

Collects: 7th March

8:00 am and 9:30 am

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

11:00 am

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. Amen

Prayer Focus

Give thanks to God for the third week of 40 Days (Fellowship) and for everything He impressed on our hearts during that time. Take time to assimilate what we have learned and start to put it into practice.

Ask God to keep on track while we continue reading in the fourth week (Discipleship) and pray for each other and the whole church.

Pray for the forthcoming Fair Trade stall at the WI coffee morning on 13th March for good opportunities for our faith to be shared through this event.

Continue to pray for Haiti and for Chile in the aftermath of the massive earthquake.

Pray for our village and all who work here, and especially this week for all who live in

Cranham Avenue
and Bridgewater Close

Church diary

Please pray this week for:

Monday 8 March

2:00 pm Table Tennis in SMR

Tuesday 9 March

8:45 am Morning Prayer

9:30 pm Ladies Drop In in SMR

5:00 pm J Team in St Mary's Room

7:30 pm Growing Leaders

Wednesday 10 March

8:45 am Morning Prayer

2:15 pm Holy Communion
at Longfield Manor

3:30 pm Holy Communion
at Osmund Court

3:30 pm Messy Church
at Village Hall

8:00 pm Bell Ringing

Thursday 11 March

8:45 am Morning Prayer

11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

12:15 pm Toddlers in Church

7:30 pm Choir Practice

8:30 pm Worship Band Practice

Friday 12 March

8:45 am Morning Prayer

1:00 pm Lent Lunch in SMR

6:30 pm Y Club in SMR

8:30 pm Y Club Plus in SMR

Saturday 13 March

10:00 am Coffee in SMR

2:00 pm Mothering Sunday Posies
in SMR

Sunday 14 March Mothering Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Readings: Psalm 100
Matthew 20: 20-28

9:30 am Parish Communion (CW)

Readings: Psalm 100
Matthew 20: 20-28

11:00 am Morning Worship

Reading: Matthew 20: 20-28

6:30 pm Evening Prayer

Readings: 2 Timothy 1: 3-14
Matthew 20: 20-28

Psalms: 100

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7th March 2010 Third Sunday of Lent

Welcome to St Mary's

A very warm welcome to our services today, especially if you are new or visiting. If we can help you in any way, or if you would like to find out more about any aspect of church life, please introduce yourself to one of the welcomers.

Services Today

Theme: Purpose Driven Life:

Part 3—Created to become like Christ.

8:00 am

Holy Communion (BCP)

Readings: Ephesians 4:14-19
Matthew 4:1-11

9:30 am

Parish Communion (CW)

Readings: Ephesians 4:14-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Hymns: 9 67 26 32 73 514

11:00 am

Morning Worship

Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

6:30 pm

Choral Evensong

Readings: Ephesians 4:14-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Hymns: 94 532 33

Anthem: Round me falls the night

Psalms: 34:1-8

REFRESHMENTS

are served in St Mary's Room after Parish Communion, and at the back of church after Morning Worship.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUPS

Sunday Club (3-10) meets in St Mary's Room, and Y Scripture (11-14) meets in the Log Cabin, after family worship and prayers during the 11:00 am service every Sunday in term time apart from the first of each month.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Philippians 4:6: *Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs, and don't forget to thank him for his answers.* At communion services, you can raise your hand before receiving, and we will be happy to pray with you.

FOR THE HARD OF HEARING

the church has an inductive loop system. If you have any difficulties, please speak to a churchwarden.

GIVING

If you are a taxpayer, please consider letting the church reclaim tax on your offering. This will increase its value by 28%. Use the envelopes in the pews, making sure to fill in your name and address. Thank you.

**PLEASE TAKE THIS NOTICE SHEET WITH YOU
LARGE PRINT COPIES ARE AVAILABLE**

FRIENDLY LUNCH today at 1:00 pm in St Mary's Room.

MORNING PRAYER in church Tuesday to Friday this week at 8:45am.

40 DAYS OF PURPOSE We are now half way through this course and I am delighted that so many have joined Home Groups. If you have missed out and are not yet reading the book, it is never too late to start. Today our teaching is on Discipleship; next Sunday's theme is "Shaped for serving God—ministry".

Brian Pritchard

MESSY CHURCH this Wednesday, 10 March in the Village Hall from 3.30pm. Do encourage families with Primary School age children to come and enjoy making some fun crafts, hearing about the New Start God gave the world through Noah in an interactive celebration, and eating a meal together.

Thank you very much to all who have provided just what we need for the crafts, you have all been so thoughtful. If you'd like any more information about this joint venture with all the churches in Billingshurst please do speak to me.

Frances Pritchard

LENT LUNCHES will be held in St Mary's Room on Fridays during Lent. Proceeds from the lunch on Friday 12th March will be donated to CHASE. We hope to see you there.

FAIR TRADE There will be a Fair Trade stall at the WI Coffee Morning on Saturday 13th March in St Mary's Room 10am to 12. Please do come along!

MOTHERING SUNDAY POSIES This is an appeal for any small spring flowers, heather or greenery you might have in your gardens to put in the posies. Please bring them to St Mary's Room by 2:00 pm on Saturday 13th March, or ring Jenny Bennett (782348) for collection. Thank you.

ADVANCE WARNING! On Palm Sunday, 28 March, there will be just one service at 10:30am bringing all the congregations together at the end of the 40 Days of Purpose course. This is an opportunity for us all to meet, worship and seek together what God is calling his church in Billingshurst to do in response to what we have been learning. It is hoped that everyone will make a sincere effort to be there.

BLESSING OF OILS Tuesday 30 March at Lancing College Chapel: Blessing of Oils with Renewal of Ministerial Commitment. Please let Brian know if you would like to go.

EASTER CARDS A selection of St Mary's home crafted Easter cards are available in Caritas, at 30p each.

Audrey Young (782314)

PACT (Petworth Area Churches Together) invite you to two teaching events on the New Testament this Spring. Tuesday April 20th 7.30pm for an hour - a taster session and Saturday May 22nd 9.30 for 9.45 until 5pm - a seminar day. More info from the church office.

A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING for loved ones who have died will be held on Sunday 9 May at 3:00pm.

THE ELECTORAL ROLL is the official membership roll of the church. The Annual Revision of the Roll is soon to take place in preparation for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Wednesday 28 April 2010. If you worship with us regularly, please make sure your name is on the Roll. Application Forms are available from the office (office@stmarysbillingshurst.org) or from our Electoral Roll Officer, Margaret Pullen (782332). Closing date: Easter Sunday, 4 April 2010.

House Groups at St Mary's

Monday 8th March

- 7:45 pm Alpha House Group (*contact Les Botting: 782790*)
- 7:45 pm Faith House Group (*contact David Howard: 780694*)
- 7:45 pm Perseverance Group (*contact Evelyn Barnard*)

Tuesday 9th March

- 10:30 am Oaklands House Group (*contact Pam Callaghan: 211837*)
- 10:30 am The Seekers House Group (*contact Joan Hawtin: 784624*)
- 8:00 pm Bells Group (Men) (*contact Alan Harris: 782890*)

Wednesday 10th March

- 1:30 pm Explorers Group (*contact Sharon Ashborn: 783864*)
- 1:30pm New Explorers House Group (*contact Barbara Chittenden: 782695*)
- 7:45 pm Grace Group (*contact Frances Pritchard: 785303*)
- 7:45 pm Silver Lane Group (*contact Heather Khoo: 782381*)

Thursday 11th March

- 3:00 pm M & Ms Group (*contact Malgorzata & Marta: 784062*)

Friday 12th March

- 10:30 pm Friday Group (*contact Peter Brooker: 783624*)

Saturday 13th March

- 8:30 am P.L.E.B.S. Breakfast Group (*contact Jen Harris: 782890*)

Children at St Mary's

Toddlers in Church

meets on Thursdays during term time. Meet in church at 12:15 pm for a short service followed by lunch in St Mary's Room.

Children's Groups (for 3-10s) meet during Morning Worship except for the first Sunday. Contact Paul Moss for more information (Tel: 782343).

J Team (for 8-10s) meets on alternate Tuesdays during term time from 5:00 pm until 6:30 pm. Next meeting is 9th March.

Contact Petra Davies for more information (Tel: 780956).

www.stmarysbillingshurst.org/children



Youth at St Mary's

Y Scripture (school years 7 to 9) meets in term time, during Morning Worship, except the first Sunday in the month. We meet in church for family worship and prayers, then go to the Log Cabin.

Y Club (school years 7 to 9) is the social side for the younger youth on Fridays from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm in St Mary's Room.

Y Club Plus (school years 10-11) meets on Fridays from 8:30 pm to 10:00 pm in St Mary's Room.

Youth Worker: Christina Prince
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Please ensure all items for the notice sheet reach the church office by the Thursday prior to the Sunday you wish them to appear. You can email your notices (office@stmarysbillingshurst.org) or you can drop them in at the office, next to the Vicarage. Please note: the church notice sheet is primarily for church notices.