

Collects: 14th March

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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

Eternal God and Father, you create and redeem us by the power of your love: guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves in love and service to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer Focus

Give thanks for the teachings of 40 Days particularly for those chapters that have spoken directly to us.

Pray that during the second half of Lent we fully turn our focus to the light of your love and turn away from any darkness in our own lives.

Give thanks for the beauty of God's creation seen in many wondrous ways.

Give thanks for those who care for us now or who cared for us when we were young. Praise God for motherhood and the nurturing role that we can all play in leading others to know their Creator.

Pray for strength and courage to endure for all those in difficulty.

Pray for our village and all who work here, and especially this week for all who live in

Natts Lane and Groomsland Drive

Church diary

Please pray this week for:

Monday 15 March

2:00 pm Table Tennis in SMR

Tuesday 16 March

8:45 am Morning Prayer

9:30 pm Ladies Drop In in SMR

8:00 pm St Mary's Guild in SMR

Wednesday 17 March

8:45 am Morning Prayer

8:00 pm Bell Ringing

Thursday 18 March

8:45 am Morning Prayer

11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

12:15 pm Toddlers in Church

7:30 pm Choir Practice

8:30 pm Worship Band Practice

Friday 19 March

8:45 am Morning Prayer

1:00 pm Lent Lunch in SMR

6:30 pm Y Club in SMR

8:30 pm Y Club Plus in SMR

Saturday 20 March

10:00 am Coffee in SMR

2:00 pm Wedding

Sunday 21 March

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Readings: Acts 20:17-24

John 17:6-19

9:30 am Parish Communion (CW)

Readings: Acts 20:17-24

John 17:6-19

11:00 am Morning Worship

Reading: Acts 20:17-24

6:30 pm Evening Prayer

Readings: Acts 20:17-24

John 17:6-19

Psalm: 67

Vicar The Revd Brian Pritchard

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14th March 2010 Mothering Sunday

Welcome to St Mary's

A very warm welcome to our services today, especially if you are new or visiting. If we can help you in any way, or if you would like to find out more about any aspect of church life, please introduce yourself to one of the welcomers.

Services Today

Theme: Purpose Driven Life:

Part 5—Shaped for serving God.

8:00 am

Holy Communion (BCP)

Readings: Psalm 100

Matthew 20:20-28

9:30 am

Parish Communion (CW)

Readings: Psalm 100

Matthew 20:20-28

Hymns: 82 167 242 53 484 343

11:00 am

Morning Worship

Reading: Matthew 20:20-28

6:30 pm

Evening Prayer

Readings: 2 Timothy 1:3-14

Matthew 20:20-28

Hymns: 43 390 142 244

Psalm: 100

REFRESHMENTS

are served in St Mary's Room after Parish Communion, and at the back of church after Morning Worship.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUPS

Sunday Club (3-10) meets in St Mary's Room, and Y Scripture (11-14) meets in the Log Cabin, after family worship and prayers during the 11:00 am service every Sunday in term time apart from the first of each month.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Philippians 4:6: *Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs, and don't forget to thank him for his answers.* At communion services, you can raise your hand before receiving, and we will be happy to pray with you.

FOR THE HARD OF HEARING

the church has an inductive loop system. If you have any difficulties, please speak to a churchwarden.

GIVING

If you are a taxpayer, please consider letting the church reclaim tax on your offering. This will increase its value by 28%. Use the envelopes in the pews, making sure to fill in your name and address. Thank you.

**PLEASE TAKE THIS NOTICE SHEET WITH YOU
LARGE PRINT COPIES ARE AVAILABLE**

MORNING PRAYER in church Tuesday to Friday this week at 8:45am.

ANNUAL REPORT If you have been asked to contribute to the Annual Report, please email your report to reports@stmarysbillingshurst.org or leave them at the office as soon as possible. The deadline is today!

40 DAYS OF PURPOSE Today our teaching is on Ministry; next Sunday's theme is "Made for a mission—Evangelism".
Brian Pritchard

THURSDAY GROUP meets this Thursday, 18th March in the United Reformed Church Hall at 2:45 pm—the speaker is from the charity 'Dreams Come True'.

LENT LUNCHESES will be held in St Mary's Room on Fridays during Lent. Proceeds from the lunch on Friday 19th March will be donated to SSAFA - soldiers, sailors, airmen and families association. Sincere thanks to all who supported and helped at the lunch on 5th March —£212.70 was raised for the Children's Society.

PALM SUNDAY On 28 March there will be just one service at 10:30am bringing all the congregations together at the end of the 40 Days of Purpose course. This is an opportunity for us all to meet, worship and seek together what God is calling his church in Billingshurst to do in response to what we have been learning. It is hoped that everyone will make a sincere effort to be there. As I prepare for this service I'd like to include input from the congregation. What have you learned as we have journeyed together on this course? What are your experiences? Can I please ask for responses (written, or e-mail). I'd hope to include a good spread of responses. Let's help to build up the body as we share experiences together.
Brian Pritchard

BLESSING OF OILS Tuesday 30 March at Lancing College Chapel: Blessing of Oils with Renewal of Ministerial Commitment. Please let Brian know if you would like to go.

EASTER CARDS A selection of St Mary's home crafted Easter cards are available in Caritas, at 30p each.
Audrey Young (782314)

A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING for loved ones who have died will be held on Sunday 9 May at 3:00pm.

THE ELECTORAL ROLL is the official membership roll of the church. The Annual Revision of the Roll is soon to take place in preparation for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Wednesday 28 April 2010. If you worship with us regularly, please make sure your name is on the Roll. Application Forms are available from the office (office@stmarysbillingshurst.org) or from our Electoral Roll Officer, Margaret Pullen (782332). Closing date: Easter Sunday, 4 April 2010.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sunday 25 April: An evening of worship and Christian Comedy

Wednesday to Friday, 2–4 June: This year's **Holiday Club** will take place in St Mary's Church and Room. All hands required to make this a bumper event!

TRANSPORT If anyone is able to offer Iris & her dog a lift to the 9.30 am service on Sundays please speak to Jean Hindmarsh (782006), who is coordinating a rota. Iris lives in Forge Way. Thank you.

CHRISTINA'S WEDDING To help Christina on her special day we are looking to put a team together to set up/decorate Pulborough Village Hall on the morning of 10th April 2010. If you could spare a couple of hours please would you let Heather Khoo know on 782381. In addition, Brian (785303) would appreciate help to put up the marquee in the Vicarage garden for Christina and Ben.

BEFRIENDING Would you, or someone you know, benefit from friendly visits? Please give any names to Ann Fox, 784229.

House Groups at St Mary's

Monday 15th March

7:45 pm Alpha House Group (*contact Les Botting: 782790*)

7:45 pm Faith House Group (*contact David Howard: 780694*)

7:45 pm Perseverance Group (*contact Evelyn Barnard*)

Tuesday 16th March

10:30 am Oaklands House Group (*contact Pam Callaghan: 211837*)

10:30 am The Seekers House Group (*contact Joan Hawtin: 784624*)

8:00 pm Bells Group (*contact Alan Harris: 782890*)

Wednesday 17th March

1:30 pm Explorers Group (*contact Sharon Ashborn: 783864*)

1:30 pm New Explorers House Group (*contact Barbara Chittenden: 782695*)

8:00 pm Grace Group (*contact Frances Pritchard: 785303*)

8:00 pm Silver Lane Group (*contact Heather Khoo: 782381*)

Friday 19th March

10:30 am Friday Group (*contact Peter Brooker: 783624*)

Saturday 20th March

8:30 am P.L.E.B.S. Breakfast Group (*contact Jen Harris: 782890*)



Children at St Mary's

Toddlers in Church

meets on Thursdays during term time. Meet in church at 12:15 pm for a short service followed by lunch in St Mary's Room.

Children's Groups (for 3-10s) meet during Morning Worship except for the first Sunday. Contact Paul Moss for more information (Tel: 782343).

J Team (for 8-10s) meets on alternate Tuesdays during term time from 5:00 pm until 6:30 pm. Next meeting is 23rd March.

Contact Petra Davies for more information (Tel: 780956).

www.stmarysbillingshurst.org/children



Youth at St Mary's

Y Scripture (school years 7 to 9) meets in term time, during Morning Worship, except the first Sunday in the month. We meet in church for family worship and prayers, then go to the Log Cabin.

Y Club (school years 7 to 9) is the social side for the younger youth on Fridays from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm in St Mary's Room.

Y Club Plus (school years 10-11) meets on Fridays from 8:30 pm to 10:00 pm in St Mary's Room.

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Please ensure all items for the notice sheet reach the church office by the Thursday prior to the Sunday you wish them to appear. You can email your notices (office@stmarysbillingshurst.org) or you can drop them in at the office, next to the Vicarage. Please note: the church notice sheet is primarily for church notices.