

Welcome to St Mary's

Worship Today:

8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 am Morning Worship (CW)
Readings: 2 Cor 5: 11-21 & Luke 19: 1-10
followed by Bring & Share Lunch

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 Holy Communion
5.45 – 8.15 pm GFS in the Parish Rooms

Services on 25th March – PALM SUNDAY

8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.15 am Meet at the War Memorial for procession with palms, then
10.30 am Morning Worship (CW)

'Prayer Breakfast' 9 am on Saturday 31st March 2018, in Church

Our intention is to hold a 'Prayer Breakfast' on the last Saturday of each month. Strictly speaking, perhaps, we are exaggerating by calling it a 'Prayer Breakfast'. The most important thing is that we shall be meeting to pray together for the church and community in an informal way for about half an hour. On some occasions, owing to the kind offers of people, there will be coffee/tea and croissants afterwards, but on other occasions, for those who would like to, we may go along to 'Costa'. May I encourage you to make a note in your diaries for the 'Prayer Breakfast' on the last Saturday of each month.

David Jones

DIARY & NOTICES

Mon 19th Mar **PASTORAL GROUP MEETING:** 2 pm in the Parish Rooms
Tue 20th 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 **PRAYER BREAKFAST:** 9 am in St Mary's – please see more information above.

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 SHOULD NOW HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE WARDENS! ANY OUTSTANDING, ASAP PLEASE, 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.

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

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.



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

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': please continue to save 40p a day for the remainder of Lent so that we can help support a local family in crisis this Easter.

Also, now **MORE URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS**: Long Life Juice, UHT Milk, Biscuits, Rice, Jam, Sponge Puddings, Dog and Cat Food, Coffee, Cereal, Toilet Rolls and Toiletries, Laundry Washing Powder & Washing Up Liquid, as well as **Low Stock items**: Rice Pudding, Tinned Custard, Soup, and Carrier Bags

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

CONTACT DETAILS

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18th MARCH 2018

Lent 5

As we proceed on our journey through Lent, we this week look at 'A Journey into Change' and will be focussing on the story of Zacchaeus.

I think it is a story we all love because it reminds us that, whoever we are, no matter what other people may think of us, Jesus wants to share our lives. But more than that, He is also able and willing to change our lives, to take away from us those things which we know are not right in our lives, and make us acceptable to God.

When Jesus said to Zacchaeus: "Today salvation has come to this house", He was telling us that our salvation starts immediately. Accepting Jesus is not just a promise of life in the future, it is a new **changed** life we have **now** as well as for evermore.

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