

ST MARY'S BARNES

**This leaflet provides details of worship, prayer,
study & action through which to enter
deeper into Lent, Holy Week and Easter 2020.**



Lent is a time for reflection.

Before the solemnity of Good Friday and the glory of the resurrection on Easter Day, Christians have the opportunity to remember Christ's withdrawal into the desert for forty days.

It is a time to re-evaluate, a moment where we can turn away from the luxuries and distractions of daily life and face God. In so doing we face light, love and life.

Facing God makes Lent a time for renewal.

*(from introduction to Lent 2020
by
Archbishops of Canterbury and York)*

WORSHIP

BBC
RADIO



23rd February

(last Sunday before Lent)

8.10-8.50am BBC Radio 4 Sunday

Worship live from St Mary's.

Introducing the theme of caring for God's creation "Live Lent" (see resources in this booklet). Led by Revd James Hutchings, Preacher: Bishop Richard Harries, Director of Music: Henry Chandler, and featuring Anna Hastrup, BBC R2 Young Chorister of the Year.



26th February Ash Wednesday 8pm

Holy Communion with

Imposition of Ashes

22nd March Mothering Sunday

10am All-age Parish Eucharist

with distribution of flowers

6pm Choral Evensong, marking the end of the Barnes Music Festival

Preacher: Revd Lucy Winkett,
Rector of St James's Piccadilly



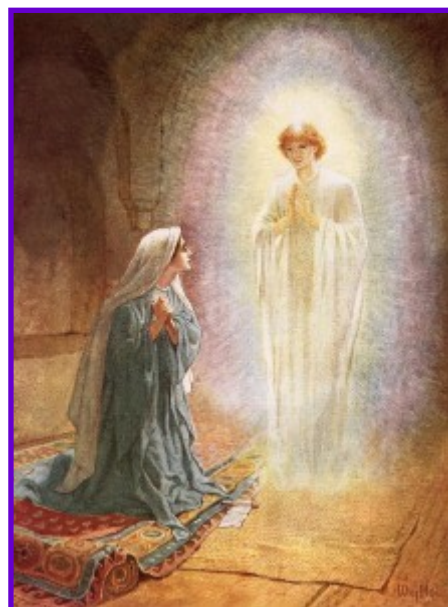
29th March Annunciation of our Lord

10am Parish Eucharist with the

Bishop of Southwark

presiding and preaching

All are encouraged to come and meet the Bishop. There will be a short "Quiz the Bishop" gathering 11.30-12 noon, followed by an informal parish lunch at the back of the church. All finished well in time for the boat race later!



5th April Palm Sunday
8am Holy Communion
9.45am Palm Procession
from outside the Kitson Hall,
with donkey!

10am Palm Sunday
Parish Eucharist
6pm Said Evensong



Holy Week, in the Langton Chapel
Monday 6th April 8pm
Candlelit service of Tenebrae,
with choir, led by Christabel Gairdner

Tuesday 7th April 8pm
Stations of the Cross & Compline
led by Bishop Richard Harries

Wednesday 8th April 8pm
Meditation and Compline
led by Geoffrey Barnett

9th April Maundy Thursday
6.30pm Devotional meal,
A simple Holy Communion,
remembering Jesus' Last
Supper with the disciples, in Kitson Hall



Following the meal, **Stripping of the
Altars and Watch until Midnight**

As we prepare for Jesus going to the cross, the church is stripped of all its furnishings. The Watch is a time of quiet prayer and reflection as we remember Jesus' agony in the Garden of Gethsemane before his arrest.

10th April Good Friday

11.15am Walk of Witness Please join this gathering with other Christians across Barnes. We will start outside Starbucks, and walk silently, stopping a couple of times for a hymn and prayer, ending at Barnes Methodist Church for hot cross buns and refreshments.

1-2pm Good Friday reflections

led by Geoffrey Barnett and Christabel Gairdner.

Brief reflections and time for quiet prayer.

2.15-3pm Good Friday service

with Holy Communion from the sacrament consecrated on Maundy Thursday
led by Revd James Hutchings

12th April Easter Day

5.30am Dawn Services and First Eucharist of Easter

led by Revd James Hutchings. A very special service as we gather before dawn, and from a small bonfire bring the first light of the resurrection into the darkened church. Followed by breakfast in the Melvill Room.

8am Holy Communion

10am Easter Day All-age Eucharist

led by Revd James Hutchings

11.30am Informal Easter celebration service

led by Revd James Hutchings



Weekday services

As a way of deepening your experience of Lent, why not come along to a weekday service?

Morning prayer takes place Monday-Friday 9.05-9.25am in the Langton Chapel.

Holy Communion takes place each Thursday at 12 noon (preceded either by Quiet Time in the church, and/or coffee in the Melvill Room from 11am).

The church is also now usually open 9am-3.30pm daily for your own prayer and reflection.

LENT COURSE

Discover your life on the frontline and make a difference where you are...

LIFE ON THE FRONTLINE



Mondays 2, 23 & 30 March and 3 dates after Easter to be decided in the Ellerton Room
7.30pm refreshments, 7.45-9pm session

What is living on the frontline?

How do we help one another follow Jesus faithfully and live for him fruitfully in today's world? This series is a stepping stone to help become aware of how to live out your faith on the "Frontline". Your Frontline is the place you spend the majority of your time outside the church, where you are with people who need to know the love of God.

This really matters. Many of us have busy and complicated lives which limit how often we can be involved in the life of our church. This course can stop us feeling guilty about this and instead see the rest of our lives as the best place to live out our faith. God has placed you exactly where He needs you, so others can know that God loves them, through our actions and words. The course helps us feel better equipped to do this. Our world needs God's people to make a difference where they are.

For some people this will mean your workplace. If it is, we need to explore why God has placed you there. God loves the people in your workplace and because he has a purpose for the whole world, he wants to use your workplace as a means to bless the world. Regardless of the size or significance of your role. You have been placed there to point to a different way of living. For others your Frontline might be your family. You might be a very 'hands on' grandparent or a parent of young children. What sets you

apart as a follower of Jesus in this context? You'll do mostly everything that everyone else would do in your position. So what difference does being a disciple make here?

On the other hand, your everyday world may be a stressful place, somewhere you'd like to escape from. That's totally understandable. But that may be a very strong reason for starting and sticking with this course. It could help you to a fresh perspective on why you've been placed on your challenging Frontline – and on how God wants to equip and support you to serve him there. Through the shared experience of these six sessions we hope that you will gain a fresh perspective on your whole life, that you will recognize and embrace the places to which God has called you – and that you will experience the joy of serving him fruitfully on the Frontline.

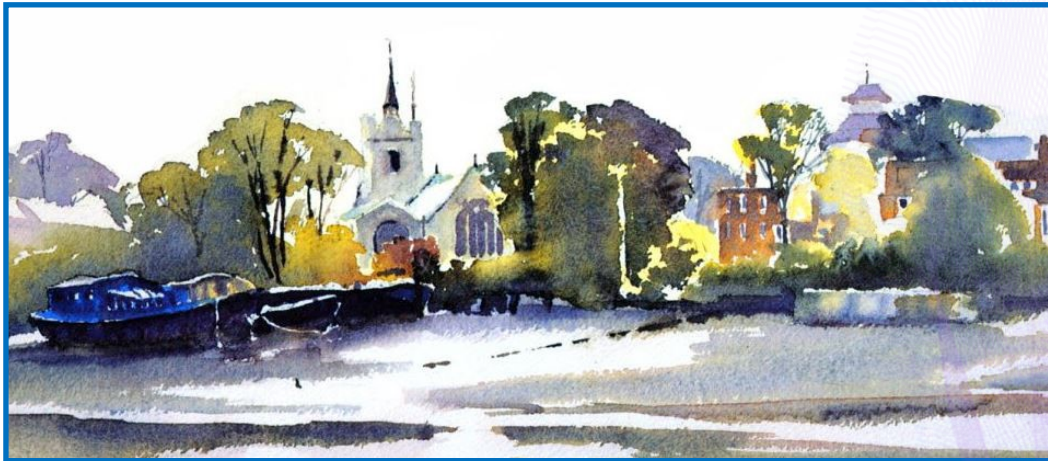
How does the course work?

Each session follows a similar pattern:

- Films - Each session begins with a short film that will introduce the session's core idea and present the Bible passage that you will reflect on together. It will also tell a story showing the session's theme being worked out in everyday life. These are all real-life stories of people who have been living as whole-life disciples.
- Discussion Notes - including discussion questions, a Bible reflection and a suggested focus for prayer. We hope that the sessions will be a safe space in which members can share their experiences and feelings confidently and confidentially. There will be no pressure to share more than you feel is appropriate. In short, each session offers an opportunity to ask serious questions about how the God who acted in the Bible can be at work among ordinary people like us today
- The 'Frontline Takeaway' sheet provides a prayer, an action and a reflection for the week ahead. There will also be a brief introduction to the next session to help you prepare for it.

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in church or contact the church office to register.

A DAY RETREAT - SATURDAY 14th MARCH 10am-4pm



St Denys Hall, St Nicholas Church, Church Street, W4 2PH **Walking with St. Peter: time away for you, with God**

The retreat will be led by the Rector, Rev'd James Hutchings. We will look at St. Peter's encounters with Jesus in the gospels.

The day will be a mix of reflections followed by time for yourself in the hall, in the church or walking alongside the Thames. Refreshments will be provided but please bring your own lunch. The day will conclude with a simple Eucharist.

Places are limited so please add your name to the sign-up sheet in church or contact the church office to register. The retreat is free of charge but there will be an opportunity to donate towards costs on the day.

LIVE LENT - Care for God's creation: a 40 day challenge

These booklets, explained below, are available in church



Introduction by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York

God has entrusted us to look after his wonderful creation. We are called to care for and honour God's creation as a way of delighting in its Creator. We are also called to care for our brothers and sisters all over the world who face having their families uprooted and their livelihoods destroyed by the effects of climate change. As part of our discipleship to Jesus Christ every single one of us has a responsibility to live a life of stewardship.

This Lent, we hope both adults and children might engage in God's plea for us to "Care for Creation". It is an opportunity for us to rebuild our relationship with our planet, and in turn with the God who is Lord of everything. During this time, we hope you might engage in prayer, learn more about the remarkable world we have been given and build habits that last beyond the season to protect and honour the earth.

These daily reflections and suggestions will provide you, your family and your church with an opportunity to come together to meet with God and rejoice in the beauty of God's creation. There are so many ways to be involved with this year's #LiveLent. Why not download the free app, get a group to pray together, or do some of the activities as a family?



Many Christians use Lent as an opportunity to give something up, to remember that Christ went without during his time in the wilderness. Perhaps you could consider giving something up as well to help the environment: maybe you could forgo single use plastics, use less water or save electricity by turning off lights. If many of us do little things, they can add up to make a big difference. Even if they are marginal, they remind us of the importance of good stewardship.

At this time of year, we are all called to listen and respond to God's calling of each one of us in humility and repentance, so that Christ's death and resurrection at the end of Lent can bring the renewal, response and reconciliation that we so long for.

There are 40 reflections, one for each of the forty days in Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday (26 February) and ends on Easter Eve (Saturday 11 April), plus one for Easter Day. For each week (starting on Sundays from Week 1 onwards) there is:

- A **theme**, based on the days of creation as described in Genesis 1
 - A **prayer** for use throughout the week, with words taken from well-known hymns.
- For each day (Monday to Saturday) there are daily reflections which offer:

- A **theme**
 - A **picture**
 - A very short **passage from the Bible**
 - A **short reflection** on the theme and reading
- A practical **action**.



There is also a version of the **daily challenge for children and families** available in the accompanying booklet *#LiveLent: Care for God's Creation – For Kids*. There are a range of suggestions for **Going Further** as an individual and as a church. Find out more about the campaign at: www.churchofengland.org/livelent

CTiB Lent Talk, St Osmund's Church Hall

7pm for 7.30pm

on Thursday 27th February

A change in emphasis for our Lent talk this year; instead of a prominent politician or journalist we have a 'hot topic' - global warming.

Our speaker will be the Rev'd Dr. Martin Poulson, SDB (Salesian of Don Bosco) a trustee of Operation Noah, and Senior Lecturer in Theology at Roehampton University, latterly of Heythrop College.

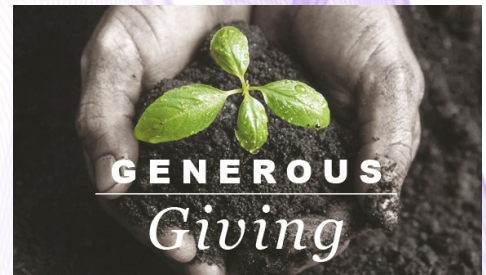
Fr.Poulson will address aspects of *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis' encyclical on 'our common home'; zero energy generation; and what individuals can do to promote a better environment for future generations.

Churches
Together
in Barnes



GENEROUS GIVING

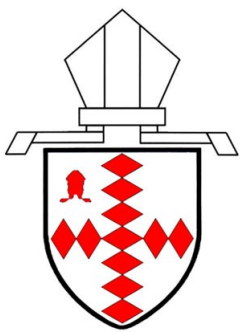
Lent is a good time to remember that God gives us everything, and that an essential part of the Christian faith is to respond in thanksgiving through giving to His work both through the church and other charitable means.



Sometimes when we hear about stewardship in the church, it can be about how we pay the bills. While budgets do have to balance, the emphasis of this review will be to encourage a response of thanksgiving: "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9: 6-7).

We have exciting plans to expand our work with children, young people and families, to improve our church facilities and our service to the people of Barnes and wider world.

So our vision for generous giving at St Mary's will be sent out by letter at the start of Lent and will be followed up in Sunday services. We will be asking everyone prayerfully to review their giving and to return a response card which will be included in the offertory at services during March.



BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK'S LENT CALL

In 2020 the Bishop's Lent Call is supporting projects within Southwark Diocese and in the Holy Land, Nigeria and our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe.

Zimbabwe

Initiatives supporting food security, water supplies, training and infrastructure in our Link Dioceses of Central Zimbabwe, Matabeleland, Masvingo and Manicaland.

The Holy Land

The L'Arche community in Bethlehem. Bringing together people with learning disabilities and those without to be together in community.

Nigeria

The Kaduna Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations.

Projects in the Diocese of Southwark

SparkFish: Working in schools, inspiring young people in faith hope and love.

The Nicholas Stewart Project: Making a difference in the lives of young people on estates in the Earlsfield area.

Superkidz: Helping young people and children whose lives have been scarred by domestic violence, abuse and neglect.

Background on our worship in church in this season

Lent is a season of 40 days, remembering that Jesus spent 40 days being tested in the wilderness following his baptism and before his public ministry. Lent is a time for:

self-examination, penitence, self-denial, study,
service, giving to others and preparation for Easter

Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence; from the middle ages it became the custom to begin Lent by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross. Liturgical dress is the simplest possible. Churches are kept bare of flowers and decoration. *The Gloria* is not used in communion services. The Fourth Sunday of Lent (*Laetare* or Refreshment Sunday) was allowed as a day of relief from the rigour of Lent, and the Feast of the Annunciation almost always falls in Lent; these breaks from austerity are the background to the modern observance of Mothering Sunday on the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

As Holy Week approaches, the atmosphere of the season darkens; the readings begin to anticipate the story of Christ's suffering and death, and the reading of the Passion Narrative gave to the Fifth Sunday its name of Passion Sunday.

It is still uncertain when Christians first began to make an annual (as opposed to a weekly) memorial of the death and resurrection of Christ. This *Pascha* (a word derived indirectly from *pesach*, Hebrew 'Passover') was at first a night-long vigil, followed by the celebration of the Eucharist at cock-crow, and all the great themes of redemption were included within it: incarnation,

suffering, death, resurrection, glorification. Over time, the *Pascha* developed into the articulated structure of Holy Week and Easter. Through participation in the whole sequence of services, the Christian shares in Christ's own journey, from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the empty tomb on Easter morning. The procession with palms, which was already observed in Jerusalem in the fourth century, is accompanied by the reading or singing of the Passion Narrative, in which the whole story of the week is anticipated. Maundy Thursday (from *mandatum*, 'commandment', because of the use of John 13.34 in the Antiphon) contains a rich complex of themes: humble Christian service expressed through Christ's washing of his disciples' feet, the institution of the Eucharist, the perfection of Christ's loving obedience through the agony of Gethsemane.

After keeping vigil ('Could you not watch with me one hour?') Thursday passes into Good Friday. It is a widespread custom for there not to be a celebration of the Eucharist on Good Friday, but for the consecrated bread remaining from the Maundy Thursday Eucharist to be given in communion. The church remains stripped of all decoration. It continues bare and empty through the following day, which is a day without a liturgy: there can be no adequate way of recalling the death of the Son of God, other than silence and desolation. But within the silence there grows a sense of peace and completion, and then rising excitement as the resurrection draws near.

Easter tide forms a single festival period in which the tone of joy created on Easter Sunday is sustained through the following seven weeks, as we celebrate the gloriously risen Christ. The lit Easter Candle stands prominently in church for all the Eastertide services. The Alleluia appears frequently in liturgical speech and song; white or gold vestments and decorations emphasise the joy and brightness of the season.

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