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MOTHERING SUNDAY

10th March 2024

HYMN SHEET

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COLLECT

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

FOR OUR PRAYERS: Fintan, Mary, Ian, Molly, Yvonne, Benjamin

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED: Gemma Jamison

IN REMEMBRANCE: Jennifer Ashton

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S ORDINATION

On **Saturday 23 March** at 11:00, there will be a service at Southwark Cathedral to celebrate 'the vast contribution of women to the life of the church.' Bishop Rosemarie will preside with Archdeacon Moira will preach. All are invited to offer a symbol of thanksgiving for women's ministry—poem, prayer, picture—which will be collected in the offertory basket. (Note: it will need to fit and it may not be easy to return afterwards!) There will be refreshments after the service.



SUNDAY MORNING LIFTS FOR A MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION

We are looking for a few more people with cars who could commit to picking up a member of the congregation for Sunday services. This would be once a month—or less, depending on the number of volunteers! Please speak to Richard or contact the parish office.



ST CHRISTOPHER'S FUN WALK

Susie and Mo are taking part in St Christopher's Hospice fundraising 'Fun Walk' on **Sunday 12 May**. If you can sponsor them, that would be great! Please speak to them asap and get your name on their list.

LEWISHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

Are performing Poulenc's Stabat Mater and Vaughan Williams 5 Mystical Songs on **Saturday 16th March** 19:30 at Blackheath Music Halls. 23 Lee Road SE3 9RQ. Flyer on the notice board! For tickets call 0208 463 0100 or go to blackheathhalls.com



SPRING GARDEN WORKING PARTY

This will be on **Saturday 23 March**, 10:00—12:00. Keep the date free if you can!



ADMINISTRATOR LEAVE

Just to let you know, the parish office will be closed on the following dates:

Friday 22 March

Friday 29 March—Friday 5 April



FOOD BANK

During February, the foodbank spent £15000 to provide their users with food. If you're able, please bring what you can to the vestry, whether that's food, toiletries or sanitary items.

They're also running a campaign to provide **Easter Eggs for every family** visiting them. Donated eggs need to be received by **20 March**. Drop them to the vestry or their warehouse: 353H Bromley Road SE6 2RP open Mon-Fri 09:00—15:00.

LENT & EASTER SERVICES

Sunday 24 March

Church: 10:00 - **Palm Sunday**

Monday 25 March

Church: 19:30 - **Stations of the Cross**

Tuesday 26 March

Church: 19:30 - **Stations of the Cross**

Wednesday 27 March

Church: 12:00 & 19:30 - **Agape Meal**

Thursday 28 March

Church: 19:30 - **Eucharist, Stripping of the church followed by Vigil until midnight**

Friday 29 March

Church: 09:30 - 11:30 - **Children's workshop**

Church: 12:00 - 15:00 - **Meditation & prayer at the Foot of the Cross**

Sunday 31 March

Church: 05:30 - **Vigil, Dawn liturgy & breakfast**

Church: 10:00 - **Family Communion with chocolate!**



HOLY WEEK STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Monday 25 and Tuesday 26

March of Holy Week, we will have our usual Stations reflections. If you'd like to help with one or more reflections, please sign the list in the foyer.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 11 March

Church: 19:00 - Meditation group

Studio: 19:00 - 20:30 - Guides

Tuesday 12 March

Church: 09:30 - Morning prayer

Church: 10:30 - Eucharist

Church: 12:00 - **Lent Group**

Hall: 18:00-19:30 - Brownies

Studio: 18:00-19:30 - Rangers

Wednesday 13 March

Hall: 18:00 - Cubs, 20:00 - Scouts

Studio: 19:30-20:30 - Yoga class

Thursday 14 March

Church: 19:00 - **Lent Group**

Saturday 16 March

Church: 09:30 - Morning Prayer

Studio: 11:00-12:00 - Yoga class

Sunday 17 March

Church: 10:00 - Parish Eucharist

Studio: 14:00 - 17:00 - Outside group

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 19 March

Church: 12:00 - **Lent Group**

Thursday 21 March

Church: 19:30 - **Lent Group**

Saturday 23 March

Church: 10:00-12:00 - **Working Party Southwark Cathedral: 11:00 - 30th anniversary of women's ordination service**

Sunday 24 March

Church: 10:00 - **Palm Sunday**

POEM: WOMEN AT THE EDGE

These women, placed like rocks to turn
The current of a stream that else would
dissipate,
Dissolve into marshland, dwindle
into what might have been.
Not seen, excluded at the edge.
Who recognised (save God)
The barren womb had nourished faith,
Patience, dreams, long before the pledge,
The miracle of birth?
That stream, running through the hearts
Of alien widow, asylum-seeker,
Childless women, past fertility, girl
At risk of rejection by all who knew her.
Who could anticipate
That these would form the riverbed,
The watercourse, flowing from the desert,
Bearing on its flood (like Moses)
That even more extraordinary risk
A baby?
Not even sly Herod or imperial census,
Nor weary journey and unwelcome
Can hinder this.
The coming of the Creator
To his world.

- Janet Killeen

GOSPEL: Mark 7: 24 - 30 (GNT)

²⁴ Then Jesus left and went away to the territory near the city of Tyre. He went into a house and did not want anyone to know he was there, but he could not stay hidden. ²⁵ A woman, whose daughter had an evil spirit in her, heard about Jesus and came to him at once and fell at his feet. ²⁶ The woman was a Gentile, born in the region of Phoenicia in Syria. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ But Jesus answered, "Let us first feed the children. It isn't right to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."

²⁸ "Sir," she answered, "even the dogs under the table eat the children's leftovers!"

²⁹ So Jesus said to her, "Because of that answer, go back home, where you will find that the demon has gone out of your daughter!"

³⁰ She went home and found her child lying on the bed; the demon had indeed gone out of her.