

Sunday 3rd March 2024

Third Sunday of Lent

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.00 a.m. Café-style Altogether Worship
4.00 p.m. Tea-Time Church
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Collect for Today

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Service Readings

Exodus 20:1-17 (*p.68*), 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (*p.162*) and John 2:13-22 (*p.89*)

Please pray for

- ... Paul Fenner, Kat Gillett, Shirley Parfoot and Annie Twidell.
... the family and friends of Violet Parke, Robert Scurfield and Dick Henderson whose anniversary of death is at this time
... those who live and work in Wilderness Court, Wilderness Road and Windsor Close.
... the Koens family in Papua New Guinea supporting the work of Bible translation through vehicle maintenance, teaching, missionary care.
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Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Donations

These are the ways we encourage everyone to give:

- The collection during the third hymn
- The collection plate at the back
- The contactless donation machine at the back
- The QR code to take you to our online giving page
- By setting up a standing order to All Saints



Don't forget to Gift Aid if you can! Thank you.

Dear Friends

What is your Easter made of? Maybe it is made of chocolate, or coloured hard-boiled eggs, or bright tin buckets containing foil-wrapped goodies. Maybe it is made of primroses and daffodils, moss and grape hyacinths, or planted seed-trays. Perhaps it is made of hot cross buns, roast lamb, and mint sauce or redcurrant jelly, all helped down by a generous slice of Simnel cake. It might be made of the slow darkening and stripping of the church, a three-hour vigil on Good Friday, a walk of witness and a glorious sunrise service on Easter Day, or it might be made of three stark crosses against an empty sky, a stone rolled away, and fishes cooking on a beach camp fire.

Mine is made of grand old Easter hymns, the triumphant return of the Alleluias, and the phrase 'He is Risen Indeed!' Whatever your Easter is made of, this year, in years gone by and in years to come, where can we find and celebrate the signs of new life springing forth?

God bless,

Julie

Mission Focus for March: ReSkilled

ReSkilled is a local charity based at St Peter's Shared Church in Bellfields. It has been set up to help long term unemployed people aged 25+ move towards work using a wood workshop, to raise their confidence and develop transferable work skills. They would really value prayer:

- For those who have expressed an interest in attending but haven't actually managed to start due to various personal circumstances
- For participants who have been with ReSkilled for a while and are trying to make the next step into paid work or volunteering, to find the right connections and opportunities for them to move on.

Notices

Welcome to Jake and Claire who join us today to listen to the first reading of their banns of marriage. We'll be praying for them during our service today.

Stewardship Season: Today, our new Treasurer Andy Wells, will be speaking during the notices about our finance for 2024. He'll be encouraging everyone to review their regular giving to All Saints, and asking those who don't give regularly to consider doing so.

Tea-time Church: Dave leads us today looking at the day's challenging readings. We'll be thinking about how we can bring our best to God.

Mothering Sunday is next Sunday, 10th March. Join us at either 10am or 4pm for this special occasion. We'll be giving daffodils to all women in our church as usual.

Licensing of the new Archdeacon of Surrey: Revd Canon Catherine Mabusa at 6pm on Sunday 17th March at Guildford Cathedral. All welcome. (There will be no Tea-Time Church on this day).

Mission Vision Group Chair: We're delighted that Bruce Hopwood has agreed to be the chair of the Mission Vision Group. Thank you Bruce, and thanks again to Peter Nicholls for his time spent in this role.

The Family List: if you are signed up to the Family List, there's a new edition available for you in the foyer. They are **named** so please make sure it's yours. The information in these lists is of course sensitive, so please care for it and shred any previous copies that you have.

Annual Report & Accounts 2023: These will soon be available online. If you would like a printed copy, please let Trish know.

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting is due to take place on Sunday 17th March, at 11.15am. We still have a couple of vacancies on the PCC, please let Trish know.

Holy Week and Easter Services: Here are the dates for you to pop in your diaries.

<i>Palm Sunday, 24th March</i> 10am: Family Communion and Anna's baptism 6.30pm: Choral Meditation on the Passion	<i>Good Friday, 29th March</i> 10.30am: 'Walking with Jesus to the Cross' followed by hot cross buns. 12-3pm: 'The Watch'
<i>Maundy Thursday, 28th March</i> 9.30am: Family Communion 8pm: Holy Communion with Foot Washing 9-10pm: The Vigil	<i>Easter Day, 31st March</i> 5.45am: Sunrise Service followed by breakfast at the Vicarage 10am: All-Age Family Communion followed by Easter Egg hunt

Diary for the Coming Week

Morning prayer Mon, Tues, Weds 9.15am in the Reading Room and Zoom.

Thurs Holy Communion at 9.30am in the Reading Room.

- Mon 4th Pastoral Team Meeting, 5 Elmside, 10.00am
Women's Bible Study Group, 32 Testard Road, 12.30am
- Tues 5th Altogether Worship Planning, Vicarage, 7.30pm
- Weds 6th Men's Coffee, Reading Room, 10.30am
Lent Course – week 3, Zoom, 7.30pm
- Thu 7th Choir Rehearsal, 8.00pm
- Fri 8th Toddler Group, Church, 9.30am
Friday Group, Reading Room, 3.00pm
- Sun 10th *Mothering Sunday*
Family Communion with Children's Church, 10.00am
Tea-Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 4th Ps. 5, Genesis 47:1-27, Hebrews 4:14-5:10
- Tues 5th Ps. 9, Genesis 47:28-end of 48, Hebrews 5:11-6:12
- Weds 6th Ps. 38, Genesis 49:1-32, Hebrews 6:13-end
- Thurs 7th Ps. 56, Genesis 49:33-end of 50, Hebrews 7:1-10
- Fri 8th Ps. 22, Exodus 1:1-14, Hebrews 7:11-end
- Sat 9th Ps. 31, Exodus 1:22-2:10, Hebrews 8

Service Readings for Sunday 10th March: Fourth Sunday of Lent and Mothering Sunday

Exodus 2:1-10, 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 and John 19:25b-27

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