

Welcome to St Mary's

Worship Today:

8.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 am	Morning Worship (CW) Readings: Philippians 2: 1-11 & Luke 18: 9-17
7.00 pm	'At 7' contemporary worship at Methodist Church

Prayer is offered, in the Resurrection Chapel, during and after each 10.30 service. You are encouraged to bring your concerns and your thanks to God and you can be assured that your requests will be kept confidential.

We have toy bags for small children to play with during the Service, and under 5's can use the Children's Corner at any time, with parental supervision.

Mid-week:

Wednesday	9.00 am	Short informal Morning Prayer – All welcome
Thursday	10.00 am	Mothers Union Holy Communion
	5.45 – 8.15 pm	GFS in the Parish Rooms

Services on 18th March

8.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 am	Holy Communion (CW), followed by Bring & Share Lunch

DIARY & NOTICES

Mon 12 th Mar	MOTHERS UNION MEETING: 2.30 pm in the Starmer Room, when Gill Carley will speak on 'How CAP has changed my life'.
Wed 14 th Mar	and EACH Wednesday: SOCIAL MORNING at Raven House: 10.30-12.30, for those looking for company, a chat and coffee.
Thu 15 th Mar	COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING: 10-12 noon in the Parish Rooms, when everyone is invited for coffee, cake, craft and a chat.
Fri 16 th Mar	PHOENIX GROUP, for any who are bereaved, to meet at Wetherspoons for coffee and a chat, at the slightly later time of 11.00 am
Mon 19 th Mar	PASTORAL GROUP MEETING: 2 pm in the Parish Rooms
Tue 20 th Mar	BETH TAYLOR's FUNERAL: 12.30 pm in St Mary's

Sat 24th Mar **'THIRD DAY':** a musical production of the Easter story: 7.30 pm in St Mary's. Fuller details on the noticeboard, and anyone wishing to help/be involved should contact Paul Savill.

MAUNDY THURSDAY March 29th: If you are planning to attend the special Communion Service at 11.00am in Lichfield Cathedral, please let Catherine McBride know, as numbers are needed. Don't forget we have our own service here at 7 pm.

Sat 31st Mar **'THIRD DAY'** will be performed again at St Michael's, Lilleshall. As with the above, tickets are FREE.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 1st: for the Easter Lunch the Hospitality Group would be very grateful for extra helpers, in preparing and serving. If willing, please see Keren.

CAFÉ WORSHIP: We are planning to introduce a new family-friendly, informal, café-style worship gathering, which will meet at 4pm on a Sunday afternoon, every other month, alternating with our Messy Church services. If you would be interested in helping with this new service and/or want to find out more, please talk to Catherine McBride.

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING and ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING: this will take place on Monday 16th April at 7 pm.

REPORTS NEED TO BE WITH THE WARDENS NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 16TH MARCH, written or emailed to stmarysmd@btinternet.com.

ELECTORAL ROLL: The existing Electoral Roll is on display at the back of Church and forms are available for congregation members not currently enrolled. These need to be received 2 weeks prior to the AGM (2nd April). **PLEASE CHECK THAT YOUR NAME IS ON THE ROLL.**

NB: Although everyone living in the parish can attend and vote at the Annual Vestry Meeting (to elect churchwardens), only those on the Electoral Roll can attend and vote at the APCM.

NOMINATION FORMS for Wardens and PCC members are available at the back of Church for submission prior to the APCM. Please note that anyone to be nominated as Churchwarden must have obtained DBS clearance before taking up office.

The focus for this year's **BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL** is 'Supporting Families'. Please see the explanatory leaflet in the Welcome Area and take an appeal envelope.

BARNABAS FUND PETITION: If you are concerned about our religious freedom in the UK, please see the information from Barnabas Fund at the back of church and if you feel able, please sign the petition. See the Barnabas Fund website for more information: www.barnabasfund.org/en/news/reclaiming-religious-freedom-in-the-uk



CAP Release Group (help with addictions) **07845 762 309**
CAP Debt Centre **0800 328 0006** or **01274 760839**
CAP Job Club **07399 852 163**
FOUNTAINS Counselling Service **07980 387 847**

NEW CAP RELEASE GROUP COURSE being held: 5-6.30pm in the Methodist lounge: for those who need support in overcoming any life controlling issues or addictions. Completely confidential, with practical help given in an environment of trust and mutual respect. Further information or advice from Jill Alexander on 07845 762309 or email jillalexander@capuk.org.

There will be a **CAP MONEY COURSE** (helping with budgeting and money management) starting at the Parish Rooms on **Monday 21st May** at 1.30-3pm, followed by two further sessions on 4th and 11th June. For further details, and to book a place, please phone Keith on 07931 790603, or speak to Gill Carley.

‘FOODBANK LENT CHALLENGE’: if we can individually save 40p a day for the 40 days of Lent we can help support a local family in crisis this Easter. You are asked to find a jam jar or similar and start collecting! **PLEASE HELP!**

Also, current URGENT needs are: Tinned Tomatoes, Pasta Sauces, Dog & Cat Food, Cereal, Long Life Juice, UHT Milk, and **Low Stock items:** Toilet Rolls & Toiletries, Rice Pudding, Tinned Custard, Jam, Sponge Puddings, Biscuits, Rice, Soup, Tinned Meat, Laundry Powder & Washing-up Liquid, and Carrier Bags.

NB: Any items for the notice sheet should be submitted to Carol Corney no later than Thursday morning.

CONTACT DETAILS

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11th MARCH 2018
Lent 4
and Mothering Sunday

Lent is traditionally a time of penitence; when we take an honest look at ourselves and admit our sin before God and ask for his help to make changes in our lives. It's a time to grow in humility. When I was living in London I remember a conversation with a friend of mine, who was really upset about the whole concept of Lent. Not long before, she had come out of an abusive relationship and her self-esteem had been at rock-bottom; but she had discovered a relationship with her loving heavenly Father and had begun to rebuild her life and herself. She couldn't understand why on earth she should spend time dwelling on her shortcomings – she felt bad enough about herself already. But growing in humility is not about humiliation. God is not in the business of humiliating us. Rather, as we are honest about our weaknesses and admit that we can't 'fix' ourselves, it allows God's love and power the space to work in our lives and bring real transformation.

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