



St Mary's
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News

Sunday February 11th 2018, Sunday before Lent

Dear Friends,

When I was 15 I went on a school trip to Paris. The next year they went to Venice but I knew my parents didn't have a lot of money so I said I wouldn't go. The next year they said I should definitely go but the trip was again to Paris. The only other trip that year was to go skiing in Austria. I didn't really fancy skiing – I love sport but only when a ball is involved (I can't understand why David and Dan go running – that's boring) – however I fancied visiting Austria so I went. But once I got on a ski slope I was hooked – the exhilaration was something exceptional and on a crisp sunny day gliding down the Alps..... This weekend we will see the beginning of the Winter Olympics and I shall remember those days as I watch the skiing, although I have to say that I can't see much point in throwing oneself down a mountain at the speeds they go – you might get hurt – I'm a coward at heart.

As we complete our GRACE series we come to E for Excite. The question I have to ask myself is whether I am as excited about what the Holy Spirit wants to do through me as I was on those alpine mountain sides all those years ago? In our bible reading today we find the early followers of Jesus being scattered following the death of my namesake, Stephen, but being so excited about Jesus that they couldn't resist the temptation to share the good news wherever they went and the number of believers mushroomed.

Barnabas is then sent to check out what is happening and he confirms that what is happening is the work of the Holy Spirit so he affirms their work. I often think that it would be great if people saw in me the characteristics of Barnabas who, we are told, was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, someone who was glad when they saw what God was doing and an encourager. The result of being someone like that can be that a great number of people are brought to faith and built up in faith. What a great outcome.

Rev. Steve Williams

Collect for Sunday next before Lent

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PRAYER POINTS:

- For ROPE, helping people in poverty worldwide achieve their potential.
- For victims of domestic violence everywhere.
- For all doctors and nurses struggling with the pressures on the NHS this winter.
- For Joshua Catlin and Kathy Waskett being baptised today at St Mary's.
- For all members of our Church giving up their time to help at Holiday at Home this week.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN IMMEDIATE NEED OF HEALING AND PEACE:

Alan and Iris Austin, Oliver Baillie, Steve and Debbi Barnett, Debby Cadwallader & the family, Gladys Page, Reg West, Suzie Aries, Marion Long, John Babb, Carol and Trevor Fitch, Una Harborne, Mavis Finch, Rod and Angela, Michael Hopkins, Christopher and Victoria, Mark Ackford and family, Philippa King, Kelly May, Gordon & Kathleen Plumridge, Joyce Bapty, Richard Heaney, Alex Lake.

WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ASKED TO PRAY FOR:

Anne and Tony Eccleston, Ashleigh Nichas, Gideon, Laura Huidekoper, Barbara Higgins, Mary Jefferies, Alex Chauhan, Rachael, Keith & Judy Brambleby, Barbara Platts, Sarah, Jennie Lunn, Tony Mead, Hannah, Stuart Bailey, Hazel Boon, Jorge.

WE REMEMBER WITH THANKSGIVING THE LIVES OF:

George Harper, Rose Robbins, Odette Hill, Paul Inwood and George O'Neil.

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NEWS & NOTICES

PANCAKE PARTY: This is next Tuesday 13th Feb from 4-6pm in Church. Hotdogs, pancakes and fun and games. If you can help, please email:

stella.upton@btinternet.com. Let Stella know if you are coming.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE: If you would like to be confirmed, St Mary's will be hosting a Confirmation Service on March 31st 2018 at 6pm. There will be confirmation classes arranged on Thursday evenings during March.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: The next women's breakfast is on Sat 24th February at 9am in Church. All women are welcome to our continental style breakfast plus talk by Paula Beesley on 'A Passion for the Persecuted'. Please sign the list in Church or let the office know if you are coming. Also, we need 2 or 3 ladies to help with shopping and setting up on the Friday. If you think you can help please let the Office know.

LENT COURSE: There will be a CTR Costa Coffee Lent course again this year starting on Thursday March 1st for four weeks (7.30pm-9.30pm). So save the dates!

LENT BIBLE STUDY COURSE: There will be a Bible study course in the Chapter House starting on Tues March 6th for three weeks led by Michael Hunt. Details to follow.

COFFEE MORNING CONCERT: There will be a free concert and coffee morning on Friday 9th March at 10.30am in Church as part of the Acts of Kindness for Lent. The concert band Cantilena Winds will be performing some well known music, conducted by Michael Pegram.

QUIZ NIGHT: St John's Church in Lacey Green are holding a quiz night on Friday 23rd February, 7 for 7.30pm in the school hall. Teams of 6, or come on your own and make up a team with others. There will be a fish and chip supper. Cost £12. Contact Pat on PR 345452 or Margaret on PR 347094 for more info or to book tickets.

PRINCES RISBOROUGH MUSIC SOCIETY: are holding a concert on 18th March at 3pm at the Church of St Lawrence, West Wycombe. They will be performing the Faure Requiem. Tickets £12 (children £6). Refreshments included. Phone 07941967097.

HELEN AND DOUGLAS HOUSE: The Christmas Quiz was won by Miss Judith List of High Wycombe. Thank you to all those who took part.

DO YOU READ THE DIOCESAN NEWSPAPER, THE DOOR? The editors are conducting a survey so that they can decide how and why they publish The Door in the future. Please go to www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ENreadersurvey if you have time and complete the survey, it would be really helpful. Thank you.

COMMUNITY ACTS OF KINDNESS: St Mary's is taking part in this for Lent. Please see the notice for full details of how you can help.

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GRACE Sermon Series

Readings: Acts 11; 19-24, Luke 9: 2-9

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.30am Parish Communion with adult Baptism, followed by coffee
11.15am TGIS with Baptism
3.00pm Service at Icknield Court
6.00pm United Service/ Anglicans/ Baptists/Methodists at PR Baptist
6.00pm Pulse in the Chapter House

What's on in the week beginning Monday 12th February

- Tues 13th** **4.00pm** Pancake Party in Church (til 6pm)
Weds 14th **9.00am** Wednesday Prayers at St Mary's
10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee
7.30pm Alpha Course in the Chapter House
Thurs 15th **10.00am** Holiday at Home
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Sunday 18th February 2018, Sunday before Lent

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Readings: Genesis 9: 8-17, Mark 1: 9-15

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's, Ilmer
9.30am Parish Communion followed by coffee
11.15am TGIS
6.00pm Evensong at St Mary's
6.00pm Later at the Methodist Church

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