

DIARY

Monday 25th February

2-4.00pm Bible Study at Sally's – see news

Wednesday 27th February

2-4.00pm Craft and Chat in the Church Rooms

19.45pm Woking Deanery Synod Meeting – see news

Thursday 28th February

11.30am Funeral for AUDREY MORRIS in church

Friday 1st March

2-4pm Garden Working Party at Church Rooms (see news)

Sunday 3rd March

The Sunday Next before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion BCP

10.30am Holy Communion CW

Wednesday 6th March

Ash Wednesday

10.30am Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes

Thursday 7th March

2.00pm Send Primary School Year 2 Lent Service in church

Sunday 10th March

The First Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion CW

10.30am Holy Communion CW

Linda Mumford has sponsored the flowers in church today in memory of her parents Robert and Doris Burr who were married on 24th February 1951 in London during a ferocious snow thunderstorm.

SUNDAY CLUB welcomes all children aged 3 to 12 in the Church Rooms on two Sunday mornings each month during term time. For more information visit our website, email Sally Harrison at sundayclub@sendparishchurch.co.uk or phone 01483 223725.



FUNDRAISING

Pennies (11 months) £160.93

February's Coffee Shop £

(Chicuchas Wasi School in Cusco, Peru)

GIFTAID

If you pay tax, please remember to GIFTAID any donation you make to St Mary's. It is surprising how much extra income this simple action generates. For a single donation please use the GIFTAID envelopes in church or for regular payments into St Mary's bank account please complete a GIFTAID Declaration Form. For a Declaration Form please speak with either Helen or Rachel our Church Wardens.

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NEWSLETTER

Any items for the newsletter to Linda Mumford, please – telephone 225425 or email to news@sendparishchurch.co.uk

Want an electronic version of this newsletter, go to <http://www.sendparishchurch.co.uk/news.pdf>

NEWS AT ST. MARY'S

Sunday 24th February 2019
The Second Sunday before Lent

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am Holy Communion CW

10.30am Holy Communion CW

No Sunday Club – half term

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your
works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns
supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

NEWS

LENT LUNCH SERIES AT ST. MARY'S

A series of Thoughts, Payers and Friendships for Lent. Each session will include a talk or presentation on the weekly theme, an opportunity for listening and conversation a short service of midday prayer, and some simple 'Lent Lunch' style food and drink.

All meetings will be in St. Mary's Church. All are Welcome.

6 March – Wednesday (10.30-11.30am).

The following dates timings are all 12.00-1.15pm.

13 March – River and Wilderness

20 March – Humble Beginnings

27 March – How to Win Friends and Influence

Nobody

3 April – Reigning from the Tree

10 April – Risen and Ascended into Humility

BISHOP OF GUILDFORD'S LENT CHALLENGE

This Lent we are encouraging people to come with us on a journey to become more prayerful and confident disciples in daily life.

Through interviews, email reflections and prayers the Lent Challenge will provoke, inspire and offer practical tips as we grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Any money raised by the challenge will go towards two worthy causes, one domestic and one international – the Bishop of Guildford's

Communities Fund (formerly the Bishop of Guildford's Foundation) and also the Church

Missionary Society for their work in DR Congo and Tanzania. More information about the causes can be found on cofeguildford.com. Donations can be made online at: justgiving.com/campaign/lent19

You can sign up for the daily reflections during Lent 2019 at cofeguildford.com/lent and a PDF booklet will be also be available to print off for anyone who'd prefer to have a paper copy.

If you would prefer to undertake a Lent challenge in small groups, the reflections can be broken down into their respective weeks and explored together. In church you should find some leaflets relating to this Lent Challenge. Do take one.

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

February is still a little early to be working down in the churchyard. However, our Church Room Garden is in some urgent need of a tidy up after a rather neglectful 2018. Churchyard helpers would you kindly extend your gardening skills to the Church Room gardens to spruce up the flowerbeds and help trim the hedges and bushes surrounding the building. We are intending to meet between 2.00pm and 4.00pm on Friday, 1st March at the Church Rooms if you are free. Tea, Coffee and Cake will be on hand and if you are able to come, even just for half hour then we would be delighted to see you. Light gardening work and please bring your own tools and a bag for some green garden waste. Please let Linda or Rachel know if you can make the date. Many thanks.

CHERRY TREES QUIZ NIGHT

Grab a Team It's Quiz Night!

We would like to invite members of St Mary's congregation along to our charity fundraiser at the Talbot Hotel in Ripley on Friday 22nd March at 7.00pm where the money raised will continue to fund our children's respite centre here in Clandon. If you would like to come along, please do. You will be most welcome!

Tickets can be booked here:

<https://www.cherrytrees.org.uk/Event/quiz-night>

FAMILY NEEDED!

St. Mary's is putting on a display in the telephone kiosk for the month of April. The idea is to have photos celebrating 'a year in the life of the Church' but in addition an Easter garden on the table in the kiosk. I was wondering whether a family would like to create the garden? We could provide a seed tray and some silk flowers towards it! It could be fun and educational to boot! Please let me know if you could do this.

Many thanks, Lorna (01483 222224)

ALTAR FLOWERS IN REMEMBRANCE

The flower arranging ladies are offering a opportunity for people to recognise a special date, either an anniversary, a memorial, christening,

birth of a baby, etc. through flowers in the church. Individuals will be able to sponsor our Altar Pedestal for the Sunday nearest their special date. Sponsorship of the flowers will be acknowledged in this newsletter and also at church providing an opportunity for reflection and prayer for this special day by the congregation. If you have a date you wish to commemorate in this way please speak with Jean Turner, tel: 01483 223621

WEDDING DRESS EXHIBITION/FESTIVAL

St. Mary's is thinking of holding a Wedding Dress Festival later this year - possibly July/September time. If you were married at St Mary's Church, Send and still have your Wedding Dress and are interested in having it included in the display would you speak to Ann Court – depending on the response we get will determine whether we pursue this further.

Thank you Ann Court

MOTHERS UNION

Our next meeting is on 11th March at 10.30am at 10.30am at Church Rooms when we will be hosting the Deanery meeting. It is an ideal opportunity to come along and meet members from other local parishes. We would love to see you.

WOKING DEANERY SYNOD

Our next Deanery Synod is on the **27th Feb 2019** at St John's West Byfleet, and we have Bishop Andrew coming to talk on 'Where the Church is going on same sex relationships'. The open meeting is from 8 to about 9.30pm after which there will be an opportunity for those not involved in Synod to leave, and the business meeting will take place. Doors open and coffee from 7.45pm.

BIBLE STUDY AT 9 ORCHARD WAY

Our next meeting is Monday 25th February at 2.00pm. We will be studying a psalm in each session. We will then break until May taking Lent and Easter into account. Contact Sally if you are interested in joining the group. (01483 223725)

TRAIDCRAFT'S GOOD NEWS! Traidcraft is still trading – with a new business plan. Their spring catalogues will not be available until the end of March but in the meantime you can find some leaflets with Easter items in a basket at the back of church, with some order forms. You can also see their full range of produce and craft items on their website. Sally

YAC: The congregation of St Mary's is invited to join our YAC members and their families for breakfast in the Church Room from 9 – 10 am on Sunday 17th March 2019. This is to celebrate the end of their Youth Alpha course. We would love to see you there. It would help with catering if you could let Sally know if you are coming. Jane, Mary and Sally