

# Easter Services 2016

**February 10 Ash Wednesday**  
8.00pm Service of Penitence with Imposition of Ashes

**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 with 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

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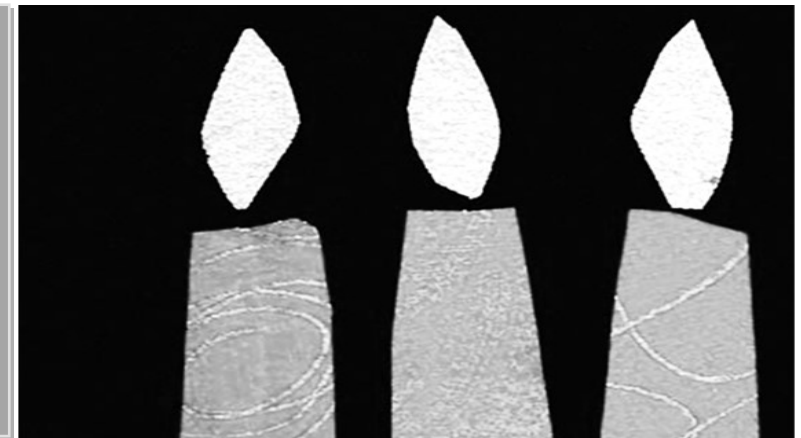
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Holy Spirit



## Sunday 31st January Candlemas

### 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

Candlemas marks the end of the Epiphany season in which we remember the moments when Christ's divinity shone through his human life. At Candlemas we celebrate Christ's presentation in the temple where he is recognised as the light of the world.

**Hebrews 2:14-18** Here we are reminded that Christ our saviour lived a fully human life and so is like us in every respect. His assumption of frail and limited humanity is what makes it possible for us to carry his divinity.

**Luke 2: 22-40** The infant Christ is brought to the temple to be presented to God as was usual for every first born child. Unlike every other child, the elderly Simeon and Anna recognise in this baby the Messiah promised by God. His salvation will be a light not only to his people, Israel, but to all peoples.

**Hymns:**

80

483

719

810

## CALENDAR

### Today

No evening prayer

### Monday 1st February

9.00am Morning Prayer

7.30pm Knitting Group

### Tues 2nd February

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am-12.00pm

Silver Socials

### Wed 3rd February

9.00am Morning Prayer

### Thurs 4th February

12.30pm Eucharist followed by lunch

8.00pm Contact Centre Committee meeting

### Sunday 7th February

9.00am Said Eucharist

9.15am Choir, Stage room

10.30am Parish Eucharist

12.00pm- 6.00pm

Open afternoon at South London Islamic Centre

No evening prayer

## LENT 2016

Lent is the 40 days before Holy Week when we prepare for our Easter celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ by prayer, fasting and alms giving.



We mark the beginning of Lent on **Ash Wednesday** with a traditional service of repentance including the imposition of ashes. 8pm Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February – do come.

This Lent we shall be following the Christian Aid Count your Blessings calendar. As with an Advent Calendar,

each day is counted down by recognising many blessings that we take for granted but which are not enjoyed by all God's people. Counting our blessings is a prompt to find out more about the poor and to give generously. Adult and children's calendars will be available from next week in church or download on line [christianaid.org.uk/lent](http://christianaid.org.uk/lent). Apps available for iPhone/iPad & android available online at App store or Google Play.



### Cake Sale Today in aid of Syrian Relief

Please come and buy or donate, all proceeds go to Christian Aid working hard in this war torn area through their partners in Lebanon and Iraq

## Please pray for:

**Those who are sick:** Albert Bell, Heidi Bell, Jane Bell, Tony Trudgill, Tim Grisdale, Chris Friend, Dominic O'Toole, Nick Lynch, Betty Valkenaar, Cassie Williams, Chris Barton, Robbie Keville and Rev David Houghton

## Notices

Open afternoon at **South London Islamic Centre** (Streatham Mosque) on Sunday 7th February 12.00-6.00pm, as part of the national Visit My Mosque initiative. All neighbours and friends from near and far are invited to call in to meet members of the community informally. There will be information stalls and refreshments. 8 Mitcham Lane, SW16 6NN. <http://streathammosque.com/>



**Women's World Day of Prayer** on the first Friday of March every year women gather across the world to pray. Here in Clapham we gather with our sister churches for an ecumenical service. This year **WE ARE HOSTING** the annual Women's World Day of Prayer service at **2.00 pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**LENT STUDY GROUPS** this year our study groups will be based on the Christian Aid material. Discussion groups will be meeting weekly during Lent at: Holy Trinity on Wednesday Lunchtime, St James's on Friday afternoons and at the Methodists on Wednesday evening. If you would be interested in a group here at CHS on Thursday evenings at 8pm please email Sara [office@holyspirit-clapham.org.uk](mailto:office@holyspirit-clapham.org.uk) or sign up at the back of the church.

**Book Club** meets next at 8pm on **Wednesday 24th February** at 67 Rodenhurst Road to discuss "*The Accidental Tourist*" by Anne Tyler. Anne Tyler was on the short-list for the 2015 Mann Booker prize for literature and was nominated by Roddy Doyle and Nick Hornby as 'the greatest novelist writing in English' in 1994. In 2012 she received the Sunday Times Award for Literary Excellence... it's probably worth reading then! New and occasional members of all ages welcome to come along to this friendly, wine-loving, group.

**Knitting Group** meet tomorrow at 7.30pm. Eagle House, Narbonne Avenue, knitting and chatting at the same time. All welcome.