

# Notices

In the church we recognise ourselves to be the body of Christ. *All belong: all have a part to play.* Accordingly, you may like to consider offering yourself to one of these practical tasks we need help with.

- **steward** – as part of a team welcoming people to worship, 9.30-11.30am once a month.
- **cleaning** – just light dusting and sweeping of the church, a couple of hours every two months or so.
- **flowers** – join the rota of flower arrangers, a two week 'slot' whenever best suits you. Advice given.
- **social** – be part of a small group preparing food and co-ordinating three or four church social gatherings a year.

Please let Pat or Roger know where you see yourself fitting in.

## Traidcraft

Those who ordered the Real Easter Egg or Divine alternatives can pick them up **this morning**. There are two spare Real Easter eggs for sale. Some Easter cards are also available.

## Confirmation class

continues at 5.00pm **this evening**.

## Breathing Space

A quiet service for healing and wholeness, at 6.30pm **this evening**.

## PCC

meets at 8.00pm **this Tuesday**, 13 March, in the choir vestry. PCC members can find their papers at the back of the church.

**The Electoral Roll** is open for revision until the end of the month. Please look to see that your details are correct on the current Roll on the board at the back of the church. If you are not on the Roll and you live in the parish or have been a regular worshipper at St Mark's for at least six months, are baptised and are over 16 years of age, please ask for an application form from the stewards.

## Lent Course

The Churches Together Lent Course, exploring the life of King Solomon, continues **this Tuesday**, 13 March, 8.00-9.30pm at Bromley Methodist Church.

## Lunch Club

After lunch **this Wednesday**, 14 March, Peter Openshaw will be presenting some songs and piano pieces for spring. All are welcome.

## Rock Choir

performs in aid of Bromley Food Bank, at 7.30pm **this Friday**, 16 March, at St Barnabas Church, Rushet Road, Orpington. Tickets are £10 (children £5) on 077855 107839.

## Messy Fiesta

Find out all about the Messy Church movement with founder Lucy Moore, 10.00am-4.00pm **this Saturday**, 17 March at Christ Church, Lubbock Road, Orpington. Bookings via [carol.evans@rochester.anglican.org](mailto:carol.evans@rochester.anglican.org)

## Bromley Homeless Shelter

All are welcome to the Shelter Annual Meeting, with a presentation about its work and achievements, 4.00-6.00pm **this Saturday**, 17 March, at Bromley Baptist Church. Tea will be provided.

The Charity of the Month for March-May is **Bromley CAP Debt Centre**

### **Collection today**

Please place your donation in an envelope marked 'Charity' and *Gift Aid* it if possible

### Ripley Recital

Luba Tunnicliffe (viola) and Edward Liddall (piano), at 8.00pm **this Saturday**, 17 March, at the Arts Centre, 24 Sundridge Avenue. Tickets £12 on 020 8851 9116.

### Beckenham Chorale

present a Concert, *A Voice of Triumph*, with music by Mendelssohn, Parry, Elgar, Howells, Vaughan Williams and others, at 8.00pm **this Saturday**, 17 March, at St George's Church, Beckenham. Tickets £13 and £10 in advance on 020 8658 0329/0875.

### Breakfast meeting

Our penultimate pre-service meeting takes place **next Sunday** 18 March, at 9.00am. The talk will be on The Peace.

### Bromley Youth Net

Games Night followed by pizza, at 6.30pm **next Sunday**, 18 March, at St John's Church, Park Rd. £2 per person. Please let Steve know if you are coming.

### Handel's 'Messiah'

sung by the St George's Singers, at 7.00pm **next Sunday**, 18 March, at St Mark's Church, Biggin Hill. Tickets are £10 on 01959 577816.

### Space for God

Exploring the place of silence in prayer, with Diocesan Spiritual Advisor, Susanne Carlsson, 9.30am-1.00pm **next Monday**, 19 March, at St George's Church, Weald. Bookings via the Diocesan website.

### Home Groups

Our groups continue at 7.30pm **next Monday**, 19 March, at 25 Matfield Close and on **Wednesday** at 49 Beadon Road. All are welcome, especially on the Monday.

### 'Beyond the Stage'

The Allegri Singers present a concert of choral works by opera composers – Verdi, Rossini, Mozart, Wagner, Strauss, and others - at St Mark's Church at 7.45pm **next Saturday**, 24 March. Tickets on [allegrisingers.org.uk](http://allegrisingers.org.uk)

### 'The Armed Man'

The choir will be presenting Karl Jenkin's 'Mass for Peace' at 6.30pm on Palm **Sunday, 25 March**.

### Rodney Scrase

Rodney's funeral will be in church at 2.00pm on **Tuesday 27 March**.

### Maundy Thursday

The service will begin at 8.00pm, and include a Celebration of the last Supper, the stripping of the altars and a short vigil of prayer.

### Good Friday meditation

Our service this year will be led by the Rev'd Anne Townsend, under the title "Watching Him There". The Litany will be said at 9.00am, followed by the meditation at 9.30am, and the ecumenical Procession of Witness in the Town Centre at 11.15am.

### 'The Crucifixion'

An invitation to join a gathered choir singing the choruses of Stainer's oratorio, or simply to listen and enjoy the piece, at 6.00pm on **Good Friday**, 30 March, at St Martin's Church, Brasted. For more information contact Gloria Toplis on 07751 173800.

### Easter Sunday

7.00am Lighting of the Easter bonfire, and breakfast.

8.00am Holy Communion (Order Two)

10.00am Easter Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Choral Evensong

## **Workshops at St Augustine's**

10.00am-3.30pm on **Saturday 28 April**  
at St Augustine's College, West Malling

- *Theology for Everyone* with Bishop Laurie Green
- *Islam for Anglicans* with Revd Dr Stephen Laird
- *Comedy and Preaching* with Revd Ravi Holy
- *Ecclesiastes and the Song of Songs* with Dr Robin Plant

£30 per workshop. To book contact [office@staugustinescollege.ac.uk](mailto:office@staugustinescollege.ac.uk) or ring 01732 252656

## **Exploring Christian Spirituality**

Experiential course on prayer, 10.30am-3.00pm on seven Saturdays beginning on **5 May** at Christ Church, Chislehurst. See the church notice board for details.

## **Construct a Rule of Life**

A 'Rule of Life' is a framework to help you structure and keep faithful to Christ in prayer and in life. This seminar, facilitated by Marion Syms, will draw on the monastic tradition to guide you into designing your own personal rule. 10.00am-3.00pm on **Saturday 16 June** at St Benedict's Centre, West Malling. To book contact Susanne Carlsson on 07795 167603.

## **Leap of Faith**

Women's Retreat Weekend, **Friday 15-Sunday 17 June**, based in Windsor. Come together in faith, fellowship and fun. £180 for twin occupancy. See the church notice board for details.

## **Cursillo**

Cursillo Groups are gatherings of clergy and lay people in small groups for mutual support, encouragement, prayer and study. See the leaflet on the church notice board if you think you would benefit from this proven way of growing in Christian faith and fellowship.

## **Bromley Food Bank**

Items currently required are: long life milk, long life fruit juice, tinned potatoes, rice, pulses, shampoo and toothbrushes. There is a box for donations at the back of church.

## **Starter Pack donations**

There is a box at the back of church for donations of basic household items to support those setting up a place of their own. Or, you can take them to Bromley Parish Church on the first Saturday each month, between 10.00am and 12.30pm. Items required include: bedding, towels, tea towels, saucepans (but not duvets or pillows, for health reasons).

## **The Church Times**

...is not just a 'news' paper, but includes devotional articles, discussion of contemporary issues from a faith perspective, letters, book reviews and much more. We commend a subscription, in print on line or by app. See the church notice board or go to [www.churchtimes.co.uk](http://www.churchtimes.co.uk)

## **Trustees wanted**

The Latch Project, which seeks to secure accommodation for young homeless people, urgently seeks new trustees. The role involves attending four committee meetings a year and giving practical support to staff and volunteers. There is a briefing paper about the work on the church notice board.