

PARISH NEWSLETTER

St Mary's Mortlake with Christ Church & All Saints East Sheen



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WHAT'S NEXT?

Fr Alex Barrow, Team Vicar at All Saints and also the Area Dean, speaks about the interregnum



At our PCC meeting at the end of January, John Kiddle (Archdeacon of Wandsworth) spoke about the vacancy process – also known as an interregnum – that would follow Ann’s retirement as Team Rector and incumbent of this parish. During a vacancy, the incumbent’s responsibilities fall to the parish wardens and Area Dean (which, for the time being, is me!). And in a vacancy in a parish like this one, with multiple churches, many of the decisions fall to the ‘local’ wardens of the church in question – in this case, the wardens at St Mary’s. Acknowledging many other tasks, the vacancy brings two major pieces of work: the formulation of a parish profile and the interview process itself. As it is the first of the significant tasks, I’d like to focus on the parish profile in this edition of the newsletter. It describes who we are as a parish, our circumstances, our environment, and our hopes and aspirations – broadly speaking, the situation into which the new Team Rector will arrive and the areas of ministry we hope they will consider as they take up their appointment.

Practically, St Mary’s will nominate two representatives, and Christ Church and All Saints one representative each to join the clergy and parish wardens to begin writing the parish profile.

Over March and April, each of the three churches will arrange an opportunity (maybe on a Saturday morning or a Sunday after the 10.00am Eucharist) for the congregations to feed into the profile.

I hope we will think about the matters mentioned in the paragraph above, along with what we see as the challenges we think we will face over the coming five or ten years.

We then hope to advertise the post of Team Rector (in the Church Times and in other places) in May or June, with a view to interviews in July. The group sitting on the interview panel will include two representatives from St Mary’s, one from Christ Church and one from All Saints; they may or may not be those who contributed to the parish profile.

Please pray for all those responsible for formulating the parish profile: please ask God to grant us (collectively and individually) guidance, insight, clarity of thought, wisdom, and gentleness. And please pray for God’s blessing upon those who will apply for the post! With very best wishes – Alex.

PARISH WARDEN

Sadly, Brenda Morris, who is one of our Parish Wardens, is in hospital and unable for the moment to perform her duties. Kate Woodhouse, who has been nominated as the next Parish Warden when Celia Catchpole’s term ends in May, has been co-opted to act as the second Parish Warden now. Please do continue to pray for Brenda and for all our wardens.



Holiday at Home 2024

Theme: “A Summer in Paris”

Dates: **Mon 29th July - Fri 2nd Aug at All Saints**

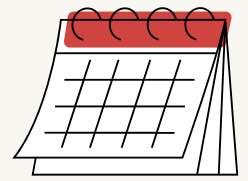
SAVE THE DATE for this year’s Parish Holiday at Home..

More information and booking forms to follow!



PARISH DIARY

Save the date



Venues for events are listed: **SM** - St Mary's, **CC** - Christ Church, **AS** - All Saints

Whether or not you attend church you are welcome to join in these community events either as a guest or a volunteer.

For all EASTER SERVICES please check Holy Week information at each church

Palm Sunday 24th March 9:30am at the Sheen Lane Cross Roads with the Donkey

Holy Mon 25th March 8pm at St Mary's

Holy Tues 26th March 8pm at Christ Church

Holy Wed 27th March 8pm at All Saints



Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday - - See details at each Church

Mothering Sunday

Sun 10th March **SM, CC, AS**

Services across the parish celebrating Mother Church & all those who are mothers to us.

Please see individual church notices for all service times



Big Brew 2024

Sun 10th March **SM**

Join us for a cuppa after our Mothering Sunday service.

Delicious cakes & a few gifts on sale in aid of Transform Trade.



Community Ventures Lunch

Thurs 14th March, 12:30pm **AS**

A parish bring-and-share lunch, everyone welcome.

contact: skbonnell50@hotmail.com. In aid of the Bishop's Lent Appeal, please do donate.



Sunday Lunch Scheme

Sun 17th March, 12:30pm **CC**

Company and conversation for people on their own or homeless. contact: katewoodhouse20@gmail.com for cooking on the day or at home beforehand, or for welcoming guests.

Boat Race Teas - Oxford v Cambridge rowing races

Sat 30th March, 2pm - 5pm **SM**

Serving savoury baps, homemade cakes & hot drinks.

TV in the church showing all the races, open to all!

Women's race 14:46

Men's race 15:46



Mothers' Union Lady Day Service

Sat 13th April, 11am **CC**

Eucharist for the Kingston, Richmond & Barnes Deanery MU, with Bishop Martin leading.

Followed by lunch. Contact Penny Bell Wright, branch chair, email: penny_b_w@yahoo.co.uk

Quiz Night

Sat 20th April 7pm **AS**

In aid of Rackets Cubed. £15 per person with tables of 6. Cheese & cold meat platter included.

Vegetarian option, Bar drinks on sale. Booking email: churchwardens.ases@gmail.com



Songs from the Shows

Sat 11 May 7pm **AS**

Broadway, the West End & the American Songbook.

licensed bar opens 6:30pm

Young artists from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama come to East Sheen!

Enjoy an evening of enchantment and famous songs.

Tickets £15 (students/children free) All Saints on Sundays in April - or at the door on the night



PCC Meeting

APCM - All welcome & encouraged to attend this annual meeting

followed by PCC meeting. Please note revised APCM date, venue & time

Wed 10th April 8pm AS

Mon 20th May 8pm AS

Ascension Day, Parish Service

Choral Eucharist, commemorating Jesus Christ's Ascension into heaven on the 40th day of Easter sung by the joint parish choirs.

Thurs 9th May 8pm CC

Bishop Christopher preaching and presiding at Christ Church

Sung Eucharist at 11am (note different service start time!!)

Sun 12th May 11am CC

BRING & SHARE PATRONAL FESTIVAL LUNCH following in the Community Hall & garden, Celebrate the Ascension with worship, live music, face-painting, food and fun - All welcome!



Pentecost

The celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit & the birthday of the Christian Church.

Please see notices in each church for service details.

Sun 19th May SM, CC, AS



LIGHTS, CHANCEL, ACTION!

FIAT LUX! - The Christ Church Lighting Project underway



It is very gratifying to announce that the Consistory Court has granted a faculty authorising the lighting project to begin to make the chancel ceiling visible and enhance the whole of Christ Church.

This once-in-a-generation project has been made possible by some of the Edward Steers legacy.

The contractor MSE whose work includes Chichester Cathedral and the Drapers' Hall are set to begin work on 8th April and it is hoped completion will be late in June.

Christ Church will need to be closed during the week to allow this work to happen, but contingencies for the weekly use are in place.

Full access will be maintained for all Sunday services throughout, and some occasional offices which have been worked into the works schedule.

ANN'S FINAL SERVICE

'An overwhelming sense of Thankfulness'



Ann's final services in parish went off with great gusto. St Mary's bid her a fond farewell at their 10am service, followed by the joint choirs leading a full church in a splendid eucharist with Britten's *A Hymn to the Virgin* as a musical highlight. Canon Ann spoke of her overwhelming sense of thankfulness to the parish, and how the work of God in this place is clear - she will miss us!

The service was followed by a presentation and buffet.

LENT LUNCHES

in aid of Bishop's Lent Appeal



Do please come and join with others for simple Lenten meals across the Parish in a variety of venues.

Wed 6th Mar *Cursillo House Eucharist* 7.30pm - 18 Deanhill Gnds - contact lucymayfield@live.co.uk

Thurs 14th Mar 12.30pm - All Saints

Tues 19th Mar 12.30pm - 59 East Sheen Avenue

Sat 23rd Mar 12.30pm - St. Mary's

Wed 27th Mar 12.15/12.30pm CC Community Hall following 11.30am Holy Communion service

HOME & OVERSEAS CHARITIES

Our Mission Giving



The Mission Peace & Justice committee are continuing with the practice of requesting suggestions for home and overseas charities to support. Parish giving to charities is "modelling" what we as individuals are called to do. Thus 5% of the Parish income goes to charities outside the church. We usually favour smaller charities. If you would like to suggest a registered charity for the committee to consider supporting please speak to or email Sarah Kitchen sklandford13@gmail.com or William Arnold wbmjarnold@gmail.com or Peter Jones Peter_jones61@btinternet.com with your suggestions by 19th May or to find out more.

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a verse to rehearse...

“ Jesus said to Simon Peter, “do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.”
A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ”

John 21.15-16

St Mary's

Team Rector *in vacancy.*

Churchwardens: Ginny Waterkeyn

Sarah Coggins

Anita Larsen

Assistant Curate Revd Matthew Watts

Director of Music Christopher Hughes

All enquiries during the vacancy may go to

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The Churchwardens are in charge of St Mary's during the vacancy

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BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, FUNERALS AND MEMORIAL SERVICES

Please speak to the vicar of the church where you anticipate having the service.

See contacts above