



Parish Prayers Week Commencing 18th March 2024

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer	Eucharist
Monday	St Mary's 8.45am	St Mary's 5pm (Lent)	
Tuesday	St Mary's 8.45am St Matthew's 9am	St Mary's 5pm St Matthew's 5pm	
Wednesday	St Mary's 8.45am St Matthew's 9am	St Mary's 5pm St Matthew's 5pm	St Matthew's 10am St Mary's 12 noon St Mark's 1pm
Thursday	St Mary's 8.45am St Matthew's 9am	St Matthew's 5pm	
Friday	St Mary's 8.45am St Matthew's 9am	St Mary's 8.45am St Matthew's 5pm	
Saturday	St Mary's 12 noon		

Parish News

Team Prayers: Thursday 21st March at St Mary's.

Merton Interfaith Walk Saturday 13th April: A 5k challenge walk to visit local Merton Faith Sites: The Fazl London Mosque, Wimbledon Synagogue, Buddhapadipa Temple, St Mary's (C of E) Church, Shree Ghanapathy Hindu Temple and other faith sites. The walk starts at Wimbledon Station (next to the stag artwork) at 11am and finishes at 3pm but feel free to leave the walk at any stop. Registration £5 at start of the walk. All proceeds go to the Merton Homeless Project (Faith in Action).

Discussions about the future of the Parish of Wimbledon: The PCC met with the Archdeacon of Lambeth to explore the possibility of the parish becoming a group of parishes, with each of the churches becoming an individual parish. At the end of the meeting we thought that we should share this idea with the wider community so we can think together about whether this is the right thing to do. The Rector has written a paper on the subject to introduce it and the main issues around it. You can find this on St Mary's website: <https://www.stmaryswimbledon.org/parish-of-wimbledon>. The DCC and PCC will be discussing the issue again at their next meetings and we would like to know what you think. Please speak to your DCC members. This will be a slow process which we will take our time over, but we think it is worth further consideration.

Please email parish news items by 9am Wednesday each week to
sam@parishofwimbledon.org.uk



St Mark's

The Church at the Heart of Wimbledon
Sunday 17th March 2024

Welcome! Whether you are a visitor or a regular member of the congregation, we pray that you might come closer to God during the service.

Children & young people: We currently have a single group for children pre-school age and above that meets in the hall after the first hymn. We ask that children under four are accompanied. Do join us!

Parents with babies & toddlers are welcome to use the chapel at the back of the church behind the glass windows. There are toys and books provided, & a loudspeaker so you can hear what is happening during the service.

Thinking of making a donation to the church? You can give contactlessly using the card reader at the back of church, or via your mobile phone using the QR code in the Entrance Area. If you give regularly, why not join the Planned Giving Scheme? This is an easy way to give, and helps the church plan its finances. Contact Sheila Dunman: s.dunman@btinternet.com, for more information, or pick up a Planned Giving form from the back of St Mark's.

Mobile telephones: Please ensure these are turned off / silent during the service.

After the service please collect a tea, coffee or squash in the narthex (entrance hall).

Can't be here every Sunday? We can help you stay in touch with St Mark's by emailing the notice and readings sheets to you each week. Please let Becky know (office@stmarkswimbledon.org.uk) if you would like this.

Our mission statement, purpose, and reason for being here:

- To be enriched by the love of God
- To extend the welcome of God
- To express the compassion of God

Vicar: in vacancy

Pastoral Minister: Paula Thorvaldsen 07711 887430

paula@stmarkswimbledon.org.uk

Church Office hours: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9.30am – 1.30pm
020 8944 8436 office@stmarkswimbledon.org.uk

Items for inclusion should reach the Church Office by Wednesday of each week.

Prayer requests - please pray for:

Marlene Abberstein
Holly Hayes
Alan Lamden

Organisations that St Mark's supports: this month we are praying for **Bishop's Lent Call**

RIP
Devu Ghosh
Joe Ramsay

If you would like to add an individual to our prayer request list, please email the Church Office or use the intercession folder at the back of the Church.

St Mark's Lent Group: Everyone is invited to come for a light supper followed by a short topic, ending with prayer, each Wednesday evening at 7.15pm in the Chapter Room. A time to gather together as a church with food for body and soul! *St Mark's Home Group / Wendy McTernan.*

St Mary's Lent Group Lunch: Communion service at 12pm followed by lunch at 12.30pm – 1.30pm in the Garden Hall at St Mary's Wimbledon, every Wednesday during Lent. Please sign up via the online form on the St Mary's website homepage: <https://www.stmaryswimbledon.org/> *Becky Bryant.*

Clive's Licencing Service: A group of us attended Clive's licencing service at St Cuthbert with St Aiden on Monday 11th March. You can watch the service on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_xyo74uGVruQADmaFJLIvw or via the St Cuthbert with St Aiden Facebook page: www.facebook.com/stcuthbertcofe/ Please continue to remember Clive in your prayers as he starts his new role in Portsmouth. *Paula Thorvaldsen.*

Notices

We warmly welcome Rev'd Mandy Hodgson at our 10am service today.

Interregnum: If you have any questions about the interregnum, the recruitment process for a new priest, or anything else, please speak to me or one of the members of the DCC or email paula@stmarkswimbledon.org.uk or phone me on 07711 887430. *Paula Thorvaldsen.*

Lantern Arts Choir and Band Swing Time Concert: St Mark's Church, Friday 15th March 7:30pm. The programme includes Glen Miller favourites as well as a Gershwin Medley. Refreshments available. Tickets £10 from Ticket Source via Lantern Arts Centre Website: <https://www.lanternarts.org/> *Becky Bryant.*

Bishop Gilpin RE Day: I have put up a display of new work from a recent RE day at Bishop Gilpin on Incarnation that I was involved in. Please take a minute to look at the children's work. Perhaps you would like to say a prayer for them and their teachers. *Paula Thorvaldsen.*

Palm Sunday 24th March: We will hold the start of our Palm Sunday service outside Tesco at 10am (by Wimbledon Quarter – formerly Centre Court). The service will last about 10 minutes, after which we will all walk back to St Mark's with our donkey. The service will continue in church with Sunday Club as usual. Donkey rides will be in the church garden afterwards - please bring a cycle helmet. If you don't want to go to Tesco, I will lead the same service at 10am in the warm church. *Paula Thorvaldsen.*

First Communion: On 7th July we will be holding a special service for children who wish to receive communion for the first time. We will be holding preparation classes for this after Easter. Please let me know by 1st April if your child would like to participate. Children need to be baptised and at least seven years old on 7th July. *Paula Thorvaldsen.*

Children & Young People

This term we are thinking about 'What is God like?'. Do join us in the hall after the first hymn for our activities and discussion.

We currently have a single group for all children pre-school age and above.

Beccy and Steph



St Mark's Coffee Morning: Meeting in Elys (3rd Floor Restaurant) at 11am on Friday 5th April. An opportunity for conversation and friendship. All very welcome. *Paula Thorvaldsen.*

Easter in the Parish

St Mark's: Palm Sunday, 24th March, 10am: United Service outside Wimbledon Tesco's with a real donkey!

St Mary's: Maundy Thursday 28th March, 8pm – 9pm: Maundy Thursday Eucharist with foot washing.

St Mary's: Good Friday, 29th March, 11 noon - 3pm: Time before the Cross. Feel free to drop in as you wish.

St Mark's: Easter Sunday, 31st March, 10 am: Easter Eucharist, All-Age Service.



Paula Thorvaldsen.