

St Mary's Mirror

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17 March 2019 –
2nd Sunday of Lent



Sunday 17 March – 2nd Sun of Lent

If you are on the church electoral roll, or wish to join, please remember to reapply/apply.

9.30 am Bell ringing
9.30 am Whiz Kids free breakfast for children & families plus arts & crafts
10.00 am Parish Mass (led by Youth Group – Julian preaching, Rev Karen presiding)
Brief PCC meeting after church to approve the accounts.

Monday 18 March

Revd Karen away all week
9.00 am Assembly & Messy Church meeting (Crabtree School Fr A)
9.30 am Morning Prayer
3.00 pm Assembly (Cantrell School Fr A)
6.15 pm Beavers (Hall)

Tuesday 19 March

9.45 am Church Open & Bible Study – Lent Course
11.00 am – 12 noon Dustbusters cleaning (Church)
5.15 pm - 6.15 pm DWP Yoga (West room)
6.15 pm 87th Brownies (Hall)
7.30 pm Royal British Legion (Rlwy Club, Fr A)

Wednesday 20 March

9.30 am Morning Prayer
10.00 am Toddlers (West Room)
6.00 pm Beavers / Cubs (Hall)
7.30 pm Scouts (Hall)
7.30 pm Bell ringing

Thursday 21 March

9.30 am Walsingham Mass
11.00 am Service at Fairway Care Home, theme – Mothering Sunday
6.15 pm 88th Brownies (West Room)
7.00 pm Guides & Rangers

Friday 22 March

9.30 am Morning Prayer
11.45 am Funeral Danielle Start RIP
5.15 pm Rainbows

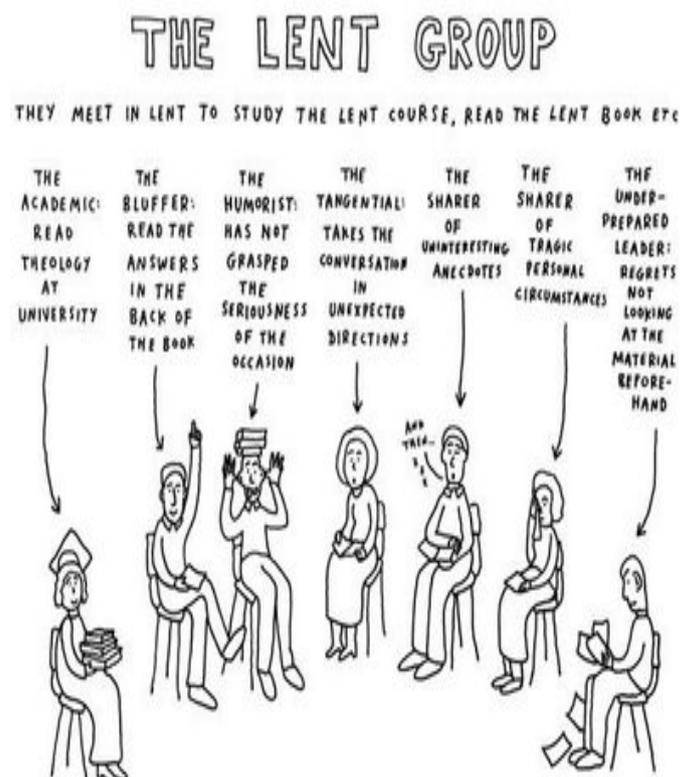
Saturday 23 March

*Electrical testing in Church all day
Clergy day off – emergencies only please.*

Sunday 24 March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

9.30 am Bell ringing
9.30 am Whiz Kids free breakfast for children & families plus arts & crafts
10.00 am Parish Mass
2.30 pm Choral Evensong Rehearsal
4.00 pm Evensong with the Torkard Evensingers

The next opportunity to include items in The Mirror is 20 March (please send to the Editor) for inclusion in The Mirror 24 March.





Fr A and Vicky Paling (Salvation Army Community Development Officer) will be running a **Messy Church at Crabtree Farm School after Easter** If you can help supervise families with fun, simple arts and crafts (provided), and would like to help, please have a word with Fr A.



THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL is being completely revised this year.

There are two boxes at the back of church - one containing blank application forms to collect and fill in, and one to place completed forms inside. Any completed application forms received after the 31st March will NOT be eligible for inclusion on the Electoral Roll until AFTER the APCM. Thank you. *Sam Reynolds - Electoral Roll Officer.*



Southwell & Nottingham Diocese provides clergy for parish churches across Nottinghamshire. It pays for its clergy using the 'Parish Share'. This year the Diocese has asked that St Mary's contribute a Parish Share of **£25,000**. **January to February we have contributed £1,535 towards our Parish Share, meaning we have £23,465 left to pay.**

If we were to break the £25,000 down to a weekly amount, St Mary's would need to pay the Diocese **around £481 per week** (£25,000 / 52). Our average adult congregation each Sunday is around 50 people. To meet the £481 per week, each adult congregation member would need to give **around £10 per week** (£481/50).

On top of our obligation to meet our Parish Share, there are also the additional costs of meeting the running costs and expenses to do with our church, such as its heating/lighting etc, and our worship; candles, altar bread/wine, organ/organists etc, and our ministries to families and children through Whiz Kids, Messy Church and local schools.

Of course, there will be congregation members who cannot afford this amount of money; **and that is absolutely fine**. There will also be congregation members who can give more, **and that is absolutely fine also!** As St Paul writes in 2Cor 9:7, **"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."**

On behalf of the Churchwardens and PCC, I would like to give a big 'Thank You' to everyone who helps fund the running of St Mary's - especially those folk who have recently increased their giving, or continued their giving by standing order, direct debit or the envelope scheme. A big 'Thank You', as well, to folk who have given generous one-off donations enabling us to share the good news of Jesus in Bulwell and beyond. *Fr A*



Our Lenten Appeal is for pew bibles in church, so that people can follow the Bible readings during our services. Each Bible

costs £12. A **BIG THANK YOU** to the people who have bought Bibles so far.

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The Diocesan Confirmation Service is at St Mary's in the Lace Market 7pm, Saturday 20th April. Confirmation candidates are asked to arrive by 5.15pm for a short rehearsal. Bishop Paul will then join candidates at 6pm for refreshments, giving him a chance to meet candidates prior to the service.

Bishop Paul requires a brief written statement from each candidate describing their journey to confirmation, which should be given to Fr A this week.

Please pray for Barbara, Sheena, Lindsey, 'Livia, Michelle, Oliver, Shaun, Jess, Stephanie, Lilly and Simone as they prepare for their Confirmation.

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We are hoping to begin a Christian Exploration Group once a week in the early evening (7 - 8.30pm), using DVD presentations and booklets to help stimulate discussion about our faith and prayer. If you would like to be a part of this, or would like to host this, please speak with Anne Elphick or Fr A.

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Lent, Holy Week & Easter Services and Events

Tues 9.45 – 10.45 am Church Open & Lent Course

4pm 24th March – Choral Evensong

10am 31st March – Mothering Sunday Service *(with gifts for mums!)*

3-5pm Sun 7th April Easter Family Fun Party (£1 per person)

10am Sun 14th April – Liturgy of Palm Sunday
Blessing of the Palm Crosses & Procession

7pm Tues 16th April – Stations of the Cross

7pm Thurs 18th April – Maundy Thursday Service with handwashing, Stripping of the Altar, Vigil

1.45pm 19th April – Liturgy of Good Friday *(Look out for fun children's activities; see Zoe & Carole Jackson for more info).*

7pm 20th April - Diocesan Confirmation Service at St Mary's in the Lacemarket (rehearsal from 5.15pm)

10am Sun 21st April – Easter Sunday Service *(with Easter Egg Hunt!)*

Volunteers are needed to read the lessons at some of our Holy Week services – please sign up at the back of church.