

## 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).



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## St Mary's Church Goldington

Notice Sheet for

**17th March 2019**

**The Second Sunday of Lent**

## Welcome to our Worship

### 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  
(There will be **NO** Stall next month)  
Hospital Chapel Team at South Wing

*Hymns at the Parish Communion: 82, 363, 394, 66 & 510*

*Reading: Luke 13: 31 - 35*

*Anthem: Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) - J Bell*

**12.30 pm Baptism of Millie Clarke**

### Sunday, 24th March

**9.30 am Parish Communion (Lent Booklet)**  
Celebrant: The Rev'd Jennie Cappleman  
followed by refreshments  
Val's Card Stall

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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

## Events this Week

<b>Monday, 18th March</b>	2.00 pm	Signing Group - Sign & Sing The Dilworth Room
<b>Tuesday, 19th March</b>	10.00 am	PCC Standing Committee The Dilworth Room
<b>Wednesday, 20th March</b>	7.30 pm	Lent Group Priory Church
<b>Thursday, 21st March</b>	1.30 pm	Lent Group Ss Philip & James

## Diary Dates

<b>Monday, 25th March</b>	2.00 pm	St Mary's Fellowship The Church Hall
<b>Wednesday, 27th March</b>	7.30 pm	Lent Group Priory Church
<b>Thursday, 28th March</b>	1.30 pm	Lent Group Ss Philip & James

## 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 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.

### 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. We need two churchwardens to serve this parish for one year and four PCC members to serve this parish for three years. Nomination forms in church. Please take a copy of each of the reports in church and look at them before next week.

### Lady Day Monday, 25th March 2.30pm

St. Mary's Goldington is hosting the Deanery Mother's Union Lady Day service, remembering the annunciation to Mary by the angel Gabriel, nine months before Christmas, that she would be the mother of Jesus. Everybody is invited to the service and refreshments afterwards. You don't need to be a mother or even a woman, it is open to everybody. We want to show the warm St Mary's welcome and have some welcomers and sides persons to show our support. Please let the vicar know if you can come.

### Family Fun at St. Mary's 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. Do bring your grandchildren along for some fun.

**Jane Preston** would like to thank everyone for all the cards, good wishes and prayers she has received. Her recovery is going to plan.

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

It will include a beetle drive, fish & chip supper, raffle and tombola. Bring your own drinks (no alcohol). It is in aid of Kady Field going to the World cheerleading championships in Florida and Jake Field going to Tanzania to participate in a four week community project. Tickets: £8 (adults) & £5 (children) from Priory Church.

### Mothering Sunday Flowers

We need flowers for the Mothering Sunday posies. If you can give some or a donations of money to buy some please speak to Sally Gilbert. (266552)

### Singing For Fun – With Cake! Saturday 6th April at 2.00 pm

Everyone is welcome to attend this event at Priory Church.

### 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 TODAY and we are happy to take orders at any time.

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

we pray for the Church of England

**With others in our Diocese** all who lead Bible Study groups

### In our own parish

we pray for the men of our church and those living in The Boundary, The Cloisters, The Copse and The Croft.

**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, Kathleen Garston and Diana Morgan and we give thanks for their lives.

### PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR

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