

Parish of
Harpenden



St Mary's Monthly Missive February 2019



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Notices

Bible Reading Fellowship – Friday 1st February @ 2pm

The BRF provide notes which include a short bible passage, a brief commentary and a thought to finish with, for every day of the year. There is a new theme every two weeks. The readings are a mix of the familiar and those which you may never have come across. The commentators come from a variety of religious backgrounds. The notes cost £13.20 for the whole year (£16.95 for a large print version) or you can access them online for a small fee. A group then meets roughly once a month at St.Mary's to discuss what we have been reading. It would be interesting to hear other people's views. If you want to find out more, please contact me, Jenny Clark

St.Mary's Quiz – Saturday 9th February 7.00 for 7.30 start

Always an excellent night out. Teams of 6. Cost £10 per ticket which includes a cold supper. Please bring your own drinks. Some teams still have gaps – it's not too late to sign up!

SAS Youth Group – Sunday 10th & 24th February @ 5.00-7.00pm at All Saints.

10th Feb: Chill out with games, 24th Feb - Baking and craft for community service. Please contact Sally Goodson if you need further information (associate.vicar@st.marys.parishofharpenden.org).

A Little Lunch – Monday 11th February @ 12.30pm

A Little Lunch is held once a month on a Monday and is open to everyone who is over 75 years young and lives alone. For those of you who wish to help, we are looking for drivers and helpers on the day. Please contact Maureen Lamburn.

Tuesday Afternoon Group – February 12th @ 2pm

This month we have a talk by Ian McNicoll telling the story of the Jeel-al-Amal boys' home in Palestine. If you are interested in coming along, please speak to Carolyn McNicoll for more information.

The World Day of Prayer: Friday, 1st March 2018, 7.45 pm

This takes place each year on the first Friday in March. (For some years it has been known as the Women's World Day of Prayer, but this year the name has reverted to the original so that men know they are invited too!) The service is written by women from different countries each year and is used all round the world on that day, creating a wave of prayer. This year it is written by women from Slovenia.

In Harpenden we have both a morning and evening service. Different churches take turns to host it and this year it is St Mary's turn to host at **7.45 pm on Friday 1st March**. Please put the date in your diaries and plan to come along. We also need a little help with refreshments, welcoming and probably a Bible reader. Extra musicians also welcome. Please speak to Jenny Goulding or Liz Champion about refreshments. If you would like a culinary challenge there is a Slovenian recipe for honey biscuits you could try!

Fair Trade Sales at St.Mary's

Thanks to those of you who make regular purchases of Fair Trade goods; those of you who haven't so far, why not give us a try!

Forms for March purchases are available in church in the bottom right hand pigeon hole. These need to be returned to one of us by Sunday 24 February; goods will be ready to collect in church on Sunday 3 March. Jenny Evans and Jenny Clark

In Case You Didn't Know.....

Sally and Jenny meet together each week to pray for church and world concerns. Do join us at Morning Prayer – **Tuesdays 9.15-9.40 a.m.**

Tuesday morning Holy Communion, a short quiet service at **10am on 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month**, with coffee afterwards.

This Month Please Pray For....

- All community leaders, local and national politicians. That they listen to diverse opinion, reflect on what they hear, seek out fact from fiction and exercise wise leadership.
- All people in need of financial support in our community, especially those going onto Universal Credit and experiencing delays in receiving payments. As a community may we serve compassionately, preserve dignity and meet each other's needs.
- Jeel-Al-Amal boys home. For the boys, their carers, the teachers and the donors.

Future Dates

- **Fairtrade breakfast:** - Sunday 3rd March @ 8.30am
- **Mothering Sunday** – Sunday 31st March
- **St Mary's Fete:** Date now agreed as **Saturday 15th June.** We are looking for one or two people to take this forward. Please contact Sally if that might be you.

Services in February

Sunday 3rd February – 5th Sunday before Lent

(Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

9.30am Family Worship – Rev'd Sally Goodson

11.00am Said Holy Communion – Rev'd Sally Goodson

Tuesday 5th February 10.00 am Holy Communion (BCP):

Jenny Goulding, followed by coffee

Sunday 10th February – 4th Sunday before Lent

9.30am Family Communion – Rev'd Nick Goulding, Nina Featherstone assist

Sunday 17th February – 3rd Sunday before Lent

9.30am Family Communion – Rev'd Sally Goodson

4.30pm Simply Worship – Rev'd Sally Goodson, Richard Hurst assist

Tuesday 19th February 10.00 am Holy Communion (BCP):

Rev'd Sally Goodson, followed by coffee

Sunday 24th February – 2nd Sunday before Lent

9.30am Family Communion – Rev'd Sally Goodson, Hilary Pask assist

Sunday 3rd March – Sunday next before Lent

9.30am Family Worship – Hilary Pask

11.00am Said Holy Communion – Rev'd Sally Goodson

Tuesday 5th March 10.00 am Holy Communion (BCP):

Rev'd Sally Goodson, followed by coffee

Wednesday 6th March 8.00 pm ASH WEDNESDAY service of Holy Communion with the imposition of ashes (Rev'd Sally Goodson)

Next Month

Please send submissions for March's Missive by February 20th to missive@stmarys.parishofharpندن.org or speak to Ro Marriott/ Sally Goodson