

## Living Generously -

### *Seven reflections on Mary anointing Jesus' feet*

Please pick up one of these free booklets, published by our diocese. Highly recommended for your personal reflection during Lent.

*Christoph's sermon on generosity from last Sunday is now available on our website (click on "Resources").*

### **LENT COURSE: ABUNDANT LIFE**

28<sup>th</sup> March, 11am-12pm St Mary's Vestry  
(Refreshments served from 10.45am)

Join us for the third week of our Lent course as we reflect on the *Raising of Lazarus (John 11)*. The course has been written by Bishop Steven Croft. Each session works 'on its own' even if you haven't been able to come to the first two weeks.

### **Mothering Sunday Service**

There are leaflets at the back of church all about our Mothering Sunday Family Service for all ages. Please take one (or two!) and invite friends, family and neighbours.

### **ANNUAL REPORT 2018 NOW AVAILABLE**

Please pick up an annual report in preparation for our Annual Church Meeting on 7 April, 11.45am (and bring it along on the day). Our notice board contains other important updates regarding our APCM – please take a look.

### **"By A Departing Light: Growing Through Grief"**

*By Ian Jennings*

Ian has copies of his book available now. Please speak directly to him if you would like to buy one.

### **Vestry Teas**

The Vestry Tea rota is now available at the back of church. Please do sign up. If you organising a vestry tea in aid of the church, you will have first choice of date. In April all other charities can sign up for any remaining dates.

### **CYCLONE IDAI APPEAL**

Our mission partner Tearfund is a member of the *Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)*. You can give directly on their website:  
[https://www.tearfund.org/en/latest/cyclone\\_idai\\_appeal/](https://www.tearfund.org/en/latest/cyclone_idai_appeal/)

## WEEKLY DIARY

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March

10.30am Alpha Course. *St Mark's*  
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### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

10.00am Little Lions Toddler Group *St Mark's*  
8.00pm Baptism Preparation Evening *The Rectory*

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

10.00am Holy Communion. BCP. *Vestry*  
11.00am Lent Course Part 3. *Vestry*  
7.30pm Alpha Course. *St Mark's*

### **Tombola for Denham Fayre**

Collection for the Tombola at the Denham Fayre has begun. Please place any unwanted gifts which are in good condition in the Tombola Box at the back of the church.

### **Book Stall at Denham Fayre**

We are running a book stall this year. Please place your book donations into the boxes provided at the back of church. *No other gifts, please. There will be no bric-a-brac stall. Thank you.*

### **Raffle Tickets for Denham Fayre**

Please collect your raffle tickets which have been placed into named envelopes and are in the pigeon holes at the back of church. If you can sell more than you have been given, please contact the parish office.

### **Book Stall**

**Mothering Sunday** cards, **Easter** cards and children's books are available now on the book shelves at the back of church.

### **Is anybody interested in volunteering at White Plains Care Home?**

Help is needed with the activities, assisting on outings and just talking to the residents who love a conversation. If anybody has a spare hour or two and would like to join in the fun and laughter at this lovely local care home in Tilehouse Lane please contact Wendy on 01895 832190 or email her on [whiteplainsactivities@bmcare.co.uk](mailto:whiteplainsactivities@bmcare.co.uk).



# PAROUSIA

Weekly News Sheet

24<sup>th</sup> March 2019

The Third Sunday of Lent

Welcome to church! If you are here for the first time or visiting, please say hello to the service leader or a member of the welcome team so we can welcome you personally. During the 10.30 service there is Sunday club for children. If your child is under three or if you would like to help him/her settle, you are welcome to join in.  
*Christoph Lindner, Rector*



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



'We're inviting all people of faith and goodwill to pray for our political leaders and for a fresh and uniting vision for all in our country.'

*Archbishops Justin Welby and John Sentamu*

## Join us for prayer

*and a hot drink and a chat afterwards*

**Friday, 29 March, 9.30am**

*Morning Prayer, St Mary's Church*

**Saturday, 30 March, 5.00pm**

*Evening Prayer, St Mary's Church*

### **a prayer for the nation**

*God of hope,  
in these times of change,  
unite our nation  
and guide our leaders with your wisdom.  
Give us courage to overcome our fears,  
and help us to build a future  
in which all may prosper and share;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

## Worship today



24<sup>th</sup> March 2019

### The Third Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion St Mary's

**Sidesman:** Philip Constable

**Reader:** Roger Gage

**Readings:** Ephes. 5. 1-14  
Luke 11. 14-28

9.55-10.00 Pre-service Prayer

*St Mary's, front of church*

10.30am Holy Communion St Mary's:

*Unmasking the Idols:  
Money Changes Everything*

**Sidesteam:**

Marion Francis & Joan Bell

**Readings and Readers:**

1 Cor. 1.26-2.5 Sam Carter

Matt. 20. 20-28 Pam Montgomery

**Prayers:** Carole Wadlow

**Servers:**

Michael Carmody & Nnamdi Maduka

**Sunday Club:** Sonja Clements

### Collect

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.

### 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.

**1 Cor. 1. 26-2.5**

<sup>26</sup> Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.' <sup>2</sup>When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>3</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Matt. 20. 20-28**

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>20</sup> Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. <sup>21</sup>And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' <sup>22</sup>But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.'  
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<sup>23</sup>He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.' <sup>24</sup>When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. <sup>25</sup>But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>26</sup>It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; <sup>28</sup>just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

### Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found;

Was blind, but now I see.

*My chains are gone, I've been set free,*

*My God, my saviour ransomed me.*

*And like a flood his mercy reigns,*

*Unending love, amazing grace.*

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;

'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,

And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,

Bright shining as the sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise

Than when we'd first begun.

## Worship next week



31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

### The Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion St Mary's

**Sidesman:** Carlene Litchmore

**Reader:** Alison Barrett

**Readings:** Gal 4. 21-end  
John 6. 1-14

9.55-10.00 Pre-service Prayer

*St Mary's, front of church*

10.30am Family Service St Mary's:

**Sidesteam:**

Victoria Lucas & TBA

**Readings and Readers:**

Exodus 2. 1-10:

Charlotte Hearnden Smith

**Prayers:** Carlene Litchmore

**Don't forget: British Summer Time starts on Mothering Sunday. Spring forward by one hour!**

In your prayers this week, please remember **Jo Beal, Vi Slade, Sean Ryde, Audrey Sells and Christine Willson**. Also anyone known to us who is sick or suffering the pain of bereavement at this time especially the family of **David Stanley and Joan Ford**.

