

## EASTER SERVICES 2016

### 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



### Time Out for Parents: The Early Years

Bringing together mums and dads to look at building healthy relationships with their babies, toddlers and pre schoolers and develop learning through fun and play.

### Parenting Course

Running here

Monday evenings  
7.30-9.30pm

April 11, 18, 25

May 9, 16, 23

If you are interested or for more information please contact Sara on 02086758094 or [office@holyspirit-clapham.org](mailto:office@holyspirit-clapham.org)



## Holy Spirit



### Sunday 6th March Mothering Sunday

#### 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

##### Exodus 2:1-10

Each Mothering Sunday we choose the story of either Moses or Samuel. This Lent we have been exploring the journey through the wilderness into the promised land through the eyes of migrants in our community. Therefore we have chosen Moses, who led his people through the wilderness to a new home; but first was rescued from the waters of the Nile by the kindness of a foreigner. Today it echoes the story of those rescued from the waters of the Mediterranean; and asks us to consider how we are called to be mothers to those the waters bring to us in need.

##### John 19:25b-27

Jesus' final act before he dies is to create a new family: giving his mother and his beloved disciple to one another to create a family not of blood but of love and care

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**Hymns:**

713

638

138

394

## CALENDAR

### Today

**6.30pm** Evening Meditation

**6.30pm** CTiC Lent evening service, Clapham Baptist Church

### Monday 7th March

**9.00am** Morning Prayer

**8.00pm** Standing Committee

### Tues 8th March

**9.00am** Morning Prayer

**10.30am-12.00pm**

Silver Socials

### Wednesday 9th March

**9.00am** Morning Prayer

**7.30pm** Knitting Group

### Thurs 10th March

**12.30pm** Eucharist

followed by lunch

**8.00pm** Lent Study Group in vestry

### Saturday 12th March

**12.00-2.00pm** Lent Soup

Lunches

**1.30-9.00pm** Hashtag Opera

rehearsals

### Sunday 13th March

**9.00am** Said Eucharist

**9.15am** Choir, Stage room

**10.30am** Parish Eucharist

**1.30-6.00pm** Hashtag Opera

rehearsals

**6.30pm** CTiC Lent evening service, St Peter & St Paul Orthodox church, Prescott Place

## Prayer for Mothering Sunday

Heavenly Father,  
you are the source of all goodness, generosity and love.

We thank you for Pharaoh's daughter  
Who rescued the Moses from the waters of the Nile  
and cared for him like a mother.

On this Mothering Sunday,  
as we give thanks for all who have mothered us,  
place within each of us a mother's heart;  
that we might open our arms in welcome,  
and reach out our hands in support  
those who cross the waters to our land  
in search of hope, restoration and a new life.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ Your Son, Our Lord,  
who fled persecution at His birth  
and at His last triumphed over death. Amen

### 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, Nick Lynch, Cassie Williams, Chris Barton, Rev David Houghton, Elizabeth Godfrey, Anthony Corby, Sarah Carter, Chris Hardy and John Jenkins .

## Notices



**Simply being in the Stillness** Silent Meditation  
TONIGHT at 6.30pm and then the first and third Sunday of every month.

In the stillness and space of meditation feel the love of Christ.



**Passover Supper** Tuesday 22nd March 7.30pm in church. Come and join us for our Passover meal in the Jewish tradition. Hear the story of the Passover and the symbolism of the foods that are eaten. Live music and suitable for all the family. No charge, donations to cover food and drink welcome. Contact Sarah on sa-rahmiles14@yahoo.co.uk if you wish to come so we can set enough places at the table.

**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 using the Christian Aid material, Count your Blessings.  
**Holy Saturdays? Lent Lunches in Aid of the Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call Every Saturday in Lent from 12-2.** Soup and bread and some good company ALL WELCOME

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

**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



**Of things not seen** an exhibition of photographs of a year of ministry by Rev Kit Gunasekera of our neighbouring parish of St James' opens on Thursday 3rd March until 20th March at gallery@oxo on the South Bank. Free admission. See poster at back or website (www.ofthingsnotseen.com) for more info.

**Book Club** come and join us on Wednesday 6 April, 8pm, at 17 Elms Road to discuss A Man Called Ove by Frederick Backman and enjoy a glass of wine too!

