



MESSENGER

Sunday 11th March 2018

Mothering Sunday (Fourth Sunday in Lent)

TODAY WE PRAY FOR
RECENTLY DEPARTED

YEAR'S MIND

[11] Ada Cousins, Peggy Sybil Gale [12] Ethel Winslow, Barry Blacklock
[13] Alice Rose Cliffe, Anthony (Tony) Webb [15] John Ponsonby (priest),
Michael Pearce, Doris Sadler, Michael Mason (priest) [16] Cyril Reginald Cutler
[17] Juliet Morcomb, Frederick Ernest Bishop snr, Joan Raynes

EASTER FLOWERS

Donations for Easter flowers will be greatly received, in all churches. Please sign the list at the back of Church if you would like names to be listed at S. Mark's.

Worship This Week

MONDAY - Feria	S. Mark – 6pm Mass S. Saviour – 9pm Compline & Benediction
TUESDAY - Feria	S. Aldhelm – 10.45am Mass
WEDNESDAY - Feria	S. Saviour – 9.30am Mass
THURSDAY - Feria	S. Luke – 9.00am Morning Prayer, S. Luke – 9.30am Mass
FRIDAY - Feria	S. Aldhelm – 12 noon Mass
SATURDAY - Feria	S. Mark – 9.30am Mass

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HOLY BAPTISM: By arrangement: Please contact the Parish Office.

HOLY MATRIMONY: By arrangement: Contact Pat Mortimer in the Parish Office.

EASTER EGGS

Today is the last day to order Meaningful Easter Eggs from the Rainbow Bookshop.

LENT

Stations of the Cross this evening will be at **S. Mark's at 6pm**
Mondays study group will follow the **6pm Mass at S. Mark's**
Compline and Benediction will be at **S. Saviour's at 9pm on Monday.**
There will be a Mass at **S. Aldhelm's at 12pm on Friday** followed by Lent lunch in the hall.

COLW

On Saturday 17th March there will be a meeting of The Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham, following the mass at S. Mark's.

MEETINGS

The PCC will meet on Tuesday on Tuesday 20th March at 7.30pm
S. Saviour's DCC will meet on Thursday 22nd March at 7.30pm

ELECTORAL ROLL

Notices advertising the revision of the Electoral Roll have been posted in each church. If your name is already on the roll and you wish to remain on, you need do nothing. Please notify us of any change of address. If you are not on the roll, the roll is open for revision between the 18th March and 1st April.
Forms are available from Pat (SM) Sandy (SS) John (SL)

For Your Weekly Intercessions

Monday	Norma Allum, Elaine Baker, Muriel Avenell, John Vittles, Tiffany Stephen, Maggie Burge, Beverly Mitchell, Jill Pearce, Maria Pidlisnjy
Tuesday	Peter Dance, Tamsin Davis, Shirley Driver, Robin Langton, Michael Pain
Wednesday	Constance Groves, John Glass, Jean Holley, Gail Royle, Evelyn Hart, Bob Stace, Barry Linnegar
Thursday	Betty Mitchell, Barbara Tomkins, Doris Rumming, John Wilson, Adrian Hill
Friday	Preston, Donald Thompson, Jonathan Pitt
Saturday	Terry Venn-Adams, Clive Viner, Sam Slade,

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ps 51; Hebrews 5: 7-9; John 12: 20-33

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading

II Chronicles 36.14-16, 19-23

A reading from the second book of Chronicles.

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, "Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation." And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: "Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, 'The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up.'"

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:4-10

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his

goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Gospel

John 3.14-21

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus: The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.