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Harpenden



# St Mary's Monthly Missive March 2026



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## Notices

### **World Day of Prayer – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 11am**

This year's WDP service has the theme 'I will give you rest, come' prepared by Christian women from Nigeria. You are invited to join in this worldwide day of prayer, 11am at St Nicholas' Church.

### **Litter picking Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am**

Meet outside the front of the church, equipment provided, bring gloves.

### **Mothering Sunday Posies – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30am – 12.30pm**

Can you spare some time on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March between 10.30am to 12.30pm to help make the Mothering Sunday posies? If we have enough volunteers we can get them done quite quickly. Daffodils, etc. will be provided, but please bring as much small leaf greenery as you can, – euonymus, large ivy leaves, heather, hebe, pittosporum, etc; no prickles please! Don't forget your secateurs!

### **Simply Worship – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 4.30pm**

The theme this month is Mothering Sunday

### **A Little Lunch – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

If you would like to get involved, we are always looking for drivers and helpers on the day. Please contact Sallyann Boschetti (07779 387557)

### **Tuesday Afternoon Group – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm**

This month David Keen will give a talk about 'Amy, Wonderful Amy,' the story of pilot and engineer Amy Johnson.

Offers to drive and/or help during the afternoon are most welcome. Contact Sally Goodson for more information.

### **Lent Group – Monday Evenings 8-9.30pm from 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb - 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

Using the book: "Notes on an Execution" by Rhidian Brook. We will meet at St Mary's for informal discussion and prayer. Do come and join in, as we seek to learn together.

### **Hymn of the Month**

March 17<sup>th</sup> is celebrated as St Patrick's day and two of our favourite hymns have Irish connections. Slane is a picturesque village in Ireland and was where St Patrick lit the first Paschal fire to symbolise 'light over darkness,' an Easter tradition. Slane gives its name to a well - loved hymn tune. The hymn 'Be thou my vision Oh Lord of my heart' is sung to the tune Slane, a signal that where there is no vision people can lose faith. 'Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy', is also sung to Slane, a hymn which signifies trust that God is with us throughout the day.

### **Eco Tips for March**

Take part in a local litter pick or beach clean during The Great British Spring Clean (Friday 13-Sunday 29 March), the nation's biggest mass-action environmental campaign.

Litter picking benefits the environment by removing rubbish that can be hazardous for wildlife and helps bring people together. See if there's a litter pick in your local area or consider organising your own - after church on Sunday or with a youth group for example.

Pray for your local area as you do the litter pick and ask God for opportunities to share why you are doing it. Find out more and pledge to pick up a bag at

[keepbritaintidy.org/our-work/eliminating-litter/great-british-spring-clean](http://keepbritaintidy.org/our-work/eliminating-litter/great-british-spring-clean)

**Don't forget...** if you see someone wearing a sunflower lanyard, they have a hidden disability, they may appreciate a little help from you.

### **We Are Online....**

St. Mary's has its own **Facebook** page (simply search for 'St. Mary's Kinsbourne Green'). We use this to publicise both upcoming and past events. To help us reach a wider audience we'd love you to 'like' and 'share' our page.

There is also a **Parish website**. If you haven't visited it, we would encourage you to go and have a look. There you can access the latest pew leaflet, articles, our monthly Missive and so much more.

### **Tuesday Morning Prayer**

Morning prayer at St Mary's 9.00-9.25am

Do join Sally and Jenny and Nick Goulding to pray for church and world concerns.

**Holy Communion** – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 10am

A Book of Common Prayer service with coffee afterwards. All welcome.

## **This Month Please Pray For....**

- Our MAP target to learn together, beginning with our Lent group and other activities offered across the parish.
- Mothers and those in mothering and caring roles, as we mark Mothering Sunday
- For the planning for St Mary's Village Show, for volunteers to help run the stalls in June.

## **Future Dates**

- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April** Songs of Praise at Homedell - help with tea and cakes needed
- **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April** Simply Worship
- **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April** ADCM
- **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April** Tuesday Afternoon Group

**KEEP THE DATE - ST MARY'S VILLAGE SHOW SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

## **St Mary's: Services March 2026**

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

9.30am First Sunday – Nina Featherstone and Revd Sally Goodson

11am Holy Communion – Revd Sally Goodson

### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)**

Revd Sally Goodson

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

9.30am Family Communion – Revd Sally Goodson

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March – **Mothering Sunday****

9.30am Family Communion – Revd Nick Goulding

4.30pm Simply Worship – Revd Sally Goodson and Jenny Goulding

### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)**

Revd Sally Goodson

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

9.30am Family Communion – Revd Sally Goodson and Hilary Pask

### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March – **Palm Sunday****

9.30am Family Communion – Revd Sally Goodson, with dramatic reading of the Passion Gospel

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April – **EASTER****

9.30am Family Communion – Revd Sally Goodson, with lighting of the Easter Candle

Everyone is welcome at all our services.

An activity sheet for children is available at our 9.30am services.

Simply Worship is particularly suitable for families and children.

Next month: Please send submissions for April's Missive by 20<sup>th</sup> March to [missive@stmarys.parishofharpندن.org](mailto:missive@stmarys.parishofharpندن.org) or speak to Jenny Clark/Sally Goodson