaac and Thea as they approach her ordination.

Hashtag Opera

are returning to CHS on 19th March 7.30pm Performing Donizetti's Anna Bolena

conducted by Fred Platt. For more info pick up a flyer at the back of church



Holy Spirit



Sunday 28th February 3rd 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

Isaiah 55: 1-9 The declaration of a feast is the sign of new reign in this case the reign of God: no longer will God make his covenant just with the king of the nation but with all peoples. Debts will be released and the wicked pardoned. God understands that the generosity and completeness of this new beginning is not something that human societies understand. Yet if we will accept his invitation and return to him not just humanity but the whole of creation will rejoice.

Luke 13: 1-9 Jesus' audience, like Isaiah's, want justice, they would like a world in which the bad suffer and the good prosper. Yet Jesus explains that those recently involved in tragedy are not to blame for their fate any more than anyone else. All need to repent good and bad, fortunate and unfortunate alike. The gifts and resources we have been given, the blessings we have received are to be used to bear fruit.

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569

212

604

652

CALENDAR

Today

6.30pm Taize

CTiC Lent evening service here

Monday 29th February

9.00am Morning Prayer

Tues 1st March

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am-12.00pm

Silver Socials

7.00pm Deanery Synod

Wednesday 2nd March

9.00am Morning Prayer

Thurs 3rd March

12.30pm Eucharist

followed by lunch

2.00pm Women's World Day of Prayer rehearsal

8.00pm Lent Study Group in vestry

Friday 4th March

2.00pm CTiC Women's World Day of Prayer Service

Sunday 6th March

9.00am Said Eucharist

9.15am Choir, Stage room

10.30am Parish Eucharist
Mothering Sunday All Age

6.00pm Evening Meditation

6.30pm CTiC Lent evening service, venue TBC

Lent Prayer

Blessed God who will have mercy, our God who will richly pardon

To you be praise and glory forever.

You have laid a rich feast and invited all peoples:
both known and unknown,

you have made a new covenant and offered it to righteous and unrighteous alike.

For your thoughts are not our thoughts nor your ways our ways.

Yet all who return to the Lord find mercy.

So, as the earth thirsts for the rain that brings forth growth may we hunger for your word and bear fruit in our lives

That we and all your children

may feast at the table of your Son, 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, Anthony Corby and John Jenkins .

Notices



TONIGHT 6.30pm Taizé, prayer, scripture, silence, chants and psalms here in conjunction with the CTiC Lent evening service

Next Week 6.30pm Meditation

Women's World Day of Prayer this Friday. WE ARE

HOSTING the annual Women's World Day of Prayer service at 2pm 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

CAKES of EXCELLENCE required: not that we are competitive but Let's show our sister Baptists, Catholics, Orthodox and Methodists that, if nothing else, Anglicans can at least bake. Please bring cake before the service or drop it off in the morning for our ecumenical service on Friday 4th March.



CAKES CAKES CAKES. We have many baking requests coming up in particular for Women's world day of prayer and **Mothering Sunday** next week when we shall have a sale to support the Refugee Council Spring Appeal to support their work with vulnerable women refugees



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

LENT STUDY GROUP continues to meet in the vestry every Thursday evening at 8pm 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.

CTiC **Palm Sunday** service at Clapham Methodist church need **singers**, see poster at back of church if you would like to join in

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.

