

## THIS WEEK - DIARY DATES

**Morning Prayer:** Monday – Thursday 9.15am

**Concert 6<sup>th</sup> March 12.30pm** Patrick Light Tea Room Trio.

Light lunches available from 12 noon

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March February 2017** – 11am Eucharist

**Lent Groups: Monday 8.00pm 15 Warner Road**

**Tuesday 8.00pm 43 New Road**

**Thursday 11.00am Choir Vestry**

**Friday 2.00pm Choir Vestry**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

St. Mary's School Visit 8am -1pm

Youth Group 5.45-7.00pm (Choir Vestry)

**Saturday 11th March 4.00pm Satchurch**

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017

8am Eucharist (said)  
10am Eucharist (sung)  
2.00pm Baptisms 3  
6.30pm Lent Service.  
Readings: Genesis 12. 1-4a; Romans 4. 1-5; 13-17;  
John 3. 1-17: *(RCL Pg 109)*

### On duty on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Creche: Kathy P, Liz F.  
Childrens Church: Celia T.  
Welcomers: Michael W.  
Sidesmen: Alan E, Mary B.  
Readers: Mat W, Mike W.  
Servers: Tim C, Anne C, Mike F.  
Intercessor: Bonnie.  
Lay Administration: Mike F, Colin M, Kathy P, Martin D.  
Coffee: Ann S, Georgina.

### NOTICES.

**Graham Meldrum** would like to thank everyone who sent cards and messages during his recent illness.

**Sunday Evenings in Lent:** There will be a service each Sunday in Lent. A variety of worship will be offered led by a variety of people.

**Lent Lunch Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March in support of USPG**

**Which direction? Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 3.00-6.00pm**

An invitation to explore the different directions God's call might take us. During the afternoon there will be an opportunity to reflect on our calling as members of the Body of Christ, and to begin to think about whether God might be calling you to a particular pathway or task in ministry. The afternoon will include Bible study, discussion, information, conversation and tea and cake. You may wish to stay for the evening service led by a reader in training from this deanery.

**Easter & Greeting Cards for Sale 19<sup>th</sup> March.**

Maureen will be selling cards in the hall after 10am service.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March Community Lunch 12.30pm**

Please sign list at back of church if you are intending to come.

**Advance Notice 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017 Invitation to Tea & Evensong**

Trinity have invited us to join them. Details to follow.

**Message from David Horner**

Further Stewardship envelopes are available for those who support St Mary's by weekly donations. Thank you to all who give regularly. If you would like to set up a regular donation or require information contact David on 07768105387. All information re donations/giving to St.Mary's is treated as strictly confidential.

**Parish Handbook Update 2017**

The **Draft** Parish Handbook is now available. Please check your details and if any amendment is required please advise Lynn.

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### WELCOME

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017 First Sunday of Lent

Welcome to St. Mary's this morning. If you are visiting or here for the first time we hope you feel at home, and please do make yourself known. Please make use of the creche corner if this is helpful. When we come to share communion please join everyone in coming forward to receive the bread and wine if that is what you usually do, or come for a prayer of blessing. Refreshments are served in the hall after the service.

### Today's Services.

8am Eucharist (said)  
10am Eucharist (sung)  
6.30pm Choral Evensong

### Readings :

Genesis 2.15-17, 3. 1-7;  
Romans 5.12-19;  
Matthew 4.1-11: *(RCL Pg 105)*

### For your prayers.

**The World Church:** Marathwada (North India):  
Madhukar Kasab

**The Diocese:** Biddenham (Bedford)

**Living God's Love:** Making new disciples: Those who lead  
Emmaus & Alpha Courses.

**The Parish:** Nursery/Pre school groups, before & after  
school groups.

**The Deanery:** Little Berkhamstead with Bayford.

**All who live in:** Poles Lane and Pope Road.

Please remember those on our prayer board and for those that mourn, together with the souls of those who anniversaries fall at this time, particularly, **Vera Moul, Sydney Dodds, Beatrice Blows, and Sidney Moody.**

All are welcome to add a name to the Prayer Board by the Lady Chapel. To add a name to the Remembrance List of those who have died, please contact the Parish Office.

### On duty today – 10am

Creche: Mary M, Phyllis.  
Childrens Church: Carol Whitbourn.  
Welcomers: Kath L, Alan W.  
Sidesmen: Anne L, Roy L.  
Readers: Martin D, Mike F.  
Servers: Tim, Mike F, Séan.  
Intercessor: Mark K.  
Lay Administration: Alan W, Derek D, Dale, Ann S.  
Coffee: Bonnie, Mike W.

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