

THE CLARION

The Magazine of The Parish of St Mary The Boltons

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This Month's Theme is Marriage

'I would like to speak to someone about hiring the church to get married'. I was surprised to discover that this is one of the most common enquiries we get in the parish office. In the last half century or so, marriage was seen as an outdated institution in some quarters, no longer required for couples who could simply cohabit without any scandal or sanction for them or their children. Yet, when I meet couples who want to be married in church, and suggest that what they are doing is counter cultural, they respond by saying that they are by no means alone. Indeed they seem to spend every summer weekend going to other people's weddings. So much for the sexual revolution!

We are always glad to welcome people to St Mary's to be married. Even if they are not at all 'religious', it is wonderful how people come to see our lovely church, not just a photogenic venue, but a place that somehow speaks of the mystery of what marriage is truly about. The most intimate things a couple might say to each other are said out loud and in public. Those sweet sentiments of having and holding, loving and cherishing, of physical love, and self-giving are not kept between the partners in private, but are declared as the basis of their new life together in the public realm.

Since the middle ages the Church has called Marriage one of the sacraments and as such points the way how God is at work in his people and in the world (that inward and spiritual grace revealed in the outward and visible sign). The church teaches that it is a gift not just to the couple, but to their family and their community and society. It is a sign, too, of the sort of

relationship that the Bible calls a covenant, where the two parties commit to belong to each other no matter what, not depending on each partner getting things right all the time, but rather on their being faithful and constant even when they do not. That truly is revolutionary, in a world where personal gratification and quid pro quo are the order of the day.



www.google.com and Times Square Chronicle

We have recently seen another revolution in how we think about marriage and relationships in this country. Beginning with Civil Partnerships, giving same sex couples rights in law equivalent to those enjoyed by married couples; and then the possibility for same sex couples to be married, but alas not in the Church of England. The Church's historical and current decisions to ration the sacrament and gift that is marriage to some people and not others are to my mind a stumbling block to its mission to invite all people into the fellowship of Christ. Later this year the Church of England will call all parishes to talk about this issue, using material from General Synod's 'Living in Love and Faith' discussions. Our own mission statement declares that we 'engage openly and without prejudice to promote social justice in our community and in the world'. I hope this includes our willingness to stand against the temptation to say that only some are worthy of God's grace and blessing, and say instead that God's grace is for everyone, whether gay or straight, divorced, married or single.

Jenny Welsh, Vicar

Relationships

This morning, Charles, Sophia and I attended a Church of Ireland baptism, in a country church belonging to a multi-church benefice in County Sligo where my mother and my aunt were both married. The child is the son of a local farmer and a vet, and the congregation was made up of other farmers and land workers exhausted by the lambing season and by the recent unprecedented storms.

The priest of the parish had some months ago told the organist of 20 years, a week before he was to be married to his life-long same-sex partner, that he was no longer welcome to play the organ there. The parishioners took a very different view and in support of the organist, the entire Vestry (PCC) went to see the bishop. The bishop responded by saying that the problem was not the Vicar, but the parish; and if they decided to stop attending in protest at the injustice, he would be forced to close the churches.

At the baptism, I witnessed how a small congregation of maybe 30 souls could remain faithful to the way of Christ, regenerate kindness and love for their fellows, despite the intolerance and explicit exclusion of one man, borne out of hatred for The Other, whom Christ had come to welcome in. If only all could see that. It gave me and my family deep validation and meaning to be able to say, before being welcomed so warmly, 'Hello, my name is Clive Ingram, son of MS and nephew of MM, whom you all knew; this is my husband Charles Bruce, and this is our daughter Sophia.'
Clive Ingram



Marriage

Do you believe in love at first sight? I do! It happened to me at a friend's engagement party in Bremen, Germany. By the grace of God I married him on 6 April 1958 and in April this year we shall celebrate our 62nd wedding anniversary.



Philip told me that he came from Derbyshire, England, and that this was his first trip to northern Germany. I had just come back from the USA where I had spent a year as an exchange student. This was a life-changing experience because on my return I knew I could never marry a German.

My mother's sage advice was that I should first visit England and meet Philip's parents before standing in front of an altar and committing my life to this stranger. I did as I was told. I met Philip's parents who lived near Chesterfield and instantly warmed to them.

Philip was now working as an aerodynamicist at Blackburn Aircraft in Hull and I took a job as a cleaner at the hall of residence for women at the University of Hull. This was a real test of my love for Philip. Most foreigners newly settled in England in the 1950s could only do domestic work. I hated this job. I could not wait to become Mrs Swift because as a married woman I could again work as a bilingual secretary.

Three weeks later and four days before the actual church ceremony in a suburb of Bremen, the bride booked a place on a cargo vessel from Hull to Bremerhaven. On the first day out in the North Sea, we encountered a fierce storm. The ship's engines broke down and all the sailors blamed me because they said that they normally do not carry brides as part of their cargo. An SOS was sent out and tug boats dragged us to safety to Bremerhaven. Philip arrived on another boat a few hours later.

The service was conducted in German. The couple had to say at the appropriate moment: 'Ja', which I think was the only German word Philip knew at the time. I nudged Philip and to my relief he said: 'Ja'.

I was now a married woman in the eyes of the German church and the registry office, but I still needed a new passport. The church service had taken place on a Saturday, but all the passport offices were closed over the week-end. I begged and cajoled the porter to help me. He finally relented and told me to come back three hours later and a passport with my new name Mrs. Anneliese Swift was handed to me and Mr. and Mrs. Swift could at last board a train to Brussels to start their honeymoon and life together.

What has my long marriage taught me? First of all the obvious, that we are two completely different people with diverse talents, strengths and weaknesses. We both know we are not perfect, but we trust each other and put our trust in God, which includes fully enjoying the good things God allows us to experience in life. God gives us strength every day, particularly now in old age.

Anne Swift



Living and Working in Faith

How do you spend your week? Does the work you do make a difference to your faith as a Christian? Does your understanding of the Christian faith make a difference to how you live? What can the Church do to encourage you in your Christian life, at work, at home, in your community?

On Sundays during Lent, we hope you will join us for a series of short interviews with members of our congregation about their work and daily occupation, and how what they do relates to their Christian faith and vice versa.

Sunday 1 March	Camila Ruz
Sunday 8 March	Philip Bedford Smith
Sunday 15 March	Chris Fowkes
Sunday 22 March	Ann Mulcare
Sunday 29 March	Brian Hallock



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'Spiritual growth is like learning to walk. We stand up, fall, stand up, fall, take a step, fall, take a couple of steps, fall, walk a little better, wobble a bit, fall, run and finally, eventually fly.'

Gerri Larkin

www.stillpointzenbuddhisttemple.org

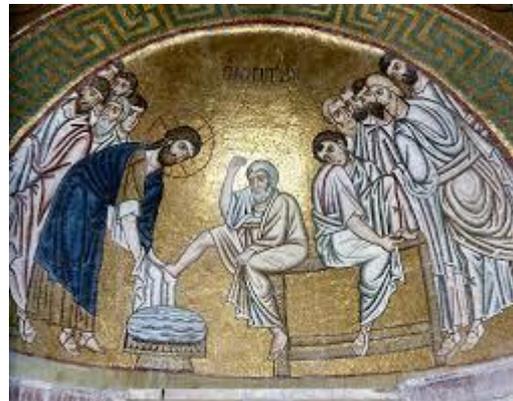
What Are You Giving up for Lent this Year?

The main contributors to our Charitable Pot are the Summer Fair, special Christmas Services and our Lent Offerings. We donate our time and talents as well, especially in making the Summer Fair a success. The Fair is by far the largest contributor to the Pot but the money generated comes mostly from people who are not members of the congregation. Our Lent Offerings are a simple and cost-free way for each of us personally to reach out in service by making a cash donation to the Charitable Pot.

The Lent Offering scheme is based on the long established custom of Christians making a sacrifice during Lent. You do this by giving up something that costs money then, instead of putting the money you save back into your pocket, you make it your Lent Offering. What you give up does not matter. It can be small or large, cheap or expensive. Perhaps it will be coffee shop coffees. Perhaps it could be a bus journey that you make on foot instead. Maybe it could be a magazine or maybe even champagne or a different indulgence. It is entirely up to you. We have a Lent Offering envelope again this year, which features the logos of all the charities we are supporting. The scheme starts on Ash Wednesday, 26 February, and continues until Easter Saturday, 11 April. Your offering can be in the form of cash, a cheque or a BACS transfer. Details are shown on the envelope. All we ask is that you deliver your offering no later than Sunday, 26 April. We hope very much that you will support the scheme, but if for any reason you are unable to take part, there will be a collection plate available at the back of church on the six Sundays of Lent. The Sunday School will again be running their own Jam Jar Appeal, which is always very popular with the children. *Anthony Williams on behalf of the Charity Committee*

Keeping Holy Week

Many churches follow the custom of having a particular preacher for Holy Week. Of course, preaching is just one element of our varied worship in this most important week of the church's year, but a single speaker helps to link the daily services, and to encourage us to follow together the unfolding story of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection. With this in mind I have been invited this year to preach on Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day, and to give brief addresses at Evening Prayer on the other days of the week.



Greece, Hosios Loukas Monastery
soniahalliday.com

This may well result in a severe overdose of me, but I hope it will encourage you to think how, within your own circumstances, you will observe the continuity of Holy Week. There is also for me a personal challenge, and it is something more than the daunting amount of work involved. I have built up a fat file of material over the best part of fifty years. This time I want to set it aside, and ask myself what seems most important after all this time, what has come to matter most.

Holy Week will begin as usual with our Palm Sunday procession, but this year we shall not then hear the very long Passion Gospel (which usually entails omitting the sermon). The first reason for this is so that in the Gospel and the preaching we can focus on the Palm Sunday

story itself and on our own entry into Holy Week. The other reason is, as we begin a week whose purpose is day by day to act out the final week of Jesus' life, to avoid jumping ahead at the outset to the events that are still to come. Hard-bitten clergy know that the standard refrain at the opening of Holy Week is, 'See you after Easter, Vicar!', and the timing of this year's school holidays guarantees that a lot of people will be away. Good luck to you if you are, and it is worth remembering that the local church wherever you may be will be delighted to see you. If you want to keep in touch with Holy Week back home – or if you will be coming to some of our services, but would like to keep up with what is taking place on other days – the sermons or addresses will be going up on the parish website each day. eHoly Week, if you like.

Most of the time we understandably fit our church life around our working life and home life. Holy Week invites us to reverse this for a few days, and to fit our lives, as far as we are able, around this annual enactment of the story of our redemption.

Philip Welsh



www.google.com and Arlington Community Church



World Day of Prayer

Did you know that the World Day of Prayer is the largest ecumenical movement in the world? The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 170 countries. It begins in Tonga and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world: Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas, before finishing in the Pacific islands of Samoa, more than 36 hours later.



On behalf of the Kensington and Chelsea branch of the World Day of Prayer I would like to invite you to the annual WDP International Service which will take place on Friday, 6 March at 11 am at our own St Mary's. Each year a different church in our borough acts as host. The last time St Mary's fulfilled this role was in 2005. This year it is our turn again.

Each year a different country prepares the text and chooses the hymns for a unique service. This year the Christian women of Zimbabwe, a former British colony, have arranged the text and hymns for this one-hour long service. They encourage us all to reflect on the difficulties and unrest that have plagued Zimbabwe over many years. The women share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future. They encourage us to 'Rise, take your mat and walk' with them as they continue their often turbulent journey towards full reconciliation.

Come to the Day of Prayer on Friday 6 March at 11 am, enjoy great refreshments after the service and be part of the largest church congregation in the world.

Anne Swift



Confirmation 2020

Last month's *Clarion* included a few really good articles about confirmation, which helped to explain what this ceremony is all about, in the Church of England. It is the rite that invites people (both adults and young people) into a fuller relationship with Christ and with the church, Christ's people. Strictly speaking, it is the point when people are allowed to take communion – receiving the bread and wine – too, and so it is an important moment in a person's growth in faith, as they are able to take a full part in the life of the family of Christ around his table.

This year, we hope that there will be some grownups as well as youngsters who join a confirmation preparation course, talking about the basics of the Christian faith, including the Bible, prayer, the story of Jesus, the Church, and what it means to be a follower of Jesus. For adults, there will be six sessions, on a weekday evening, at the Vicarage, and will be open to those who want to be confirmed (or baptised) or who want to explore the faith afresh in company. It is hoped that candidates will join in with the services during Holy Week and Easter as well, if possible.

Young people from age 10 and up will have eight one-hour sessions on Sunday afternoons at the Vicarage; we will not meet in school holidays, of course.

Both groups will begin in the middle of March and the timetable will be confirmed once we know who is coming along.

If you would like to know more, or want to sign up, please speak with the Vicar.

Jenny Welsh

The Electoral Roll

The Church Electoral Roll will be open for revision from Sunday 8 March. Please check your entry in the current roll to ensure your details are still correct. If there are any minor errors please contact the Electoral Roll Officer, Fiona Parsons, er@stmarytheboltons.org.uk. If there is a major change (i.e. name, address etc.) a new form will need to be completed.

If you are not on the roll, but would like to join, you need to be over 16 years of age and baptised. You should also either live in the parish or have worshipped at the church regularly for at least six months. You should be a member of the Church of England, or any church 'in communion' with the Church of England. 'In communion' means either belonging to a church that is part of the Anglican Communion or any church that believes in the Holy Trinity. In addition you must be prepared to declare that you are a member of the Church of England as well as belonging to that church. (Blue) Application forms are available at the back of the church. Once completed, please place the form in the specially marked 'Electoral Roll' box. Completed application forms must be received by *Sunday 5 April*.

Fiona Parsons

Electoral Roll



Belong



Participate

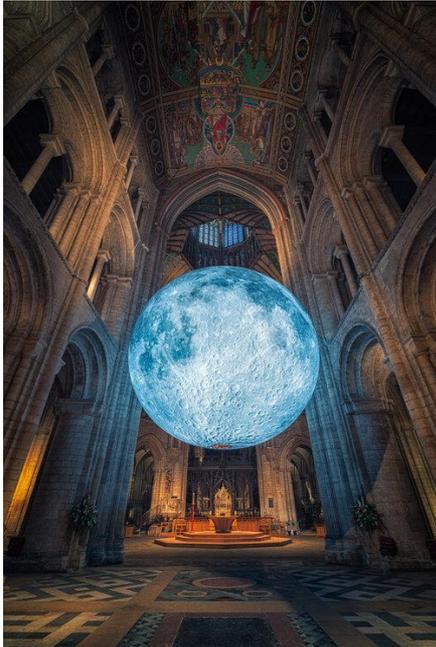


Contribute

www.google.com and St Mary The Virgin, Burghill, Herefordshire



The Museum of the Moon at Rochester Cathedral



Credit: Rochester Cathedral

On a wet Saturday in February I took myself off to the Medway town of Rochester to see the cathedral, and more specifically its current exhibition, The Museum of the Moon. This amazing art installation by Luke Jerram is touring a number of sites throughout the UK this year, but to see it first hand in the surroundings of the magnificent nave of England's second oldest cathedral, was a once in a lifetime opportunity.

The enormous orb is 7m in diameter and has been developed using NASA's data imagery so that the lunar surface is reproduced as accurately as possible. The installation is hauntingly illuminated and accompanied by music.

The cathedral was extremely busy when I attended and the volunteers and vergers were doing their best to enable all visitors to get the most from their visit. It was wonderful to see so many children in a cathedral during the half term break, but more concerningly, it did mean that the crypt café had run out of sandwiches and cake.

I was in the nave as 12 o'clock struck and a member of the clergy's voice came across the sound system asking all visitors to pause a moment while she read from Psalm 8:

Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory in the heavens.
When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,
what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?

An unforgettable experience.

Joanna Hackett



The Miracle that was Fred Rogers

Fred Rogers is almost completely unknown in this country, but for millions of people in North America he was their friend. He was known to them as Mister Rogers through his 'Mister Rogers' Neighborhood', probably the most famous, longest-lasting and fondly remembered of children's television shows. He appeared in 895 episodes over a period of more than 30 years. His audience did not see it as a show but as a 'television visit' with him. Deliberately calm and unhurried, he used his gentle charm to communicate with his audience of children. He was the most positive of men, always looking for the good in life. This exchange between Pooh and Piglet might have been written by him: 'What day is it to-day', asked Pooh. 'It's to-day' squeaked Piglet. 'My favourite day' said Pooh.

Fred was very concerned about people who were troubled and he has been brought back to

life in a new film called *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* in which he is played - perfectly - by Tom Hanks. The film was inspired by the experiences of a journalist called Tom Junod who was commissioned to write a feature about him for *Esquire* magazine.



Fred Rogers was known to be extremely difficult to interview because he cared more about the person interviewing him than he did being interviewed, and would often use the time to befriend the person interviewing him. He did this for Tom Junod. Even when rebuffed, Fred did not give up because he knew the man was very troubled and needed help. The film was inspired by Tom's *Esquire* article about their relationship. It is a very gentle picture and by the end I was crying. Fred did not wait for people to ask for help; he reached out to them. As I sat in the cinema waiting for the lights to go up, I kept thinking that this is what we as Christians are charged to do: reach out to people instead of waiting for them to ask for help. Looking up a biography of Fred I found that during his early career working for a local television station, he returned to his interest in theology and attended Seminary during his lunch hours. He was ordained with a special charge to serve children and families through television. I should not have been surprised why Fred was such a good man. Sadly the film has not been given a wide release. The easiest was to find a cinema that is showing it is to search on www.findanyfilm.com every Wednesday.
Anthony Williams



Silent Prayer in Church

The Silent Prayer meetings continue in church on the second Wednesday of each month, 11am to 12md.

The next dates are:

11 March

8 April

13 May

These meetings are designed to give an opportunity to join with others for silent prayer and meditation. The space behind the altar is a perfect setting, having a quiet air of spirituality, silence and serenity. If you are practised in meditation or simply wish to join others for the first time, you are welcome.



www.google.com. How to disappear: The art of listening to silence in a noisy world. Brain Pickings

De-mystifying Silent Prayer

Until I attended my first session of silent prayer in the church I could only imagine what it would be like. Maybe I would have to remain totally silent for an entire hour? Perhaps it would mean an extended period of kneeling? Where did people gather? How did it all work? The answers to all these questions proved to be simple, easy and peaceful. We meet in the chapel behind the Altar and sit in a circle around a lighted candle. To begin, one person reads out a sentence or two that they have prepared in advance. This

might be some words of their own, but mostly it is something that they have come across that resonated with them. We then sit in silent contemplation, about which a Priest has written 'The gift and grace of contemplation is in receiving God's gaze'. During this time we might close our eyes. We might look at some image or window in the church. We might lean forward in our chair. It depends on how each of us feels is the most meaningful way to talk with God. There is no right or wrong way to do this. What we say to God is entirely personal. Every so often I try to say nothing and just listen. That is hard. After 20 minutes there is the tinkle of a bell, signalling a short break. We then continue for another 20 minutes, so the advertised hour is actually only about 45 minutes. I have come to appreciate these sessions to the extent that I try not to miss one. They are a rare opportunity to be in church without any distractions. However important, powerful and meaningful the 10.30 Sunday Eucharist can be, sitting peacefully and silently in God's house is special and rewarding. In these days of 24 hour lives, especially in London that now never seems to sleep, this time out is precious.

Anthony Williams



Events at St Paul's Cathedral



Free events

Tuesday 24 March, 6.30-8pm

A History of the Bible: The book and its faiths

John Barton

Tuesday 28 April, 6.30-8pm

The Lost Message of Paul

Steve Chalke

Thursday 28 May, 6.30-8pm

A Call to be Changed: Florence Nightingale and the Meaning of Vocation
Sarah Mullaly

Saturday Workshops and Study Afternoons

Saturday 25 April, 2-4.30pm

My Soul Glorifies the Lord: Women in the Bible

Liz Adekunle

Saturday 16 May, 2-4.30pm

Wonder and Sorrow: the Poetry of Mary Oliver

Pádraig Ó Tuama

Saturday 13 June, 2-4.30pm

David danced before the Lord: King David as the Ancestor of Christ

Janet Tollington

Sunday Forums

Sunday 5 April, 1-2pm

Soulful Nature

Brian Draper

Sunday 3 May, 1-2pm

A Year of Grace: Exploring the Christian Seasons

David Hoyle

Sunday 7 June, 1-2pm

Amazing Grace

Jarel Robinson-Brown

Sunday 5 July, 1-2pm

St Augustine: A Life of Prayer, Learning and Love

Cally Hammond

For more information and (free/book) tickets:
adultlearning@stpaulscathedral.org.uk
020 7246 8337



Services and Events for March at St Mary's

Sunday 1 March, Lent 1

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

10.30am Sung Holy Eucharist

Readings: Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7
Romans 5.12-19
Matthew 4.1-11

12 noon – 12.30 Lent Interview, Living and Working in Faith

Followed by simple Lent lunch

Wednesday 4 March

12 noon Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing

12.30 – 2.30pm Sing to Live, Live to Sing

Friday 6 March

11am World Day of Prayer Service

NB NO SECOND HALF CLUB

Sunday 8 March, Lent 2

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

10.30am Sung Holy Eucharist

Readings: Genesis 12.1-4a
Romans 4.1-5, 13-17
John 3.1-17

12 noon – 12.30 Lent Interview, Living and Working in Faith

12.45pm Baptism of Isadora Poulsen

Wednesday 11 March

11am Silent Prayer

12noon Holy Eucharist

12.30pm Sing to Live, Live to Sing

Friday 13 March

10am – 2pm Second Half Club

10am Digital Eagles

11am Pilates (£1, bring your own mat)

12noon Chair based exercise (£1)

1pm – 2pm Lunch

Sunday 15 March, Lent 3

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

10.30am Sung Holy Eucharist

Readings: Exodus 17.1-7

Romans 5.1-11

John 4.5-42

12 noon–12.30 Lent Interview Living and Working in Faith

12.45pm Baptism Philip Brown

Tuesday 17 March

7pm PCC in church

Wednesday 18 March

12 noon Holy Eucharist

12.30 – 2.30pm Sing to Live, Live to Sing

Friday 20 March

10am – 2pm Second Half Club

10am Digital Eagles

11am Pilates (£1, bring your own mat)

12noon Chair based exercise (£1)

NB NO LUNCH TODAY

Sunday 22 March, Lent 4: Mothering Sunday

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

10.30am All Age Eucharist for Mothering Sunday and giving of flowers

Readings Exodus 2.1-10
Luke 2.41-52

12 noon – 12.30pm Lent Interview, Living and Working in Faith

Wednesday 25 March, The Feast of the Annunciation

12noon Holy Eucharist

12..30 – 2.30pm Sing to Live, Live to Sing

Friday 27 March

10am – 2pm Second Half Club; see above for details

Saturday 28 March

3pm Wedding Nichola Zanellato and Gordon Jack

Sunday 29 March, Lent 5, Passion Sunday

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

10.30am Sung Holy Eucharist

Readings: Ezekiel 37.1-14

Romans 8.6-11

John 11.1-45

12 noon – 12.30pm Lent Interview Living and Working in Faith

Sunday 5 April, Palm Sunday

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

10.30am Sung Holy Eucharist with Procession of Palms

Preacher will be The Reverend Philip Welsh

Readings: Zechariah 9.9-12

Matthew 21.1-11



Year's Mind for March

Maureen Stainton

Ivy Cooling

Gerth Millar

Olive Smith

Rhoda Bolton-Dignam

John Gairdner

Rosabelle St Clair

Sdenka Corp

Christie Parkinson

Maximilian Heyer

Dorothy Buss

Florence Lidderdale

Ivor Howlett

Elizabeth Ledochowska

Michael Wilson

Aida Gowan

David Aman

Simon Perks

Alice Lidderdale

David Godwin

Vera Owen

Hugh Pringle

Dorothy Hale



SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am Eucharist, BCP

10.30am Sung Eucharist

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

Morning Prayer is said daily at 8.30am

Evening Prayer at 5.30pm

except Public Holidays. The weekday Eucharist is on Wednesdays at 1pm.



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Safeguarding at St Mary's

The St Mary The Boltons' Safeguarding Officer is Clair Gordon. Her role is to help us to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and adults at risk. She is the first point of contact for children, adults at risk and other members of the congregation regarding suspicions of abuse and other safeguarding concerns. If you have any concerns, please contact Clair on 07850 944 834. In the event of Clair not being available, Kelly Webb may be contacted at 07971 552 014.

Alternatively, speak to: Sheryl Kent, Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser: 020 7932 1224
 Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS) helpline: 0845 120 4550
 Family Lives: 0808 800 222 (Previously Parentline) Childline: 0800 1111.

Children's Champion

The St Mary The Boltons' Children's Champions are Chris and Katie Fowkes. Their role is to ensure that the voices and needs of the children and young people are heard and reflected in parish life. They can be contacted via: children@stmarytheboltons.org.



There is a Hearing Loop in operation at St Mary The Boltons.

Contributions for the April Clarion should be sent to the Parish Office by 24 March 2020.

The theme is Easter

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