

PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2020



Last month we reached our fundraising target to pay for the repairs to the church roof. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has donated to that fund. Thank you too for all the generous support we have received, and continue to receive, at our other regular fund raising events.

The support we receive for these activities helps us to maintain the church as a place for everyone in the parish to use and enjoy.

The church isn't just there for those who are sure of their faith, and for the devout. In fact you could argue that Christianity has retained its appeal, when other systems of belief or philosophies of life have appeared and then disappeared, because Christianity has something to say that is relevant to every human experience, including doubt and lack of faith.

The God of Christianity has known what it is to be human. One of the central tenets of our faith is that Christ took on our humanity. So the emotions we experience, the doubt or scepticism we may have, are not alien to God and so need not separate us from the love of God.

Early next month we shall keep the most important festival in the Church's year, Easter. You'd think that for this 'showcase' event only those considered 'on message' would be recalled and remembered. Nothing could be further from the truth. Christianity is about real life, which is why many people have found it to have the ring of truth. So, as with real life so also with the story of Easter we encounter, fear, doubt, scepticism and indifference, but also joy, peace and hope.

Wherever you find yourself among that range of thoughts and feelings there is something for you in the Easter story, and you are welcome to come and find out more. People sometimes imagine that you have to know what you are doing, what the correct form or procedure is, to attend a church service. That isn't the case, and Easter is good time to just come along and watch. The twelve disciples themselves turned out to be spectators for most of the significant events of Easter, but it changed their lives forever.

Fr Matthew

Celebration of light

Since the last newsletter, the floodlighting has been left on, and we remember:

December	26 th	Olive Williams
February	1 st	Bob Reid
February	18 th	Clive Ward
March	24 th	Jill Hunter

If you would like to sponsor the floodlights of the church to remember an anniversary or other significant event in your family, please either contact Stephen Allday (811473) or take a form from the ledge just inside the church.



There will be a Lent study course on the Seven Last Words of Christ spoken from the Cross. This will take place on **Thursdays 12th, 19th, and 26th March** at 7.30pm in the Oman Room.

Lent lunches will be served in the Church Room at 12.30pm each Friday in Lent, starting on 28th February. Lunches will be of homemade soups and bread, and all donations will be given to charity.



King's Sutton Parish Church

Dee's Dee-lights

Saturday 28th March



10.30 am

Coffee

Cakes

and



12 noon

Books

Small raffle

more!

*A warm welcome awaits you in church,
so come along and join in....*

All proceeds to Parish Church running costs.

Come dine with us



Look out for posters in the village and in the church pewsheets for this one. The date has yet to be confirmed.

To think about.....

“By doubting we come at the truth”

(Cicero)



World Day of Prayer – Friday 6th March 11am in the Parish Church. The service this year has been prepared by the people of Zimbabwe, a country facing many changes. All are welcome.

Children and families

FAMILY WORSHIP: We hope you will be able to join us in church for the 11 am service on Sunday 22nd March, which is Mothering Sunday.



Mothering Sunday is a long held tradition in the church. We will give thanks for our mothers and mark the occasion by giving out flowers. As ever children are especially welcome, and there will be activities for them in church.

Parent and Toddler Church Group: Fridays at 9.30am during term time. There is a short service in church, followed by coffee in the church room.

Services at Newbottle

Thursdays 5th & 19th: 9.30 am: Holy Communion at 7 Cartwright Road, Charlton

March	1 st	Lent 1	Sung Eucharist	9.30 am
March	8 th	Lent 2	Matins & Communion	9.30 am
March	15 th	Lent 3	Sung Eucharist	9.30 am
March	22 nd	Lent 4 / Mothering Sunday	Matins & Communion	9.30 am
March	29 th	Lent 5	Sung Eucharist	9.30 am

The Catholic Congregation meets for Mass at 9am each Sunday in the Parish Church.

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Proposed Calendar of Services for March 2020

Sun	1	Lent 1: Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm; Stations of the Cross 6.45pm
Mon	2	
Tues	3	Mass 9.30am
Weds	4	Mass 10am
Thurs	5	
Fri	6	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; World Day of Prayer Service 11am
Sat	7	<i>SS Perpetua & Felicity:</i> Mass 10am
Sun	8	Lent 2: Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm; Stations of the Cross 6.45pm
Mon	9	
Tues	10	Mass 9.30am
Weds	11	Mass 10am
Thurs	12	
Fri	13	Parent & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Midday Prayer 12 noon
Sat	14	Mass 10am
Sun	15	Lent 3: Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm; Stations of the Cross 6.45pm
Mon	16	
Tues	17	<i>S Patrick:</i> Mass 9.30am
Weds	18	<i>S Edward:</i> Mass 10am
Thurs	19	
Fri	20	Parent & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Midday Prayer 12 noon
Sat	21	<i>S Benedict:</i> Mass 10am
Sun	22	Lent 4 / Mothering Sunday: Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am
Mon	23	
Tues	24	Mass 9.30am
Weds	25	<i>The Annunciation:</i> Mass 10am
Thurs	26	
Fri	27	Parent & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Midday Prayer 12 noon
Sat	28	Mass 10am
Sun	29	Lent 5, Passiontide begins: Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm; Stations of the Cross 6.45pm
Mon	30	
Tues	31	Mass 9.30am

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