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# Church

## Vicar's letter

**W**ith Easter so late this year, the season of Lent will coincide with the 'joys of spring', which, at the time of writing, will be so welcome. Preparing for the Queen of Feasts as springtime blossoms all around reminds us of the new life and energy which is at the heart of Easter. Jesus Christ bursting the tomb in the first Easter garden ushers into the world a new hope and a new creation for those who believe in Him. During Lent, then we are invited to prepare for the Great Week, Holy Week, which begins on Palm Sunday and concludes on Easter Day. I urge you now to put in your diaries the key dates of celebration and come to Church and join in the services which unite us primarily with our Saviour but also unite us with Christians around the world.

***Palm Sunday 17th April 9.40am - the triumphant entry into Jerusalem***

***Maundy Thursday 21st April 8.00pm -the Last Supper & stripping of altars***

***Good Friday 22nd April 12 -3pm (come for some or all) - Jesus Christ dies on the Cross for us and for our salvation***

***Holy Saturday 23rd April 8.15pm From Darkness to Light - Vigil, Easter Fire, Renewal of Baptismal Vows and Sung Anthem of Easter***

***Easter Sunday 24th April 8am, 10am, 6.30pm the joy of the Resurrection celebrated with the Eucharist & Even-song***

To prepare for Easter, we begin with Ash Wednesday on 9th March at 8pm with a Sung Eucharist and imposition of

ashes, a most moving and sobering occasion, from which the day derives its name. Throughout Lent we will then provide additional devotional and reflective opportunities on Thursday mornings and Tuesday evenings as follows:

***Tuesday 15th March 7.30pm Lent Reflection & Compline (Night Prayers)***

***Thursday 24th March 10.30am Eucharist for the Annunciation of our Lord to The BVM, followed by Lent reflection***

***Tuesday 29th March 7.30pm Lent Reflection & Compline***

***Thursday 7th April 10.30am Eucharist followed by Lent Reflection***

***Tuesday 12th April 7.30pm Lent Reflection & Compline***

The inspiration for the Lent Reflection will include material drawn from Spiritual Classical Writers who are currently being studied and practised by a monthly meditation group which meets in the parish. This has been under way now for 3 months with a settled membership. However, if you are interested in joining the group (or possibly we will start a 2nd group) do come along to the Lent reflections and speak with Kat who can advise you.

If you have not ever been to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday, why not make 2011 the year when you do? And if your attendance at these services has lapsed, equally make this year, the year of return. The whole of Holy Week & Easter hangs together with a continuous narrative, each day building on the previous one; and believe me, the power and grace of what it offers is so greatly enhanced if you come to all, or as many as possible, in the week. Easter comes but once a year and is at the heart of our Christian faith. I urge you - don't miss out!

From John

**Fauré's Requiem: a performance at St Mary's**



**O**n the evening of Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup> a performance of sublime works by Gabriel Fauré centred on his Requiem will take place at St Mary's, by kind permission of the Vicar. The Requiem by Fauré miraculously combines beauty, serenity and truth, all conveyed in music of great tranquillity. We will hear it as part of a full length concert, containing the Requiem, the Cantique de Jean Racine (also by Fauré), and a number of other choral and solo works. The concert will start at 7pm, and will replace evensong on that date.

The concert has come about as a collaboration between three separate groupings: the choral group Fulham Camerata; the gentlemen of St Mary's choir; and the important mental welfare charity Combat Stress. What part is each of these groups playing in what should be a special evening?

The choral group **Fulham Camerata** has been singing now for about five years, under the direction of the young baritone Christopher Wray. (Perhaps I should mention at this point that four members of the Williams family sing with Fulham Camerata.) It has carved out a stimulating

approach to the choral repertoire, often combining central but demanding works (such as, at its most recent concert, Duruflé's Requiem) with some of the most welcoming pieces written more recently (compositions by Jonathan Dove and Eric Whitacre featured in the same programme as the Duruflé).

Fulham Camerata is a little light on male singers, and so we have invited the **gentlemen of St Mary's choir** to join us in these performances.

Fulham Camerata likes to associate each of its concerts with a specific charity. On this occasion we have selected the mental welfare charity **Combat Stress** to be part of the evening. Combat Stress specialises in working with ex-service personnel who are suffering from conditions such as depression, anxiety, phobia or post traumatic stress disorder as a result of their service experiences. Since 2005 the number of ex-Service men and women seeking the charity's help has risen by 72%. Part of the proceeds from the concert will be passed to Combat Stress, and a plate will be

available at the back of the church for additional donations.

We hope as many St Mary's parishioners as possible will join us for this concert. Tickets are priced at £10 in the nave, and £8 in the north and south aisles.

They are available from Krysia and Grenville Williams, either by dropping a cheque and an sae into 21 Church Lane SW19, or by phoning 8542 8687, or by e mailing krysia.williams@btopenworld.com.

Grenville Williams



MOTHERS' UNION

Tuesday 1st March  
1.45pm for 2pm

“My Travels in Syria”  
Speaker: Barbara Moreland

Please come - it will be a most interesting afternoon

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

This year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place in the Church Hall on Sunday 10 April 2011 at 10.45 am. This is an opportunity to hear about the work undertaken by the whole Church, including our outreach activities.

The Parish Accounts will be presented, Elections of Church Wardens, PCC members and Sidesmen and Sideswomen will take place, and a list of those being nominated will be placed in the Bell Tower three weeks before the meeting. If you would like to stand for election and be involved in moving Church affairs forward, you might like to contact the Churchwardens or the Secretary who will deal with any questions you may have and explain the nomination process.

Kate Charles PCC Secretary

**Auction sale: St Mary's, in conjunction with  
Churches Together in Merton Park and Merton  
Park Explorer Scouts**

towards the completion by the Merton Park Explorer Scouts  
of the construction of the maternity facilities at Malindi,  
Kenya

**Saturday, February 5 2011**

Well, its done: well over £4000 came in; and a good time was had by all. So what more is there to say? There's much more to be said, in fact.

Large numbers of people came. We were mostly Scouts and St Mary's folk. It was great to be together like that: one in purposive inspiration.

And the Scouts, uniformed, were with us, too. Most of them were selling their skills along with all the rest of us. They helped the proceedings wonderfully: such an excellent group of people they were.

We sold in nearly 200 lots, coming-in in all sorts of kinds. Many thanks to all who gave, and everyone who purchased, too!

So Clive and his group will soon be off, to complete the clinic at Malindi, Kenya. How good it will be to be part with them in the completion of such a wonderful project.

Alan Morris

## Auction held on Saturday 5th of February 2011

If you did not attend the Auction you will have missed the most wonderful evening, filled with promises (too many to describe), but best of all you will have missed the marvellous performance of our Auctioneer—Alan Morris—is there no end to this man's talent?

He organised the event, he produced endless lists of the gift's and promises, colourful sheets telling us what it was all about. If you did not know it was to send our Explorer Scouts to Kenya to finalise work they have done over many years, all under the guidance of Clive Tullett, their Scout Leader.

The Scouts worked hard doing their bit to make such a good and prosperous evening..

I am sure you will read much more information about the Auction , but I think we should thank Alan and I would say “Watch out the Antiques Road Show. We have a master in our midst”

Anon

### MERTON PARK EXPLORER UNIT

We would like to thank Revd John Hayward and Mr Alan Morris for the Auction of Promises they held, to support our 2011 Kenya Project.

We would especially like to thank Mr Alan Morris for the extremely hard work he put in to the Auction.

With all the Kenya Projects, everyone who goes pays for the flight and 5 days in Mombasa out of their own pocket. So all money that is fund raised goes on the Project.

When we return from this year's project we shall report back, and update you with the Kenya Health Centre's progress.

Thank you all once again.

Kind Regards

Merton Park Explorer Unit

# Prayer Calendar

Please pray:

1. David, Patron of Wales. For the people of Wales and the Welsh Assembly
2. Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary. For all missionaries
3. For Egypt and the Middle East at this uncertain time
4. For all grandparents
5. For the residents of Erridge Road and their St Mary's roadwarden
6. THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT That our human weakness may be transformed into divine strength
7. For physio and occupational therapists
8. For all responsible for the safety of public transport
9. ASH WEDNESDAY Open our eyes that we may see what is right and act for the good
10. For the work of Samaritans and Centre Point in London
11. Giving thanks for the work of the National Trust in the countryside
12. For the families of people in prison
13. THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT For Bishop Christopher on the day of his enthronement as Bishop of Southwark
14. For the Youth Cancer Trust – holidays for young people with cancer
15. For Hilary Yates as she continues her Pastoral Auxiliary training
16. For the residents of Grasmere Avenue and their St Mary's roadwarden
17. Patrick, Patron of Ireland. For the people of Ireland and the Irish government
18. Ember Day – For those who are in any kind of training for ministry in the church
19. Joseph of Nazareth. For all skilled craftsmen
20. THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT For Bishop Nick on the day of his farewell service from the Diocese
21. For those who are so depressed that they consider suicide
22. For Amy-Jo and our Sunday Club
23. For the unemployed, especially those who have done training and still cannot find appropriate work
24. For the work of the British Heart Foundation
25. THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
May we have the grace and humility of Mary
26. For the starving and undernourished
27. THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT For the charity walk today between the two Marsden Cancer Hospitals
28. For the residents of Kenley Road and their St Mary's roadwardens
29. For those who keep order in our society – the police and the legal profession
30. For all who binge drink without acknowledging the potentially dangerous consequences
31. For hospital chaplains and lay visitors

# WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



## SERVICES 4th MARCH 2011

ST MARY'S WIMBLEDON 11am

Speaker: Sister Ita Conlan

ST SAVIOUR'S GRAND DRIVE 8pm

Speaker: Mr Arnold Page

REFRESHMENTS available after services

ALL ARE WELCOME

## Bishop's Letter

With Lent starting so late this year, the epiphany season continues throughout February, with its focus on witnessing to Christ in the world. In the Diocese of Southwark it is a time of waiting and transition and preparation in many different ways. My thoughts on this have been shaped by spending time in retreat with priests from the dioceses of Harare and Manicaland at the beginning of the year, developing the theme '*watch and pray*' which we sang in Shona, '*namata urinde*', before each address.



I also learnt much from listening to the accounts one to one of a good number of priests from the two dioceses, many having been locked out of their churches for over a year, as legal disputes continue along with intimidation and harassment to whole congregations, forced to worship elsewhere in schools, other temporary spaces or simply under the

shade of trees out in the open. I learnt much from their very evident resilience, cheerfulness and strong hope in the face of so much disruption and from time to time serious threats. Their witness to Christ and leadership in adversity, with the strong encouragement and support of their bishops, has helped the wider Anglican community of faith in Zimbabwe to persevere in faith, hope and love, putting their trust in God, by whose grace and sovereignty a new order is slowly emerging.

We did spend time in silence and prayer together, but it was also necessary to share different experiences in solidarity and trust. I was very struck when the Dean of Harare put the situation in context regarding the attempts to regain access to the cathedral and many churches for the worship of the people of God and now facing additional challenges with some churches having been converted for alternative use without diocesan permission. The Dean said simply and powerfully, '*We have had to learn that with or without our buildings the life of the Church goes on.*'

Through our baptism, all Christians become our brothers and sisters and we are called to bear one another's burdens. What harms or threatens one part of the body threatens the whole body and us all. Yet in adversity, strong solidarity and mutual support releases and strengthens the joy and hope of believing, even in the context of suffering.

My own reading during this retreat included '*God has a Dream, a vision of hope for our time*' by Archbishop Desmond Tutu. He begins the chapter entitled '*Seeing with the eyes of the heart*' with the assertion that suffering does not extinguish hope, rather it is part and parcel of the human condition and can either embitter or ennoble us:

*'...and if we are to be true partners with God, we must learn to see with the eyes of God – that is, to see with the eyes of the heart and not just the eyes of the head. The eyes of the heart are not concerned with appearances but essences, and as we cultivate those eyes we are able to learn from our suffering and to see the world with more loving, forgiving, humble, generous eyes.'*

+Christopher Southwark

**Answers to last month's crossword:**

Across: 1.Vigil 4.Baptism  
8.Trances 9.Scour 10.Calve  
11.Obadiah 13.Repo  
15.Novena 17.Advent 20.Rare  
22.Gospels 24.Issue 26.Plead  
27.Uniform 28.Reserve  
29.Dirge  
Down: 1.Vatican 2.Grail  
3.Lectern 4.Bishop 5.Pasta  
6.Idolise 7.Myrrh 12.Boar  
14.Earl 16.Vespers 18.Deified  
19.Thermae 21.Assure  
22.Gaper 23.Elder 25.Spoor



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# Spirituality

## Faith

Psychologists hold that what I can and cannot do depends not only on desires and effort of my conscious self, but on the hopes, fears and convictions which have sunk deep into my subconscious mind. My idea of a living God cannot be a merely intellectual concept. According as I envisage his nature and his purpose, there will predominantly be connected with my idea of him feelings of terror, shrinking and abasement, or of joyful adoration, love and trust. But once accept into my innermost self an idea fraught with emotion of either of these types, then by the fundamental laws of the nature of mind that idea must begin to *work*. It cannot but produce marked results – upon my whole outlook upon men and things, my temperament, my character, my nervous system and even physical well-being. And those results will be directly proportional to the extent to which it has penetrated my whole self.

Let us suppose a man to think of God in terms of Christ, to be convinced, that is, that God has a sublime purpose, is absolutely reliable, wholly loving; suppose further that he were to allow that vision to ‘work’ in his subconscious mind. Should we not expect such a one to achieve enhancement of vitality, conquest of temptation, superiority to pain, triumph over circumstances? For him the vision would be translated into power.

*Extract from ‘Redemption from this World’ by A.G. Hogg M.A.*

## The Way to Live

If one can keep one’s mind really open – open to good influences without any attachment to success or failure, without any agitation in the mind, or laziness in handling anything which comes before us in the course of our daily life – then in spite of all the difficulties arising, one will keep on improving one’s inner being and the world in which one lives. That is the way to live.

*Śri Śāntānanda Sarasvati. One of the great spiritual leaders of India.*

Hubert Bradbury



- 1 9:00am Holy Eucharist, *David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales*  
7:30-9:30pm Faure Requiem Concert Rehearsal
- 2 7:00pm Wedding Rehearsal: Zoe Willitts & David Barnes
- 3 10:30am Holy Eucharist, *Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary*
- 4 Womens' World Day of Prayer  
11:00am *St Mary's Church, St Mary's Rd, WIMBLEDON*  
8:00pm *St Saviour's Church, Grand Drive*
- 5 10am-12noon Ringing training, *St Mary's*  
2:30pm Wedding: Zoe Willitts & David Barnes

## 6 THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

- 8:00am Parish Eucharist *2 Pet 1: 16-end; Matt 17: 1-9*
- 10:00am Parish Eucharist *Matt 17: 1-9*
- 4:00pm Rehearsal for Faure concert
- 6:30pm **No Evensong**  
Inaugural Eucharist for the Bishop of Southwark, *Southwark Cathedral*,  
*see tower for details*
- 7:00pm Faure Requiem Concert, *see pew sheet for details*
- 7 8:00pm PCC meeting, *Small Hall*
- 8 9:00am Holy Eucharist, *Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln*
- 9 8:00pm **Ash Wednesday**, *Sung Eucharist & imposition of ashes*
- 10 10:30am Holy Eucharist

## 13 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

- 8:00am Parish Eucharist *Rom 5: 12-19; Matt 4: 1-11*
- 9:30am Parish Eucharist *Rom 5: 12-19; Matt 4: 1-11*
- 11-12noon Occasional Singers rehearse, *St Mary's*
- 6:30pm Evensong *Ps 50: 1-15; Deut 6: 4-9, 16-end; Luke 15: 1-10*
- 15 9:00am Holy Eucharist  
7:30pm Lent Reflection & Compline, *St Mary's*
- 17 10:30am Holy Eucharist, *Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland*
- 19 12noon onwards RSCB rehearse for evening concert, *St Mary's*  
7:30pm-9:30pm Richmond Symphonic Concert Band, *St Mary's*,  
*see pew sheet for details*





# MARCH DIARY 2011

## 20 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

- 8:00am Parish Eucharist Rom 4: 1-5, 13-17; John 3: 1-17  
 9:30am Parish Eucharist Rom 4: 1-5, 13-17; John 3: 1-17  
 6:30pm Evensong Ps 135 ; Num 21: 4-9; Luke 14: 27-33

21 8:00pm New Initiatives, *The Vicarage*

22 9:00am Holy Eucharist

24 10:30am Holy Eucharist, *Annunciation of our Lord to the BVM, followed by Lent reflection*

26 10-11am Bells Team rehearse , Surrey Association, *St Mary's*

## 27 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

- 8:00am Parish Eucharist Rom 5: 1-11; John 4: 5-42  
 9:30am Parish Eucharist Rom 5: 1-11; John 4: 5-42  
 6:30pm Evensong Ps 40; Josh 1: 1-9; Eph 6: 10-20

28 8:00pm Building & Works Committee, *21 Church Lane*

29 9:00am Holy Eucharist

7:30pm Lent Reflection & Compline, *St Mary's*

31 10:30am Holy Eucharist, *John Donne, Priest, Poet*

## APRIL DIARY 2011

### 3 MOTHERING SUNDAY *Enrolment of new Mothers' Union members' (no baptisms)*

- 8:00am Parish Eucharist Col 3:12-17; John 19: 25b-27  
 10:00am Parish Eucharist Col 3:12-17; John 19: 25b-27  
 6:30pm Evensong Ps 31: 1-8 Mic ch 7; James ch 5

5 9:00am Holy Eucharist

7 10:30am Holy Eucharist, *followed by Lent reflection*

12 7:30pm Lent Reflection & Compline, *St Mary's*

**For further information** please contact either the wardens or the parish office.

## From the Registers

### BAPTISMS

Lily Elliott  
Tallulah Yarranton



### WEDDINGS

Catherine Turner  
& Gregory Openshaw



### DEATHS

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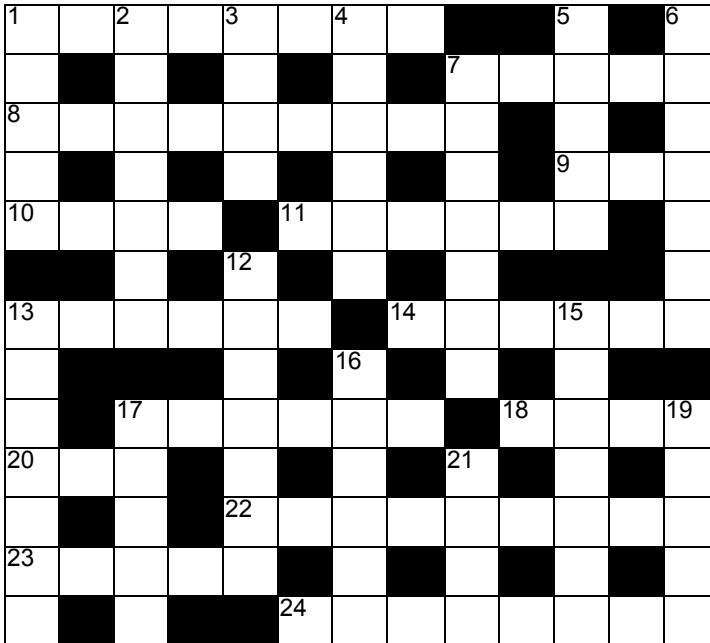
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# Crossword



**Clues across:**

1. God's houses (8)
7. Found on 1 across (5)
8. Group of players (9)
9. Anger (3)
10. Floating vessel (4)
11. Another 1 across (6)
13. Patriarch (6)
14. Puts down again (6)
17. Biblical language (6)
18. Ancient Celtic alphabet (4)
20. Denoting life (3)
22. Biblical people (9)
23. Scottish dances (5)
24. Prophet (8)

**Clues down:**

1. Sign of blessing (5)
2. Mischievous boys (7)
3. Musical stave (4)
4. Biblical book (6)
5. Elf (5)
6. Another 4 down (7)
7. Sewn text (7)
12. Fours in tennis (7)
13. Yet another 4 down (7)
15. Foreign currency (7)
16. Computer ace (6)
17. Biblical book (5)
19. State of frenzy in elephants (5)
21. Land surrounded by water (4)

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#### *Banana Fritters*

300ml (10fl oz) sweet cider

120g (4oz) plain flour plus a little extra for coating

35g (1oz) caster sugar

4 Fairtrade bananas, peeled

Vegetable oil for deep frying

To make the fritter batter, mix the cider, flour and sugar together. Cut each of the bananas horizontally into 4 lengths and lightly flour each piece. Dip them in the batter and deep fry in hot oil for about 5 minutes until golden and crispy. Drain well.

To serve, place the fritters on a plate and pour the chocolate sauce next to them. Alternatively serve the chocolate sauce separately and decorate the fritters with a sprig of mint.

#### *Bitter Chocolate sauce*

300g (10oz) Fairtrade bitter dark chocolate, chopped

150g (5oz) unsalted butter

75ml (3fl oz) double cream

Place all of the ingredients together in a bowl over simmering water until the chocolate has completely melted. This sauce must be served warm.

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The Forum is an open-ended non-political organisation which allows the citizens of Wimbledon to play a full and decisive role in the management of their community and to generate solutions to Wimbledon problems.

It promotes public discussion on matters of importance including Health, Transport, Education and Urban Design, and it works with Residents Associations to give their voice greater weight.

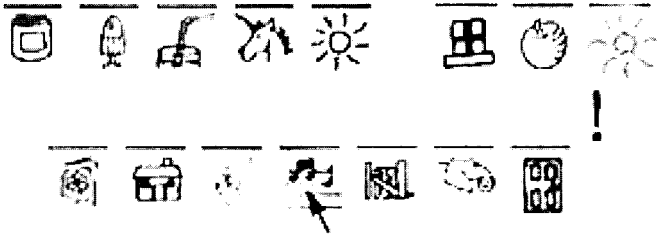
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## Children's Page

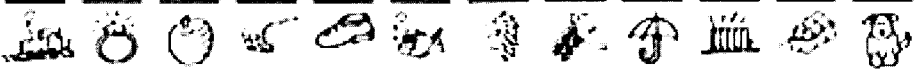
### Jesus shines like the sun

Something marvellous happened on the mountain!  
What did Peter, James and John see? (Luke 9:28 - 36)

Write the first letter of each object.



**Another word for changed is**



### I Say, I Say, I Say...

Why didn't they do much fishing on the Ark?  
*They only had two worms!*

What is an Ig?  
*An Eskimo house without a loo!*

What do you call a man holding up a 4 x 4?  
*Jack!*

# St Mary's directory

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Martin Way Methodist Church Hall Martin Way Morden  
*Mrs Geraldine Ellis*  
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## BROWNIES

1st Merton Park Tuesdays 6.00pm  
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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Merton Park - Thursdays 6.00pm-7.30pm

Martin Way Methodist Church Hall Morden  
*Kate Avery*  
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## GUIDES

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