



WELCOME TO ST CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH HINCHLEY WOOD



8th March 2020 - **2ND SUNDAY IN LENT** - 2nd Sunday of the Month
Welcomers this week: Rosemary Coath and Christa Peasey

WELCOME!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Revd. Jonathan Andrew, who is taking today's service as it is Caroline's Sunday off. You may remember that Revd. Andrew took some of our services during the Vacancy.

Adults and children of all ages are most welcome at St Christopher's. Please do stay for refreshments after the service and introduce yourself to us. If you require ANY assistance please let us know. Large-print service sheets are available, please ask.

HOLY COMMUNION

Members of all churches are welcome to receive Communion. We have gluten-free wafers available – just ask when you come up to communion. To receive a blessing, please bring this leaflet when you come forward. If you need communion brought to you please tell a Welcomer.

FAMILIES

MESSY CHURCH runs on the 1st Friday of each month from 3:30pm-6:00pm with craft activities, celebration worship and a cooked tea. Next Messy Church will be Slightly Messy Good Friday on 10th April.

ECO TIP

Reuse Tip 2: **New owners for your old furniture and household items**

Consider donating to organisations such as the Surrey Reuse Network <https://www.surreyreusenetwork.org.uk/> which will help to reduce the amount of domestic material going to landfill.

These organisations reuse and repair items and sell them at affordable prices.

The charities they support help to alleviate financial hardship by donating items to people who are in a vulnerable situation or on benefits.

They also provide training opportunities for long-term unemployed and other disadvantaged groups.

TODAY'S HYMNS

Gathering:

All My Hope on God is Founded (19)

Gradual:

Jesus is Lord (352)

Offertory:

Great is Thy Faithfulness (249)

During Communion the choir will sing: In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful (929)

Communion hymn:

God Forgave My Sin (212)

Post Communion:

Christ Triumphant (104)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TODAY – 8TH MARCH

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

10:00am Sung Eucharist

Monday, 9th March

9:30am Zumba

1:30pm Funeral of Margaret (Peggy)
Carroll at Kingston Crematorium

5:00pm Tutoring Sessions (Vestry)

7:30pm PCC Meeting in the Hall

7:30pm Zoe Bennett Pilates

Tuesday, 10th March

10:00am Move It Or Lose It

3:15pm Abel Karate

Wednesday, 11th March

11:30am Lent Eucharist and discussion

12:30pm Lent Lunch

7:30pm MU Branch Meeting (Vestry)

Thursday, 12th March

2:00pm Funeral of Maureen Price at
St. Christopher's Church

3:40pm Committal for family only at
Kingston Crematorium

4:30pm Refreshments at Maureen's house

4:30pm Elevate Eleven (Vestry)

6:15pm Choir Practice

Friday, 13th March

10:00am Coffee & Chat

2:45pm Dance Class

6:00pm Andy King Children's Kung-Fu

Saturday, 14th March

2:30pm Drama Notes Academy

NEXT SUNDAY - 15TH MARCH

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

COFFEE & CHAT

Friday, 13th March

10:00am-11:30am

Join us on Friday, 13th March for our monthly Coffee & Chat morning. Pop in any time between 10:00am-11:30am for as long, or as short, a time as you wish. We would love to see you!

All are welcome!



MOTHERING SUNDAY FLOWERS WORKSHOP

Saturday, 21st March

10:00am

Mothering Sunday this year falls on 22nd March and we will be holding a Mothering Sunday Flowers Workshop in the Church at 10:00am on Saturday, 21st March.

Any help would be much appreciated! Please let Caroline know if you will be able to help.



LENT REFLECTIONS

#LiveLent: Care for God's Creation

The Archbishops' programme for Lent is based on caring for God's creation and seeing Him more closely in the natural world around us. The programme can be found as an app by searching for "Live Lent" or online at churchofengland.org.

This second week of Lent is based on water's central place in both life and faith.

Prayer for the week:

'I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold I freely give
The living water, thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink and live"
I came to Jesus and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched , my soul revived,
And now I live in Him'

Read: John 4 7-15

Reflection: In this passage Jesus treats the Samaritan woman with respect and dignity. Forgetting his own physical thirst he attends to her spiritual thirst. Jesus offers 'living water' – water that brings us blessing and refreshment right to the core of our being.

Action: Can you give, or raise, money for a charity providing clean water and sanitation in areas of need, such as www.toilettwinning.org



HINCHLEY WOOD MAGAZINE

SPRING ISSUE

The Spring issue of Hinchley Wood Magazine is scheduled for delivery w/c 30th March and will be batched and ready for delivery on Sunday, 29th March.

If you are able to help out with delivering the magazines this time around, could you please sign the sheet at the back of the Church. If your name is already on the list and you are happy to deliver again, could you please put a tick against your name. If you are unable to help out again this time around, please delete your name.

Many thanks!



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COLLECT

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

1ST READING

GENESIS 12:1-4A

12 Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' 4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

2ND READING

ROMANS 4:1-5, 13-17

4 What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' 4 Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. 5 But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. 13 For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14 If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15 For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. 16 For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, 17 as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 3:1-17

3 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2 He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' 3 Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' 4 Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' 5 Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." 8 The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' 9 Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' 10 Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 11 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYERS

We remember in our prayers all those in need, those who are housebound, and those who are ill, at home or in hospital. We pray especially for Fr. Peter Jenner in his convalescence.

We give thanks for the lives of Margaret (Peggy) Carroll, Maureen Price, Rev. John Silk and John, dearly loved son-in-law to Dorothy. May they rest in peace.