

## A Thought for Lent

The Season of Lent marks a season of self examination, penitence, self-denial, study and preparation for Easter. Our Liturgy (or order of service) reflects this change in the season, with no singing of the Gloria (which is saved for Easter), we have more penitential responses and a focused creed. The church colour becomes purple and all flowers are removed from church. This austere approach is only changed on the celebration of Mothering Sunday (31<sup>st</sup> March) which comes half way through Lent. Flowers re-enter church and posies are given to all who come that Sunday.

Historically many have 'given up' something for Lent, focusing on the self-denial aspect of the season. I would encourage you instead to take something up. Take up some study, maybe with our Lent Book. Take up being extra kind or helpful, maybe do some volunteer work. Take up something positive, because in doing so, you will have to have given something up on the way.

We have a Welcome Leaflet for new people which members of our duty team at the main door will be pleased to give you. Please introduce yourself to them. If you need any information or assistance please speak to a churchwarden or steward.



Fairly traded **coffee and tea** are available in the church hall after the 9.30 a.m. service. Please join us.



At Communion Services everyone is invited to come to the altar rail to receive communion or a blessing (if the latter, please indicate this by bringing a book with you).



## St Mary's Church Goldington

Notice Sheet for

**10th March 2019**

**The First Sunday of Lent**

## Welcome to our Worship

### Sunday, 10th March

**9.30 am Parish Communion** (Lent Booklet)  
Celebrant: The Rev'd Simon Dommett  
followed by refreshments  
*Hymns at the Parish Communion: 293, 55, 344, 429 & 372*  
Anthem: **Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) - S Webbe**

**5.00 pm Evensong**  
Officiant: The Rev'd Simon Dommett  
*Hymns at Evensong: EH 383, 77, 273 & Psalm 119: 73 - 88*  
Anthem: **There is a Green Hill - I Wicks**

### Sunday, 17th March

**9.30 am Parish Communion**  
**with the Baptism of Leo Pixley**  
Celebrant: The Rev'd Simon Dommett  
followed by refreshments  
and FairTrade Stall in the Hall  
Hospital Chapel Team at South Wing

**12.30 pm Baptism of Millie Clarke**

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### Weekday Services at St. Mary's

*Monday, Tuesday & Friday: 9.00 am Morning Prayer*  
*Wednesday: 10.00 am. Holy Communion (BCP)*

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Please take this notice sheet home with you for information

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## Events this Week

- Monday, 11th March** 2.00 pm St Mary's Fellowship  
Speaker: Mrs Heather Dommett  
The Church Hall
- Tuesday, 12th March** 7.15 pm Parochial Church Council  
The Dilworth Room

## Diary Dates

- Tuesday, 19th March** 10.00 am PCC Standing Committee  
The Dilworth Room

## Forthcoming Events and General Notices

### Lent Lunches 2019

A simple meal of soup, bread, cheese and fruit in the Church Hall on Tuesdays during Lent between 12.30 pm and 1.30 pm starting this Tuesday, 12th March and ending on 9th April; all proceeds to Christian Aid. This is a good opportunity for outreach so do invite your friends and neighbours to come with you.

### Lent Study Book Rediscover Jesus

Please pick up a copy of our Lent Book. You can read a short chapter a day through Lent and you can also join a study discussion group on Wednesday evenings or Thursday afternoons. Please give a donation (via Simon) of £5 to charity. Books are in church with a sign up sheet for meetings offering & asking for lifts if needed.

### Saltmine Theatre

#### Friday 15 March 7.30 pm

You are invited to 'A Seriously Funny Look at Invitation' Christ Church, Bedford,

### Annual Parochial Church Meetings

**Sunday, 24th March, 11.00 am**  
Please come to these important meetings when we elect our new Churchwardens and Parochial Church Councillors.

### WANTED

Two church wardens to serve this parish for one year and four PCC members to serve this parish for three years.

Nomination forms in church.

### Family Fun at St. Mary's Church, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30 am - noon

Come and make some crafts and gifts for Mothers Day. Suitable for families with children aged 5 - 10.

### Church Social at Priory Church Saturday 30th March 6.30 - 8.30 pm.

Tickets: £8 (adults) & £5 (children). Beetle drive, fish & chip supper, raffle and tombola. Bring your own drinks (no alcohol). In aid of two overseas projects in Florida and Tanzania.

### Family Day

Thursday is Simon's Family Day. Please try and avoid contacting him then, but if you have an emergency please still call.

### Fairtrade Stall

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the Fairtrade stall over the last year. As a result of last year's sales a donation of £400 is being made to Traidcraft Exchange on behalf of the congregations at St Mary's and Putnoe Heights Church. This comes at a crucial time for Traidcraft Exchange as they seek to support the producers affected by Traidcraft PLC's decision to downsize and concentrate on core grocery lines. Please note that as the third Sunday in April is Easter Sunday there will be no Fairtrade Stall on April 21st. You can stock up at the stall on March 17th and we are happy to take orders at any time.

### Electoral Roll

A copy of the new electoral Roll as prepared for the Annual Meetings on 24th March is on the table by the door for information only.

### The Real Easter Egg'

Please consider buying a 'Real Easter Egg'. They are not only a FAIRTRADE product, they also tell the real story of Easter in a lovely child friendly way in a 24 page Easter story-activity book. There is a choice of Eggs, Please buy them from your local supermarket to show them that there is real demand for an Easter Egg telling the real story of Easter.

## Suggested subjects for your prayers With the whole Church world-wide

we pray for the Province de l'Eglise Anglicane du Congo

**With others in our Diocese**  
those who support the homeless

**In our own parish**  
we pray for the members of the PCC and its Committees

**We pray for the sick & infirm,**  
either at home or in hospital.

**We remember those who have died**  
especially Tion Thatham, Gladys Charles, Mary Brummell and Kathleen Garston and we give thanks for their lives.

### PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR

1. The Parents and Godparents of those to be baptised on 17th March, Leo Pixley and Millie Clarke
2. For us all as we consider our response to God's generosity in our stewardship campaign
- 3 For the preparations for Family Fun at Messy Church on Saturday 30th March celebrating Mothering Sunday
- 4 Give thanks for those who have supported the work of the church this past year as we prepare for the APCMs.