

Christ Church with St Philip Worcester Park

Sunday 15th March *The Third Sunday in Lent*

8.00am	Holy Communion	Steph
	1 st Reading Exodus 17: 1-7	
	2 nd Reading Romans 5: 1-11	
	Gospel Reading John 4: 5-42	
10:00am	Baptism – we welcome Charlotte Rose Alice Grant and her family.	Paul
	Gospel Reading John 4: 5-42	
	Hymns All my hope on God is founded (StF 455i) The day the universe was started (StF 540) Brother, sister, let me serve you (StF 611) Be thou my vision (StF 545)	
6.30pm	Holy Communion	Steph
	1 st Reading Exodus 17: 1-7	
	2 nd Reading Romans 5: 1-11	
	Gospel Reading John 4: 5-42	
	Hymns God is love, let heaven adore him (StF 103) The King of Love my shepherd is (StF 479) Father, hear the prayer we offer (StF 518) I heard the voice of Jesus say (StF 248)	

Next Sunday	22nd March	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Paul
10.00am	All Age Worship with Holy Communion	Steph
6.30pm	Evening Service	Paul

Useful Information		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children are especially welcome! Please make use of the designated children's area, as well as the activity bags near the Welcome Area entrance, and there are toys and books at the entrance from Cheam Common Road. • Young Church is held in our halls whilst the 10.00am service is in progress: Busy Beans, 0-4 year olds, in Room 1 and Young Church, 4-11+, in St Philip Hall. Please come and join us. • Large print service/hymn books are available from the door stewards. • There are toilets in the halls complex, with baby changing facilities and a disabled access toilet (through the double doors beside the Servedy). • Pink Gift Aid envelopes are available at the front of church, and on the windowsills, for occasional donations and gifts by visitors. • Tea, coffee and refreshments are available after the 10am service – please come and join us! 	

News and information

What's on this week?

Monday 16th March		
Tuesday 17th March		
9.15am 12 noon 2.00pm 8.00pm	Morning Prayer Midweek Communion Service Toddling2Church ECC Meeting	Lady Chapel Church Room 2 and Church Church
Wednesday 18th March		
9.15am 10.15am	Morning Prayer Welcome Café	Lady Chapel Welcome Area
Thursday 19th March		
10.00am – 12 noon 7.30-9.00pm	Welcome Café Lent Course – Saying Yes to life	Welcome Area The Den
Friday 20th March		
6.15pm	JMG	Church
Saturday 21st March		
10.00am	Scrabble Club	Room 1
Sunday 22nd March		
10.00am	Mothering Sunday	Church

To view all the groups and activities happening on our premises see the weekly schedule on the Church Office door.

Dates for Your Diary	
Saturday, 28 th March, 7.30pm	JMG 'The Prince Who Couldn't Care Less'
Sunday, 29 th March, 11.30am	AGCM in Church.
Wednesday, 8 th April	Visit to National Gallery - Easter Story in paintings



Holy Week and Easter Services

10.00am Palm Sunday: All Age Worship (with congregational reading of the Passion)

8.00pm Maundy Thursday: Commemoration of the Last Supper with foot washing (followed by prayer vigil until 10.00pm).

10.30am Good Friday: All Age Worship (followed by Hot Cross Buns)

3.00pm: Liturgy of Good Friday.

Easter Day

5.30am: Dawn Eucharist (followed by celebratory breakfast).

10.00am: All Age Worship with Baptism and Holy Communion).

Coronavirus Precautions: Advice on all aspects of Coronavirus is available at www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/ Please remember the vital importance of thoroughly washing your hands. We have been advised to refrain from passing around collection plates: we will therefore be using a retiring collection plate for the foreseeable future. Again, reflecting upon advice received, we are suspending post-service refreshment with immediate effect. Given the number of vulnerable people in our midst, we would rather be accused of overreacting than of taking unnecessary risks. We appreciate that this will cause disappointment but hope that you will understand. Finally, if people become unwell or self-isolate, please let us know. Thanks, Paul and Steph.

On a more cheerful note: 140th birthday celebrations. Really? Well, not exactly Tony B and Roy both turn 70 this month, on the 10th and 19th respectively. Alas, they cannot invite you to join them for a slice of cake – see above. We are, however, able to go ahead as planned with Roy's buffet lunch next Saturday, as it's a 'private' do, so please come if you've accepted an invitation.

Food Banks are running out of the basics, as shoppers are stockpiling and donations falling. They are struggling to purchase long life milk, cereals and pasta. If you do have any extra items like this, please consider donating in the additional boxes in the Welcome Area. Huge thanks.

Have you given up chocolate for Lent? Well done you! Now cheer yourself up with something to look forward to – a chance to win a chocolate Easter egg hamper! Buy a raffle ticket and help support the work of St. Raphael's Hospice at the same time: tickets on sale in the Welcome Area. Draw on Easter Sunday. Gwenda.

Next Messy Church will take place on Saturday, 20th June. Please put the date in your diaries.

A big thank you from Barbara Ballard for the church flowers, which were much appreciated.

March baptism anniversaries: Makaanaka, Georgia, Evvie, Charlie, Izzy, Dylan, Emma, Archie, Khloe.

Would you be able to help with catering in Holy Week? We are looking for someone to serve hot cross buns on Good Friday after the 10.00am service, and for someone to organise a celebratory breakfast after the Dawn Service on Easter Day (could be either hot or cold, with fizz). If you could help, please let Steph and Paul know.

Living Lent: instead of giving up chocolate this Lent, could you take up one challenge which will help tackle climate change? Give up meat? Take alternative forms of transport? Commit to living locally? Sign up at www.livinglent.org and receive inspirational and practical daily emails

Singing the Faith Amnesty: we are on the verge of ordering some additional copies of our hymn book. If anyone has a borrowed copy at home, would you please return it and lend it back to us for a while so that we know how many copies we have. Many thanks, Paul and Steph.

JMG invite you to their panto-style concert, 'The Prince Who Couldn't Care Less', on Saturday, 28th March at 7.30pm in church. Rehearsals are now underway on Fridays from 6.15-7.00pm

Charitable collections – We continue to collect plastic milk bottle tops, used postage stamps and empty crisp packets that can be left in the office. There is also a collection box for non-perishable foodstuffs that we donate to support the work of the Sutton Foodbank.

May Fair, Saturday 2nd May: Volunteers needed to set up; to host a stall or activity; to help with defined activities (such as 'hook a duck') and to donate prizes for the raffle. All suggestions and input welcome. More information to follow.

Grapevine: Entries for Easter Grapevine would be most welcome – the closing date is Monday, March 23rd. We look forward to hearing from you. Many thanks, Shirley, Carol, Marion and Anita.

Fundraising Committee Email address is now: xcsfundraising@gmail.com

Please remember in your prayers:

- **Those who are sick or in pain:** Peggy Ryder, Doreen and Arthur, Daphne, Raj Jayaraja, Kathy Aspinall, Barrie Hookins, Stan Lumsden, Aferdita, Simon, Mandy Smith, Roy Hicks.
- **Those who have recently died:** The Rev Martin Goodlad, Joyce Humphreys, *Sister Betty Smith (Church Army).
- **Those who have lost loved ones:** Mary and the family and friends of Martin Goodlad.
The family and friends of Joyce Humphreys.

Joyce Humphreys' funeral will take place on Wednesday, 1st April, with a service here in church at 1.15pm, followed by refreshments in the St Philip Hall and then the committal at North East Surrey Crematorium at 3.20pm.

Revd. Martin Goodlad's funeral will take place on Thursday 19th March at St. Nicholas Church, Sutton at 12 midday, with a wake afterwards at the Holiday Inn. *Please let Gaynor know asap if you plan to attend the wake – thanks.*

Church Prayer Table. There is a selection of prayer cards on the table that you are welcome to take for yourself or to give to someone in need of a word of comfort.

Please let the clergy know if you would like us to pray for someone in particular, or feel free to write down a name in the book on the prayer table.

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.

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Baptisms, banns and wedding bookings - first Sunday of the month (except for August),
Contact the Parish Administrator for more information.

Notice sheet entries

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