

# THE CLARION

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## The Challenge of Easter

I've never celebrated Easter in the southern hemisphere and find it hard to imagine what it must be like to celebrate the Church's greatest festival in the autumn rather than the spring.

Autumn is a time of shortening days, of closing down, a time of dying, whereas spring is the opposite; a time of light and lengthening days, new growth and warmth that fit so much more easily into the imagery of Easter as a time of new life and hope. Walking round the parish it's hard not to let the beauty of the magnolia and blossom trees, the fresh green and the birdsong lift the spirits and give hope for the future, for a new beginning. Easter and spring seem a natural combination; Easter and autumn a more challenging one.

But whether Easter falls in spring or autumn, the message of Easter is always challenging. The challenge is not the belief that Jesus has risen from the dead – that is after all the core of our faith and without it our faith is nothing. Rather the challenge is to live our own lives as 'resurrection lives'; lives that are wholly influenced by Jesus' resurrection, so that in the words of the Prayer of Humble Access in the Book of Common Prayer 'we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us'.

It may seem an impossible challenge and one that only can be met by a very few people, but Jesus died for all - for you and me and everyone else - and to lead a Christian life is to allow Jesus, the risen Christ, to live in every part of us, in all our thoughts and actions. This isn't something that happens quickly or without difficulty and it may help to see it as a process or a journey. As a journey it's rarely dull, and more likely to be exciting and yes, challenging. However, of all the journeys we make in our lives, it's the only one that is truly worth making, the only one that affects every facet of our lives and brings lasting benefits and rewards.

As we once more celebrate Easter and rejoice at Jesus' resurrection may we continue on our journeys together, encouraging and supporting one another.

With all best wishes for a joyful Easter,

*Ginny Thomas*

## St. Mary's Summer Fair 2007

in the gardens of The Boltons  
SATURDAY 23 JUNE  
2-5pm

Plans are well underway for this year's Summer Fair. Attractions will include a Silent Auction and we are looking for donations. For example are you able to offer:

- concert or opera tickets
- tickets to sporting events: football (a Chelsea game?) tennis or cricket
- to take small group sailing
- to host a round of golf at a nice club
- backstage or rehearsal visits
- your services as a chef: preparing dinner for 6 or preparing a gourmet picnic for example
- or anything else that is special?

All (legal!) suggestions welcomed and considered.

We are also looking for the use on the day of:

- a gas grill and/or gas food warmer
- a badge making machine

And we're also looking for someone who enjoys doing face and/or nail painting.

Please contact Ginny at the Parish Office (020-7835-1440) if you can help in any of these ways. We will also be looking for many helpers on the day of the Fair so **please reserve the day in your diary: Saturday 23 June.**

*The Fair Committee: Jenny Batt, Fiona Brown, Carolyn O'Driscoll, Ginny Thomas*

## Christian Aid Week

The week (13th-19th May) fast approaches. This year, as part of the collection tin scheme, St Mary The Boltons has been assigned Gloucester Road Underground Station to cover on Friday 18 May. Joanna Hackett, our Christian Aid representative, will co-ordinate cover during the day and would much appreciate any volunteers to help with the collecting. If you could give a half hour, hour or even longer of your time on 18 May, please contact Joanna at [jh@hsmuk.com](mailto:jh@hsmuk.com), or tel. 07720 850 482. Please see next month's Clarion for further details about Christian Aid and our fundraising. Thank you.  
*Joanna Hackett*

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## The Man on the Cross

*The item appearing here in the printed version of The Clarion has been held over while the copyright position is clarified.*

### The Simple Lunch

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April

12.30pm in the Church

Speaker: Arthur Tait

Topic: St Mary The Boltons,

Brompton Cemetery

- and Gambling!

**All welcome**

### The Donkey

*by G K Chesterton (1874 - 1936)*

When forests walked and fishes flew  
and figs grew upon thorn,  
some moment when the moon was blood,  
then, surely, I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening bray  
and ears like errant wings –  
the devil's walking parody  
of all four-footed things:

The battered outlaw of the earth  
of ancient crooked will;  
scourge, beat, deride me – I am dumb –  
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour –  
one far fierce hour and sweet:  
there was a shout around my head  
and palms about my feet.

*This poem was sent in by Pat Schleger*

## New School for Chelsea

*An extract from the latest K & C Community Newsletter*

The chosen site for the Chelsea Academy is at Lots Road. The Council has concluded negotiations with Heatherley's School of Fine Art and has purchased its freehold. Part of this agreement enables Heatherley's to remain in its current building until the end of May 2008. The Heatherley's trustees are working with their architects to finalise designs for a

new purpose-built art school at nearby Christiania Wharf.

The Council has been in negotiations with Heatherley's for over three years. We were determined to reach an amicable agreement and avoid the need to pursue compulsory purchase proceedings. The result of this is the Council has been unable to ensure that the school site would be vacant by summer 2007 – a deadline necessary to provide sufficient time to construct the new school building in time to open in September 2009.

The purchase of the Heatherley's building means that the Council now owns the entire proposed site. All that remains is to agree dates for the vacation of the buildings, and their subsequent demolition. Construction of the new Academy is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2008.

Rather than delay the opening of the Academy a further year and increase the pressure on parents seeking school places, it has been decided that the Academy will open in temporary accommodation in nearby Hortensia Road in September 2009 for one academic year. The Academy will relocate to its new building in Lots Road in July 2010. The new building will open officially in September 2010 ready to welcome its second group of year 7 students.

Further information can be found at the website [www.chelseaacademygroup.org.uk](http://www.chelseaacademygroup.org.uk), or questions can be emailed to [newschoolcomments@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:newschoolcomments@rbkc.gov.uk)

## 'Starship Pinafore'

Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> April to Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2007  
at 7.45 pm (plus Sat matinee at 2.30)

John Barker is appearing in this production, described as: 'A fun romp through the Sci-fi universe using music and words from most of the operas of the beloved Gilbert and Sullivan. It's G & S but not as we know it' at University College School Theatre, Frognal, Hampstead, NW3 6XH. Tickets £13 (Matinee £11) children £8/7.

Tickets are available from John (tel: 8571-0737,  
e-mail: [jbarker151@aol.com](mailto:jbarker151@aol.com)).

**Contributions for the May should be sent in to  
the church office by 18<sup>th</sup> April**

# ST MARY THE BOLTONS CALENDAR APRIL 2007

## SERVICES AND READINGS

### SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am Eucharist

10.30am Sung Eucharist

4.30pm Evening Prayer (said)

*The meeting room at the back of the church is available for people with pre-school children. There is a baby changing facility in the wheelchair accessible toilet in the hall.*

### WEEKDAY SERVICES

Usually Morning Prayer is said at 8.30am (Eucharist on Feastdays) and Evening Prayer at 6.00pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays except Public Holidays. Wednesday 7.00pm Eucharist

### READINGS in APRIL

#### Sunday 1 April

Readings at 10.30am

Wednesday 4

7.00pm

#### Sunday 8

Readings at 10.30am: Acts 10. 34-43; 1 Corinthians 15. 19-26; Luke 24. 1-12

Wednesday 11

No Midweek Eucharist

#### Sunday 15

Readings at 10.30am:

Wednesday 18

Readings at 7.00pm:

#### Sunday 22

Readings at 10.30am

Wednesday 25

Readings at 7.00pm: Ephesians 4. 7-16; Mark 13. 5-13

#### Sunday 29

Readings at 10.30am

Wednesday 2 May

Readings at 7.00pm: Acts 12. 24-13.5; John 12.44-50

### REGULAR EVENTS

Thursdays 9.30am onwards Fabric Group

Saturdays 9.15am onwards Gardening Group

During term time:

Sundays Sunday School

Mondays 9.30am Mothers and Toddlers Group

Monday 2 12 noon Said Eucharist

Tuesday 3

7.00pm Said Eucharist

Wednesday 4

7.00pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday 5

7.30pm Sung Eucharist, Vigil till 9.30pm

Good Friday 6

10.30am Children's Service

12 noon – 3pm Three Hours at the Cross

Saturday 7

7.30pm Easter Vigil & Lighting of Paschal Candle

Monday 9

Bank Holiday

Thursday 12

12.30pm Midweek Simple Lunch

Mondays 16, 30

8pm Bible Study Group, 72 Chelsea Pk Gdns

Thursday 19

7.45pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Friday 20

7.30pm Choir Practice

### FROM THE MARCH 2007 REGISTERS

Baptisms

4 Henry Love

11 Luca Simpson

Memorial services

23 Storm Larkin

29 Simon Perks

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