



## **Notices for 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2025**

*A warm welcome to everyone*

### **The Second Sunday of Lent**

*Please come into the hall for refreshments after the 09:30 service.*

#### **Collect:**

Almighty God,

by the prayer and discipline of Lent

may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,

and by following in his Way

come to share in his glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Hymns:**

**311** Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

**589** The King of Love my shepherd is

**423** Fight the good fight

**384** Be still my soul

**546** O worship the King all glorious above

Although there is no formal collection during the offertory hymn, please feel free to make a contribution to the work of St. Mary's either in the Treasury box at the back of church, or using the card reader, also at the back of church. Thank you.

## Readings:

### **Philippians 3.17-4.1**

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

### **Luke 13.31-end**

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

## **Post-communion prayer:**

Almighty God,

you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:

keep us both outwardly in our bodies,

and inwardly in our souls;

that we may be defended from all adversities

which may happen to the body,

and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Vacancy News – Peter & Dan**

Peter and Dan would like to thank everyone who helped welcome the candidates to the parish on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, including the afternoon tour of our activities, and the evening social with PCC members. Dan and Peter will provide an update to the congregation at the end of the service on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>.

**8am SERVICES will be held only once a month** on the first Sunday of each month. Any questions please talk to Dan or Peter.

## **Dates for your diary**

### **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Quiz Night**

**Tickets for the quiz night on Saturday 15th March are available from this Sunday.** Tickets cost £10 and include a meal. The quizmaster is Mark Hodge. We would like to hold a raffle at this event, so could you please bring any donated raffle prizes and put them at the back of the Church. Many thanks.

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March** is the next meeting of the **Women's Group**. As we are now in the season of Lent, Maggie Marsh will be taking this meeting for us. Maggie's article in The Listening Post for March is a good start for our Lenten journey. Our meetings start at 10am with coffee and cake, and we finish by 12 noon. Everyone is welcome.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March, THURSDAY CLUB.** We shall be going to Squires Garden Centre for afternoon tea and a shop. Either meet at Squires or lifts can be arranged from church carpark. Members will be contacted with full details. Any queries contact Judith via the Parish Office.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April, Palm Sunday at 18:30pm**

We are performing **Maunder's sacred cantata "Olivet to Calvary"** at 18:30pm in the church on Palm Sunday. It will be run for approximately 1 Hour with no interval.

**Friday 18 April 10am until 12pm**

**GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S CRAFT WORKSHOP**

A family Easter craft workshop for parents and children up the age of 12 years.

Lots of craft activities including Easter bonnets, cake icing, clay modelling, and lots more.

The craft morning will be run by St Mary's Toddlers volunteers and offers of additional help would be much appreciated.

If you would like to come with your children or are able to help, please contact Daphne at [revdejr@gmail.com](mailto:revdejr@gmail.com)

**The social committee has also planned some dates for our diaries: -**

Homemade Sunday - Sunday 30th March (Mothering Sunday)

Lunch with guest singer Wendy Edwards - Saturday 7th June

Homemade Sunday - Sunday 29th June

Quiz Night on Saturday 25th October

***Enquiries: Sara & Daphne***