



St Matthew's Church

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The First Sunday of Lent Sunday 18th February 2018

Welcome to St Matthew's, which is part of the Wimbledon Team Ministry in the Diocese of Southwark, Church of England. Our services today are:

8am Said Mass and 9.30am Sung Mass

At the 9.30 service, children are welcome to use the crèche, or join a group. Pebbles (3-5 yrs) meets in the hall; Godly Play (5-11 yrs) in the Lady Chapel.

Processional Hymn
NEH 507 Lent Prose

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 9.8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25.3-8

R. The Lord is compassion and love.

Show me your ways O Lord,
and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation. **R.**

Remember O Lord your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
but according to your mercy,
think on me O Lord in your goodness. **R.**

Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.
He will guide the humble in doing right
and teach his way to the lowly. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Peter 3.18-end

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel Acclamation

Man does not live on bread alone:
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

The Gospel

Mark 1.9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Offertory Hymn

NEH 353 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Communion Antiphon

The Lord will overshadow you:
and you will find refuge under his wings.

Communion Motet

Thou knowest Lord

Henry Purcell

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
Shut not thy merciful ears unto our pray'rs;
But spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty.
O holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou most worthy Judge eternal,
Suffer us not at our last hour,
For any pains of death to fall away from Thee.

Communion Hymn

New Hymns and Worship Songs no. 91

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name.
I've been born again in Jesus' name.
And in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his love as he told me to.

*He said: 'Freely, freely, you have received;
freely, freely give.*

*Go in my name, and because you believe,
others will know that I live.'*

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name,
in earth and heav'n in Jesus' name.
And in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his pow'r as he told me to. *(Refrain)*

God gives us life in Jesus' name,
he lives in us in Jesus' name.
And in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his peace as he told me to. *(Refrain)*

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Final Hymn

NEH 359 Fight the good fight

News and Notices

TONIGHT: ST MATTHEW'S YOUNG PEOPLE GROUP Will be meeting again in the church hall 6.30-8pm this evening. Everyone aged 10-16 is welcome. On the programme...more pizza, choosing a name for the group...deciding on trips for after Easter. helping Mthr Helen with the next All Age Mass - you are in charge!. Get involved and let us know what you'd like to do.

LENT HAS STARTED! Please pick up a Lent leaflet if you don't already have one and see what is going on this Lent. This coming week: Wednesday at 8pm: Lent Lecture on Prayer at St Mary's Garden Hall. Thursday at 8pm: St Matthew's Lent Group on The Theory of Everything in the church. Lent books are available today, together with some copies of the film we'll be watching if you want to borrow it.

DOUGLAS LEE CONCERT Yes, the Ariel Consort returns to perform Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle – a lush piece, described as 'delicate and dramatic, contemplative and celebratory, sombre and bursting with colour!' Sat 3 March at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12, from Louise Hebbourn. Don't miss this wonderful event and **GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!**

CLEANER The church needs a regular cleaner. If you are interested in this job or know anyone who might be, then please speak to one of the Wardens or Mthr Helen. Thanks

THE MARSDEN MARCH Martyn and Beckie Kern will be doing the Marsden March on Sunday 4th March. If you are able to support them in this, then please see their Just giving pages www.justgiving.com/fundraising/martyn-kern or www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rebecca-kern.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Would anyone like to be the St Matthew's Rep? We don't seem to have one.

COMMONS CONSERVATORS There are leaflets at the back of church providing information for this hotly contested election. If you use Wimbledon and Putney Commons, do exercise your vote before 28 February.

ANNUAL REPORT AND MEETING Our Annual Church meeting will be on Sunday 15th April after the 9.30am mass. If you have been asked to prepare a contribution for the Annual Report, please could you do so by 6 March so that Mthr Helen has time to pull the whole report together. Thanks.

WEEKLY SERVICES IN THE TEAM

Monday	Daily Prayer	St Mary's 12 noon	
Tuesday	Morning Prayer	St Matthew's 8.30am	St Mary's 8.45am
Wednesday	Morning Prayer Eucharist	St Matthew's 8.30am St Matthew's 10am	St Mary's 8.45am St Mark's 1.00pm
Thursday	Morning Prayer Eucharist	St Matthew's 8.30am St Mary's 10.30am	St Mary's 8.45am
Friday	Morning Prayer	St Matthew's 8.30am	St Mary's 8.45am
Saturday	Daily Prayer	St Mary's 12 noon	

PARISH NEWS

TEAM PRAYERS at St Marks on Thursday 22nd February at 12.30pm.

ST MARY'S CHOIR BRAHMS REQUIEM IN THE CITY: The choir will be performing Finzi "Lo, the Full, Final Sacrifice" as well as the Brahms Requiem on **Wednesday 21st February at 7.30pm, at St Katherine Cree (EC3A 3BP a short walk from Bank station)** as part of the Brandenburg Choral Festival. We would love your support! Tickets in advance tickets in advance, using this link: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/213746?ref=stmarys>

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME RECITALS at St John's, Spencer Hill, Wimbledon, SW19 4NZ. 23rd February at 1pm Elisabeth Streichert, piano, *Beethoven – Piano Sonata no. 32*. Coffee and cake available before the recital from 12.30pm. There will be a retiring collection.

PRAY AND FAST FOR THE CLIMATE for half an hour. **Thursday March 1st at 12.30pm – 1pm** at St Mark's Church. All welcome. Enquiries: christinedenwood247@btinternet.com

ROSSINI'S PETITE MESSE SOLENNELLE Come and hear this wonderful piece, which is neither *petite*, nor particularly *solemnelle*, performed by The Ariel Consort of London, on **Saturday 3rd March at 7.30pm in St Matthew's Church, Durham Rd.** Tickets £12 from buytickets@thearielconsortoflondon or hall.stmatthews@gmail.com

CANCER RESEARCH UK: Wimbledon Group of Friends are holding **"An Evening with Sir Trevor McDonald"** on **16th March 2018 in the Garden Hall, St Mary's, Wimbledon** starting at **6.30pm** with canapes and wine. Cost £30. Tickets can be obtained from The Ticket Secretary 07968565202 or by application form within the Church.

WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – 2nd March (but not just for women). This year's theme is "All God's creation is very good!" There are 2 services in the Merton area:
11am Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill, SW19 and **8pm** Wimbledon Salvation Army Church (near Wimbledon Fire Station, Kingston Road). Refreshments served after each service.

ACADEMY CHOIR WIMBLEDON: MOZART & HAYDN: Wimbledon's own Academy Choir together with the London Mozart Players, featuring two of Mozart's greatest musical achievements: his Symphony No. 41 ('Jupiter') and Mass in C. **Saturday 24th March at 7.30pm, St John's Church, Spencer Hill, Wimbledon SW19 4NZ**, Tickets £15-£25 (Students £10/under 18s £5. visit www.academychoirwimbledon.co.uk or phone 0333 666 3366 (£1.50 booking fee)

WOC, the friendly un-auditioned choir for anyone aged 70+ who enjoys singing meets **today in St Mary's at 2.30pm.**

WYC: Wimbledon Youth Choir, a fun, friendly group of young singers, aged roughly 14-25, meets **in St Mary's TODAY from 4 – 5pm.**

Please email news items by **Wednesday** each week to
parish.office@stmaryswimbledon.org

Services and Events during the Week

Monday

Tuesday

8.30am Morning Prayer
9.30-11am All Join in Toddler Group (Hall)

Wednesday

Ember Day

7.30am Morning Meditation
8.30am Morning Prayer
10.00am Said Mass followed by Coffee Club
8.00pm Lent Lecture at St Mary's

Thursday

8.30am Morning Prayer
12.30pm Team Prayers at St Mark's
8.00pm Lent Group at St Matthew's

Friday

Ember Day

No Morning Prayer today

Saturday

Next Sunday

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings: Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16, Romans 4.13-end,
Mark 8.31-end