

St. Giles the Abbot, Farnborough

Welcome to this year' s Lent, Holy Week and Easter Programme at our Church.

OUR LENT TOGETHER

The theme of our Lent course is the 'Psychology of love.' A study of 1 Corinthians 13 I hope that as many of you as possible have and will be able to sign up to one of our study groups (as advertised in the pewsheets) for what promises to be a very interesting and relevant topic.

The word 'Lent' comes from a word meaning 'to lengthen' and refers to the lengthening of days as the days remain lighter for longer. Lent is also the time given to us by The Church to prepare for Holy Week and Easter. Lenten preparations usually include acts of charity, prayer and abstaining from certain things. By observing Lent we enter into a different kind of space and rhythm, this in turn can allow the love and grace of God to become more real for us. It is laid upon all believers to take their Lenten commitments seriously and to mark its beginning by attending Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday and to conclude it by taking Holy Communion on Easter Day.

ASH WEDNESDAY - 14th February

8.15 p.m. Holy Communion (BCP) with Imposition of Ashes with Penitential Rite. Celebrant: The Revd. Bill Mullenger

Please let the Rector have your Palm Crosses from last year by leaving them in the basket on the table in the Church Porch or at the Rectory.

LENT SERIES OF SUNDAY EVENING SERMONS (6.30 p.m.)

ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS

(a short introduction to this letter will appear in the pewsheets prior to Lent)

On Sunday evenings during Lent we will be studying St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians along with our Lenten Studies giving a very Pauline feel to this year's season. Every Sunday we shall be reflecting on a different chapter of the letter including Palm Sunday, as there are 6 chapters to complete. The Passion Narrative will be read throughout the other services that day, with the Palm Sunday reading being heard in the evening along with the final chapter of Ephesians.

18th February - Chapter 1

Speaker - The Rector

25th February - Chapter 2

Speaker - The Ven. Dr. Paul Wright,
Archdeacon of Bromley & Bexley

4th March - Chapter 3

Speaker - The Revd. Stephen Broadie

11th March - Chapter 4

Speaker - The Rector

18th March - Chapter 5

Speaker - Chris Hallett, Reader

25th March - Chapter 6

Speaker - Ian Gillies, Reader

MONDAY - 26th March

8.15 p.m. Candle lit scriptural meditation (Ignatian) on aspects of Christ's life followed by Holy Communion in St. Giles - duration 45 mins.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - 29th March

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

8.00 p.m. Holy Communion and Washing of Feet

9.15 p.m.-12 midnight Three Hour Devotion at the Altar of Repose, concludes with Compline at 12.00 midnight

GOOD FRIDAY - 30th March

10.00 a.m. Family Service - Stations of the Cross through the Churchyard followed by Hot Cross buns, tea, coffee and soft drinks

12.00-1.00 p.m. Liturgy of the Cross

1.00-3.00 p.m. 'Symbols of the Cross'

This year we will be reflecting on the crucifixion of Christ using various symbols that have come to be associated with Christ's salvation and forgiveness. They will include:

A cross, A crucifix, Wine, Bread, Water, Oil

Members of the Ministry Team will preach on these symbols

7.30 p.m. St. Giles Choir - *tbc*

HOLY SATURDAY - 31st March

Decorating the Church in preparation for Easter Day.

EASTER DAY - 1st April

6.00 a.m. Outside Dawn Eucharist followed by breakfast

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - 1662

9.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Order 1

followed by Easter Egg Hunt

11.30 a.m. Holy Communion - 1662

6.30 p.m. Evensong followed by refreshments

LENT BOOK

'I AM WITH YOU' Divine Help for Today's Needs

Fr. John

This book has been a constant source of inspiration and encouragement to me throughout my ministry and I warmly recommend it to you. It is devotional in nature and one page can be read before sleep, in the morning, or as part of your daily prayer time.

The book is available online and I will also purchase a few copies for those who would like to buy one via the church. *Matthew*

SPIRITUAL RETREAT

BURRSWOOD RETREAT HOUSE - SATURDAY 7th APRIL

Theme: 'A Place to Grow'

Leave St. Giles Centre at 9.00 a.m., Leave Burrswood at 4.15-4.30 p.m.

Please bring walking shoes with you. There are only 24 places available (+ the Rector) - please sign the list on the Noticeboard in the Church porch (also indicating if you can provide transport, how many places, or require a vegetarian option). The cost of the day is £20 payable in advance - closing date for payment is Wednesday 28th March. This will cover the cost of coffee, lunch, tea and cakes and use of the venue. Please make cheques payable to St. Giles PCC, cheques or cash can be given to the Rector or Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Compton - please write your full name on the back of the cheque, or place cash in an envelope with your name on the front.