

# MARCH NEWSLETTER

this month's church family thanks and prayers

Walton-on-Thames  
St Mary's and St John's



# #LIVE LENT

Care for God's Creation is the Church of England's Lent campaign for 2020.



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# Key Information

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**Pastoral Assistants:** Wendy Fitch, Alan White, Roger Hunt, Linda Muggleton, Margaret Valentine, Sue Green and Louise Turner.

For enquiries of a pastoral nature, please contact via the Vicars.

**A full list of Parish Officers and organisations is on our website.**

Information about Weddings and Baptisms can also be found on our website [www.waltonparish.org.uk](http://www.waltonparish.org.uk)

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Archbishops Justin and Sentamu say “Lent is a time of reflection. We listen and respond to God’s calling of each one of us in humility and repentance, so that Christ’s death and resurrection at Easter bring the renewal, response and reconciliation that we so long for. Greta Thunberg says “Our house is on fire. No other current challenge can match the importance of establishing a wide, public awareness and understanding of our rapidly disappearing carbon budget... climate crisis threatens our civilisation.” At General Synod of the Church of England last week the Synod agreed to set a target to be carbon neutral by 2030. This is an ambitious target. Can we do it? And “we” is the right way to put it. The diocese of Guildford is currently a Bronze Eco-Diocese and they would like to become Silver, more churches need to become eco-parishes.

### **What can we do?**

How can we improve our carbon footprint in this parish? We would love to hear from a couple of volunteers who would become our eco-champions. We can then assess and improve our friendliness to the environment, our energy use and so much more. We really want to encourage all of us to think and pray about our care for

God's creation during Lent. Lent begins on Wednesday 26th February and goes up to Good Friday.

We have copies of The Church of England's **#LIVELENT** booklets available in church. They give Bible readings, prayers and activities for each day in Lent and the family version has got lots of ideas of practical things to do every day to help us to care for God's world which he has made and lends to us as its stewards. Or, why not download the **#LIVELENT** App or sign up to receive your daily devotional via a daily email. We also have available a **Faith@Home** resource, pick it up in church or download from our website it's a great aid to help you as you work your way through the **#LIVELENT** challenge.

Throughout March, we are continuing our series on Exodus and at the same time, considering Jesus' 40 days in the Judean wilderness as he prepared for his ministry. As a culmination to



Exodus and to lead us into Holy Week when Jesus fulfilled the prophecies and promises of Exodus and the Passover, there will be an opportunity to celebrate a Christian Passover shared supper together, a Seder. Sign up will be available soon on the website or via My ChurchSuite.

**Jonny and Cathy**



**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March @ St Mary's**

**Come and join us for an evening of fun questions, fellowship and food all hosted by our quiz master generals 'The Henderson's'.**

The evening will consist of a range of general knowledge question rounds with a break for a meal to be served halfway through. We are encouraging people to play in teams of 8 so gather some friends or family and form your own team to pit your wits against others or just buy a ticket and be put into a team on the night.

This is not a 'churchy' event, everybody is welcome, so invite your friends and get a table together. The evening is guaranteed to be great fun but don't risk missing out as tickets are limited.

6.30 pm for a 7.00 pm start.

**Tickets available online or via My ChurchSuite.**

# FAMILY NEWS, THANKS & PRAYER

**Prayer** is vital to our life as a church, it's at the heart of all that we do. It's the main way in which we express our dependence on God, seek His guidance, and ask for His blessing on all that we do in His name. Prayer is prominent in our services and is an important part of all our small groups. On the website you can find a variety of links and suggested resources that might be helpful when thinking about ways to encourage and support your daily prayer life. It can be a challenge when we are all so very busy, but it is possible to be busy and still enjoy time with God.

**This month we are praying for;** Easter Walk, we will welcome almost 500 local school children to St Mary's during the week of 16<sup>th</sup> March. We pray for each of those children, their teachers and helpers and for all the volunteers who make this possible. We also pray for Mandy coordinating, directing and supporting everybody, no mean feat! Easter Walk is also a space to explore and think about what Easter is REALLY about and will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, Tuesday evening and all-day Saturday.

## CAPTION COMPETITION!

How many members of the Property Working group does it take to dig a couple of holes?

### What were they saying?

Send us your suggestions to [news@waltonparish.org.uk](mailto:news@waltonparish.org.uk)

(and a big thanks to Martin, Nick & John for putting up the new carpark sign! :-)



<b>MARCH 2020</b>		<b>Exodus – Journey to the LORD</b>
<b>Sun 1 March</b> <i>Lent 1</i>	<b>St Mary's</b> 8.00 am Said Communion 9.15 am Lively Service All Age 11.00 am Reflective Service with Communion <i>7.00 pm Evening Praise – True Shepherd</i>	<b>A Good leader prays and empowers</b> <i>Exodus 17:8-13, 18:5-8, 13-14, 24-27</i> <i>Matt 10:1-8</i>
	<b>St John's</b> 9.00 am Said Communion 10.30 am Morning Praise	
<i>Wed 4 March</i>	<b>St John's</b> <i>10.00 am Morning Prayer</i>	
<i>Thurs 5 March</i>	<b>Walton Centre for the Community</b> 10.30 am Café Church	
<b>Sun 8 March</b> <i>Lent 2</i>	<b>St Mary's</b> 8.00 am BCP Communion 9.15 am Lively Service with Communion 11.00 am Reflective Service with Communion	<b>Ten Good Guidelines</b> <i>Exodus 19:17-20, 20:1-21</i> <i>Matt 22:34-40</i>
	<b>St John's</b> 10.30 am Morning Praise for All	
<i>Thurs 12 March</i>	<b>St Mary's</b> <i>10.00 am Said Communion</i>	
<b>Sun 15 March</b> <i>Lent 3</i>	<b>St Mary's</b> 8.00 am Said Communion 9.15 am Lively Service 11.00 am Reflective Service with Communion <i>7.00 pm Alpha Healing Service</i>	<b>The ways and worship of God</b> <i>Exodus 31:1-13, 17-18, Exodus 40:34-38</i> <i>Matt 12:1-8</i>
	<b>St John's</b> 10.30 am Holy Communion	
<i>Wed 18 Mar</i>	<b>St John's</b> <i>10.00 am Said Communion</i>	
<b>Sun 22 March</b> <i>Lent 4</i> <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	<b>St Mary's</b> 8.00 am Said Communion 9.15 am Lively Service with Baptism 11.00 am Reflective Service with Communion 3.00 pm Baptism	<b>A Big Bad choice &amp; God's mercy</b> <i>Exodus 32:1-14</i> <i>Matt 5:17-20</i>
	<b>St John's</b> 10.30 am Morning Praise	
<i>Thurs 27 Feb</i>	<b>St Mary's</b> <i>10.00 am Said Communion</i>	
<b>Sun 29 Mar</b> <i>Lent 5</i>	<b>St Mary's</b> 8.00 am Said Communion <b>10.00 am Joint Service</b> with Communion	<b>The LORD in all his glory</b> <i>Exodus 34:1-11</i> <i>Matt 17:1-9</i>
	<b>St John's</b> NO SERVICE	

# DAILY PRAYER

## Some ideas for prayer for our church & community

### Sunday

**Sunday Services, midweek Communion** - for all who make our Church feel welcoming. For our Singers and Musicians.

### Monday

**One another** in our daily lives at work, in our neighbourhood, wherever we are, to show God's love. On our frontlines.

### Tuesday

**Seniors** – Walton Connections. **Other groups** - Mothers' Union and St John's Wives.

### Wednesday

**Discipleship and Leadership** – Small Groups, the Servant Course, PCC, worship leaders, preachers and Pastoral Assistants.

### Thursday

**Outreach & community links** – the Alpha Course, Messy Church, assemblies in Walton schools, the Open the Book team, baptisms and funerals.

### Friday

**Children and Youth** – Friday groups, Sunday School and Sunday youth groups, Toddlers' Praise. For all helpers and leaders and for more leaders.

### Saturday

**Missionaries we support** – Tear Fund, Compassion, Foodbank, Hannah Satterthwaite, Jo Davis & Fusion, Home Leone.

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