

Diary

Mon. 23rd	3pm – 4pm N.B.	Church open for private prayer Lent Group cancelled
Tue. 24th	11am – 12pm N.B. N.B.	Church open for private prayer Oasis Youth Group cancelled Home Group cancelled
Wed. 25th	3pm – 4pm	Church open for private prayer
Thu. 26th	11am – 12pm	Church open for private prayer
Fri. 27th	3pm – 4pm N.B.	Church open for private prayer Choir Practice cancelled

Notice

1. **Beetle Drive.** The next Beetle Drive is due to be held on Saturday 4th April, the day before Palm Sunday, and will be the Easter Beetle Drive. Watch this space for any update.

2. **Joyful Praise Services.** Joyful Praise Services are now held on the second Sundays of each month at 6pm at The Church of The Holy Spirit, Southway. The next one is due to be held on Sunday 12th April 2020, Easter Day. Watch this space for any update.



3. The next Merry Church is due to be held on Saturday 11th April 2020, Easter weekend, at The Church of The Holy Spirit, Southway at 4pm. **Fun, food and free!** For families of all ages. Watch this space for any update.

4. **Oasis Youth Group.** The next meeting of the Oasis Group for 11 – 18 year olds, due to be this Tuesday, 24th March, in the Church Hall at 5.30pm has been cancelled.

5. **Together @ Ten.** The monthly Family Services are now known as 'Together @ Ten' – All Age Praise. The next one is due to be held on Sunday 19th April at 10am. Please come and support this family venture and bring someone with you.

6. **APCM.** The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is currently due to be held on Friday 3rd April in the Church Hall at 7.30pm. All members on the Electoral Roll are invited to attend.

7. **Home Group.** The Home Study Group next meets at 40 Henley Drive on Tuesday evenings during school term time at 7.30pm. However, they have cancelled all meetings until further notice.

8. **Fair Trade.** St. Mary's is registered as a Fair Trade Church and Jo Parker can still supply you with a Traidcraft brochure or take any orders you may have. Tel. 786409.

9. **Easy Fund Raising.** Don't forget, when doing your shopping on-line, to shop via www.easyfundraising.org.uk to raise some extra money for St. Mary's at no cost to yourself. We currently have 23 people supporting us and our total raised so far is **£401.21**. Ask Andy or Debbie King for more details. (07708590704)

Next Sunday 5th Sunday of Lent

**29th March 2020
PASSION SUNDAY**

8am – 8.30am Church open for prayer
Hebrews 9: 11 – 15, John 8: 46 - 59

10am – 11am Church open for prayer
Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14, Romans 8: 6 – 11, John 11: 1 – 45

N. B. No Evening Service today

Team Rector:

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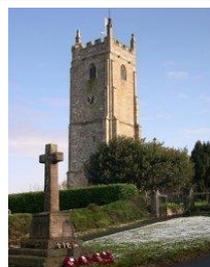
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**4th Sunday of Lent
22nd March 2020
MOTHERING SUNDAY**

Welcome! to St. Mary's, especially if you are visiting today.

Sunday Club (ages 4 - 11) There is no Sunday Club at present due to lack of numbers. It will start up again if any children are looking to join.

For Sunday Club contact Revd. David Gill. Tel. 771033

Please note the Oasis Youth Group (ages 11 – 18) meeting this week has been cancelled due to the current advice about the Covid 19 virus.

Today's Services **PATRONAL FESTIVAL**

10am CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER

Exodus 2: 1 – 10, 2 Corinthians 1: 3 – 7, Luke 2: 33 – 35

6.30pm CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER

Micah 7.

James 5.

Two old customs lie behind Mothering Sunday: young people who worked away from home were allowed to visit their mothers on this day, often presenting her with a bunch of flowers; also people were encouraged to worship in their 'Mother' Church – perhaps the Cathedral – and to celebrate by eating simnel cakes. Midway through Lent, this Sunday – also called 'Refreshment Sunday' – allows some relaxation of Lenten discipline.

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

Those living in: Mary Dean Avenue

Recently bereaved: Family and friends of Jane Green

The sick and those in need: Angie, Joan Bagwell, Clare B. Bruce and family, Elizabeth Curling, Margaret D, Graham B. Brian, Marie and Thomas Baker, Cameron, Jane Dakin, John Dean, Eileen Giles, Graham, Hannah, Hilda D. Dave and Lyn Hill, Oliver Hawkins, Imogen, Jill, Katie S. Kay, Ken, Sam L. Lorna, Luke MacWhirter, Margaret, Michael P. Jill Parry, Mike, Mo W. Oscar, Pat, Ruth, Sue Stephens and family, John Tweedley and family.

Personal consent must now be given by the person, (or their parent/guardian) to have their name displayed.

Please let Andy King have any names those who are in need of our prayers or who can be taken off the list. Tel. 07708590704.

Thank you.

First Reading **Exodus 2: 1 – 10**

¹ Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, ² and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. ³ But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him. ⁵ Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the river-bank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. ⁶ She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. 'This is one of the Hebrew babies,' she said. ⁷ Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?' ⁸ 'Yes, go,' she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. ⁹ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you.' So the woman took the baby and nursed him. ¹⁰ When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Second Reading **2 Corinthians 1: 3 – 7**

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. ⁵ For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. ⁶ If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. ⁷ And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

Gospel Reading **Luke 2: 33 – 35**

³³ The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Revision of Electoral Roll 2020

The annual revision of the Electoral Roll has now been completed. No new applications can be made until after the APCM on 3rd April. The roll is now being displayed on the notice board at the back of Church. No further corrections may be made and no names may be added or removed between now and the close of the APCM. Only those on the Electoral Roll today are eligible to vote at the APCM.

Thank you.

Pat Brooks Electoral Roll Officer

First Reading **Micah 7.**

¹ What misery is mine! I am like one who gathers summer fruit at the gleaning of the vineyard; there is no cluster of grapes to eat, none of the early figs that I crave. ² The faithful have been swept from the land; not one upright person remains. Everyone lies in wait to shed blood; they hunt each other with nets. ³ Both hands are skilled in doing evil; the ruler demands gifts, the judge accepts bribes, the powerful dictate what they desire – they all conspire together. ⁴ The best of them is like a brier, the most upright worse than a thorn hedge. The day God visits you has come, the day your watchmen sound the alarm. Now is the time of your confusion. ⁵ Do not trust a neighbour; put no confidence in a friend. Even with the woman who lies in your embrace guard the words of your lips. ⁶ For a son dishonours his father, a daughter rises up against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law – a man's enemies are the members of his own household. ⁷ But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord, I wait for God my Saviour; my God will hear me. ⁸ Do not gloat over me, my enemy! Though I have fallen, I will rise. Though I sit in darkness, the Lord will be my light. ⁹ Because I have sinned against him, I will bear the Lord's wrath, until he pleads my case and upholds my cause. He will bring me out into the light; I will see his righteousness. ¹⁰ Then my enemy will see it and will be covered with shame, she who said to me, 'Where is the Lord your God?' My eyes will see her downfall; even now she will be trampled underfoot like mire in the streets. ¹¹ The day for building your walls will come, the day for extending your boundaries. ¹² In that day people will come to you from Assyria and the cities of Egypt, even from Egypt to the Euphrates and from sea to sea and from mountain to mountain. ¹³ The earth will become desolate because of its inhabitants, as the result of their deeds. ¹⁴ Shepherd your people with your staff, the flock of your inheritance, which lives by itself in a forest, in fertile pasture-lands. Let them feed in Bashan and Gilead as in days long ago. ¹⁵ 'As in the days when you came out of Egypt, I will show them my wonders.' ¹⁶ Nations will see and be ashamed, deprived of all their power. They will put their hands over their mouths and their ears will become deaf. ¹⁷ They will lick dust like a snake, like creatures that crawl on the ground. They will come trembling out of their dens; they will turn in fear to the Lord our God and will be afraid of you. ¹⁸ Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry for ever but delight to show mercy. ¹⁹ You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea. ²⁰ You will be faithful to Jacob, and show love to Abraham, as you pledged on oath to our ancestors in days long ago.

Second Reading **James 5 See Insert**