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# WEEKLY NOTES

## The Second Sunday of Lent

### 12 March 2017

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*If you are visiting us today you are very welcome at St Mary's.*

#### **8:00am HOLY COMMUNION** *(Common Worship)*

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The service begins on page **167** of the black book. After the offertory collection, Eucharistic prayer B is on page **188**. We continue with the Lord's Prayer on page **178**.

#### **9:30am SUNG EUCHARIST** *(Green Booklets)*

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*You can follow the words of the service in the green booklets. Children's hour meets in the church hall during this service— ask a welcomer for details.*

**INTROIT HYMN: 74** *please join in the refrain of the Lent prose*

Kyrie: The choral mass setting is *Casciolini* – Mass in A minor.

First Reading: Genesis 12.1-4a (see readings sheet)

#### **GRADUAL HYMN: 63**

The Holy Gospel: St John 3.1-17

Sermon: The Vicar.

**OFFERTORY HYMN: 333** (a collection is taken during this hymn)

Eucharistic Prayer: B

Anthem: Geistliches Lied - *Brahms*

Do not be sorrowful or regretful; Be calm, as God has ordained, and thus my will shall be content.  
What do you want to worry about from day to day? There is One who stands above all who gives you, too, what is yours.

Only be steadfast in all you do, stand firm; what God has decided, that is and must be the best.  
Amen.

#### **RECESSIONAL HYMN: 339**

*Refreshments are served across the road in the church hall straight after this service. Come and join us for a cup of coffee: ask a welcomer if you don't know the way.*

#### **11:15am CHORAL MATTINS** *(Book of Common Prayer)*

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See separate sheet to follow this service. A suitable short service to return to after coffee, to hear readings and beautiful choral music.

#### **5:00pm ALL-IN ALL-AGE SERVICE**

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"God protects." Followed at 5:45pm by Club Sandwich for 7-11 year olds.

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**NEW Envelopes**, for those who give regularly to St Mary's by this method, will be available on Sunday 19 March. Please speak to Miriam Massey or contact the parish office if you would like to discuss this or another method of giving regularly to support St Mary's.

**NEW Mayhem** is the name of our next parish dinner and entertainment on Saturday 6 May. Tickets are £10 after services or from the parish office and are on sale from Sunday 19 March.

**Our Lent group this year** is based on the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book, "Dethroning mammon", on the subject of money and materialism. Open to all, the group meets on Wednesdays till 5 April in the parish room at the back of church. Doors open at 7.30pm, from when refreshments will be served, and we will start at 8pm and finish by 9pm. At the first session, this week, we'll be discussing chapter one, but please come even if you haven't had a chance to start reading. You can get copies of the book from the usual booksellers and an edition for Kindle is also available. Please feel able to attend any sessions you can— you don't need to commit to them all.

**Resources** to accompany each chapter of the book are on the BBC Sunday Worship web page. Go to <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qnds> and follow links to "The Pearl of Great Value", or follow the link from St Mary's home page.

**Flowers at Easter** Would you like to sponsor a lily in church this Easter in memory of a loved one? The church would love to have a glorious display of flowers on this very special celebration.

Lilies will be £2 (or more if you wish). Please contact Lucy Morrell on 8873 2184 or email [lucy.morrell@ntlworld.com](mailto:lucy.morrell@ntlworld.com) by Monday 3rd April latest.

**The Electoral Roll** is the official Church of England equivalent to membership of a parish church. If you are on our electoral roll, you don't need to do anything. If you are baptized, 16+, and live in the parish or worship regularly, and would like to join, there are forms available in the welcome area. (The current also roll is available so you can check.) Revision of the roll will close on 26 March, so please ensure completed forms arrive at the parish office before that date.

As described in this month's EPN, improvements to **St Mary's security** will be installed in church in the coming weeks, with particular relevance for church keyholders. This may now be after Easter— watch this space.

This Lent we are invited to join **the Bishop of Guildford's Lent Challenge**, raising money which will be divided 50% among various local community projects in Surrey, and 50% to a pure water plant in Nigeria. Boxes are available if you wish to use them for your Lent offerings to the project, which can then be brought to church at Easter. You can also give online, or even set-up sponsored activities on the JustGiving website. Collect a leaflet from church, or follow the instructions on the Bishop of Guildford's Lent Challenge JustGiving page [www.justgiving.com/dioceseofguildford](http://www.justgiving.com/dioceseofguildford)

**The March edition of Ewell Parish News** is on sale in church. The copy date for the April edition is noon on 13 March.

**Ewell Village Fair 2017** will be on Saturday 15 July. Please put the date in your diary! If you would like to be involved in 2017, please speak to the Vicar or to Andrew Sykes the committee [fair@stmarysewell.com](mailto:fair@stmarysewell.com) or phone the church office.

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## THIS WEEK

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### Tuesday

**9am Morning Prayer**

**10am Holy Communion** in church

**12noon–1:30pm Café NESBOT**

lunches and snack in the church hall, all welcome

### Wednesday

**10:30–12noon Coffee Morning** in the church hall

**7:30pm coffee for 8pm start: Lent Group** in the parish room

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## NEXT SUNDAY

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### Third Sunday of Lent

**8:00am Holy Communion**

**9:30am Sung Eucharist**

**11:00am Toddle Up!** celebrating baptism, with godparents' reunion, and buffet lunch at 12

**5:30pm Choral Evensong**

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## WHAT'S ON

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**Every Sunday:** 8 & 9:30am services.

**Tue 21 March: 2:45pm–3:45pm**

**Bereavement Café** in the church hall.

Open to everyone who wants to talk

about their experience of bereavement in a relaxed café setting.

**Sun 26 March: 11am Mothering Sunday Praise@11 service.**

**NEW Sat 8 April: 7:30pm St Mary's Singers in concert** with audience participation. £7 for adults, £1 for under 16s.

**Wednesdays from 26 April:** The Vicar will be running an **adult confirmation group** at 8pm for one hour on Wednesday evenings in church from 26 April to prepare for a confirmation service on Sunday 11 June. Please speak to Russell or another member of the clergy if you are interested in confirmation, or baptism and confirmation, this year or would just like to find out more.

**Sat 6 May: 6:30 for 7pm Mayhem** parish 3-course dinner & entertainment.

**NEW Sat 13 May: Spring Market** plants, books, bric-a-brac, café and other stalls. 10am-12noon in the church hall.

**First communion classes** for children in our church aged 7+ will start in the autumn, meeting once a month, for first Holy Communion at Easter 2018. Children who take this path are then able to receive the sacrament of Confirmation at an older age. Please speak to the Vicar to find out more.

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# PRAYERS

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## Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error  
the light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted  
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things  
that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things  
as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever..  
**Amen.**

## Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help  
ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities  
which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts  
which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## A prayer during Lent

*Each week in Lent the prayer printed here is taken  
from the resources accompanying the Archbishop's  
Lent book:*

Lord, help us to see our lives through the eyes of  
Jesus so that we can learn to value what is important.  
**Amen.**

## Sunday Prayer Cycle

Today we pray for the church  
and for the world, and  
especially for the Dioceses of  
Maseno South and Maseno  
West, Kenya; in our diocese  
for the Chaplains of General  
Hospitals, Hospices & Mental  
Health Trusts and the  
Bishop's Adviser for  
Healthcare Chaplaincy; in  
our parish, for the new  
Principal, and for the staff  
and students at NESCOL;  
and for all who live in  
Elmwood Drive.

## Prayer Resources

Please light a candle and  
add a prayer to our **prayer  
board**.

You can ask our **prayer  
chain** to pray for you or for  
someone else. Contact  
Wendy Varney on (020 8393  
5212).

**After most services** there  
are people available who will  
be happy to talk quietly and  
pray with you— ask a  
welcomer for more details.