

# Parish Diary

## 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

### Mothering Sunday

**This week's theme:  
Time to come home**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**St Mary's**

8.00 am Said Communion  
9-9.20 am Space for God's Grace

10.00 am **JOINT Parish Service with  
Communion (& Sunday School)**

**No Service at St John's**

**Readings:**

2 Corinthians 5:16-end  
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-end

### From the Vicars...

Thank you to all those who joined us on Wednesday evening to pray for our nation and Brexit, our church and our vision priorities in the year ahead and ourselves. Prayer is such an important part of church life and of our own discipleship and it has been so consistently identified as so in our 'Refresh & Renew' of the Vision for 2019.

Today is Mothering Sunday and as we come together as one – all our congregations from two Churches, in one service, we give thanks for the people who we hold close. This is not always an easy day, for some today may be difficult and we have prepared a 'Space for God's Grace' in between the morning services where you might like to come and pause with God, reflect and just take a little space.

And finally, this coming Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April is our APCM at St John's at 8.00 pm. Please do join us to hear about and celebrate all that we as a Parish have done in this last 12 months. We are like a family sharing family business, thanking God for what he has been doing in our midst and praying for his wisdom and Holy Spirit for the future. We also hear about the priorities and vision for the year ahead.

**Cathy & Jonny**

*We live life together throughout the week as we seek to embrace and live out our vision, we gather as a community to worship, pray, give thanks and listen in all our services every Sunday. Where else might God be showing up in your week?*

**Week Commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

10.00 noon Said Communion  
(St John's)

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

10.30 am Toddlers' Praise (St John's)  
2.00 pm Toddlers' Praise (St Mary's Hall)

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

**St Mary's**

8.00 am Said Communion  
9.15 am Lively Service All Age  
11.00 am Reflective Service with  
Communion

**St John's**

9.00 am Said Communion  
10.30 am Morning Praise with Baptism

**Readings**

*Phil 3:4b-14  
John 11:1-8*

**Dates for your diary...**

**April**

Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Annual Parochial Church Meeting – St John's 8.00 pm
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	Deanery Prayer evening with Bishop Andrew, St Peter's Church, West Molesey 7.30 pm
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	ANZAC Service 6.30 pm

**Please note:** Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April will be the final **Toddler Praise** until after the Easter break. The summer term will start on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

### BAPTISM MATTERS

**Please note change of dates for April**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 8.00 pm, St Mary's**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 8.00 pm, St Mary's**

For more information, please always check the website or speak to Jonny Blair 01932 917736 or Caroline Merrick 07419 827739.

**NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES  
ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION  
FROM THE BACK OF CHURCH**

**Did you know you can receive the  
Parish Diary by email?**

**[www.waltonparish.org.uk](http://www.waltonparish.org.uk)**



## A Space for God's Grace

This Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 9.00 am, St Mary's Church. We are offering a little space and time to reflect and be still for those for whom Mothering Sunday is a difficult Day.

There will be the opportunity to light candles and pause with God before the joint service at 10.00 am. For further details, please contact Rev Caroline Merrick

### Trip to Sierra Leone

As a Church, we are considering a visit to see the work of Home Leone in October this year; Home Leone is one of the Mission Organisations we support. Actual dates are Sat, 12<sup>th</sup> Oct, returning 8 days later on Sunday morning, 20<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019. This would involve being away from home for 8 nights; 5 working days. The cost will be in the region of £1,000. If you are interested, please speak to Jonny ASAP.

### Holiday Club 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> August

Join our amazing team as we prepare for this year's holiday club. If you have your own children, you can get an early bird booking to guarantee their place (school age children only). **Early bird offer closes April 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Contact Amy Maddocks  
amy@waltonparish.org.uk

### Easter Walk Thank you

The Easter Walk has as usual been a huge success over the last week. We have had approximately 400 children from 3 schools and 100 adults take part plus 40 volunteers. Thank you to everyone who has helped – and a particular Thank you to Mandy for once again giving the children of our Parish this wonderful opportunity to learn about Jesus.



### Walton Connections Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

First Tuesday of each month at St John's  
2.30-4.00 pm

Relax & chat. Tea and cake.

Games, music, history, craft, hand  
massage... & much more.

In response to the devastating cyclone effecting Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe there will be a retiring collection today.

Please place your donations in the box at the back of church and we will pass them on through Tearfund. Thankyou.

## PARISH PRAYER DIARY

**Please pray for: -**

**Those known to be suffering from illness both seen & unseen, or poor health.**

Ann Keeton as she recovers from a stroke.  
We also continue to pray for Jim Aspinall, Brian Rofe and Pam Gilbert.

The families of those who have died recently: and in times past whose anniversary falls this week: Gladys Darley, Betha Ayliffe, Mary Impett, Jennifer Jones

**If you wish us to add any family members or people in the Parish, please let the office know and we will add them to the weekly prayer diary.**



**Alpha** - We pray for the final session of this Alpha course as they look at 'How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life?'

### Special Easter Services

Maundy Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Maundy Thursday - Communion Service with Footwashing 7.30 pm (St Mary's)
Good Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	All Age Service 10.00 am (St John's) 12 noon – 3.00 pm (St Mary's)
Easter Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Dawn Service 5.45 am (Cowey Sale) All Sunday services as usual

### Men's Curry Night: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April

As we prepare to launch our Men's Ministry in May 2019 (Who Let the Dad's Out and Pints of View – more to follow) we are getting together at Babucci, Bridge Street, Walton-On-Thames KT12 1AA at 7.30pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April. This is great opportunity to spend time with friends, people you've met at church and a real opportunity to meet new people. If you would like to come please contact Rev Alex Oehring email: [alex@waltonparish.org.uk](mailto:alex@waltonparish.org.uk) or text: 07920098867.

### Easter Sunrise Service

**5.40 am at Cowey Sale**

Join us for this special Easter Sunrise service followed by free light breakfast of tea, coffee and hot cross buns from Gino's Café.

### Electoral Roll

A first version of the new Electoral Roll is available for review and amendments at the back of each church.