



# WELCOME TO ST CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH HINCHLEY WOOD



15th March 2020 - **3RD SUNDAY IN LENT** - 3rd Sunday of the Month

**Welcomers this week: Liz Hammond, Stephanie Post and Emma Rush**

## **WELCOME!**

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 usually 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**

### ***Reduce Tip 3:*** **Join in with WWF "Earth Hour"**

This is a global initiative, begun in 2007, to draw attention to climate change and show support for our planet. Once a year iconic landmarks, businesses and homes in 180 countries and territories symbolically switch off their lights. It has become one of the largest grassroots movements for the environment.

You can take part by switching off your lights for an hour on Saturday, March 28, 2020 at 8:30pm.

Further details can be found at:  
[http://www.wwf.org.uk/about-us/earth-hour/](http://www.wwf.org.uk/about-us/earth-hour)

## **TODAY'S HYMNS**

### **Gathering:**

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken (205)

### **Gradual:**

As the Deer Pants for the Water (45)

### **Offertory:**

Come Down, O Love Divine (114)

**During Communion the choir will sing:**  
**Veni, Sancte Spiritus (948)**

### **Communion hymn:**

In Christ Alone (Sheet)

### **Post Communion:**

The Spirit Lives to Set Us Free (666)

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## **TODAY – 15TH MARCH**

### **3RD SUNDAY OF LENT**

10:00am All Age Eucharist  
6:00pm Space To Be

### Monday, 16th March

9:30am Deanery Quiet Lent Morning at  
House of Prayer  
9:30am Zumba  
5:00pm Tutoring Sessions (Vestry)  
7:30pm Zoe Bennett Pilates

### Tuesday, 17th March

10:00am Move It Or Lose It  
3:15pm Abel Karate  
6:30pm Standing Committee Mtg (Vestry)

### Wednesday, 18th March

11:30am Lent Eucharist and discussion  
12:30pm Lent Lunch

### Thursday, 19th March

10:30am Move It Or Lose It  
4:30pm Elevate Eleven  
6:15pm Choir Practice

### Friday, 20th March

12:00pm Blood Transfusion Service  
2:45pm Dance Class  
6:00pm Andy King Children's Kung-Fu

### Saturday, 21st March

10:00am Mothering Sunday Flowers  
Workshop  
2:30pm Drama Notes Academy (Hall)  
7:30pm Scouts' Quiz Night

## **NEXT SUNDAY - 22ND MARCH**

### **MOTHERING SUNDAY**

10:00am Mothering Sunday Eucharist  
3:30pm Tea & Hymns  
6:00pm Space To Be

## **ST CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH HINCHLEY WOOD**

### **MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE**



**Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020  
10:00am**

## **ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH HALL Claygate Lane, Hinchley Wood**

### **TEA AND HYMNS**



**Sunday, 22nd March  
3:30-5:00pm  
and**

**the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month**

**Tea, Cake & Hymns**



## 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](http://churchofengland.org).

This third week of Lent is based on land and on the trees and plant life it supports. We'll be exploring what the abundance of nature tells us about God who created it and the urgent need for humans to value and protect it.



#### **Prayer for the week:**

'When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee  
How great thou art! How great thou art!'



**Read:** Leviticus 25.1-5

**Reflection:** In this passage land is allowed to lie fallow, to allow it to recover. God teaches us how to farm, and how to live. Buying and consuming as much as we can and feeling that we must have more can become a habit. We can also look at others and imagine that the more productive they are, the more valuable. The sabbath principle challenges us to think differently, to live more sustainably.

**Action:** Buying local and seasonal produce helps support biodiversity as well as reducing carbon emissions. Try to buy local for at least two meals in the coming week.

<https://localfoodbritain.com/surrey/shops/food-producers/>



## MOTHERING SUNDAY FLOWERS WORKSHOP

**Saturday, 21st March  
10:00am**

Next Sunday will be Mothering Sunday and we will be holding a Mothering Sunday Flowers Workshop in the Church at 10:00am next Saturday, 21st March.



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

## SPACE TO BE

From today (Sunday, 15th March) we will be holding a simple service of Evening Prayer at St. Christopher's Church.

The service will be a quiet space for people to come together before the busy week begins. There will be no sermon or communion, just us coming together to raise our voices in prayer.

It will be led by lay members of the congregation and will be based on reflection and stillness, with a short space for people to bring their own prayers, out loud if they wish, or in their hearts.



It will start at 6:00pm and will last no more than half an hour.

You are all welcome, whether exploring what faith means to you or certain of its importance for you, please join us in our Space To Be.

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## **COLLECT**

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **GOSPEL READING**

### **JOHN 4:5-30 & 39-42**

In Samaria he came to a town named Sychar, which was not far from the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by the trip, sat down by the well. It was about noon. 7 A Samaritan woman came to draw some water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink of water." (8 His disciples had gone into town to buy food.) 9 The woman answered, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan—so how can you ask me for a drink?" (Jews will not use the same cups and bowls that Samaritans use). 10 Jesus answered, "If you only knew what God gives and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would ask him, and he would give you life-giving water." 11 "Sir," the woman said, "you don't have a bucket, and the well is deep. Where would you get that life-giving water? 12 It was our ancestor Jacob who gave us this well; he and his children and his flocks all drank from it. You don't claim to be greater than Jacob, do you?" 13 Jesus answered, "Those who drink this water will get thirsty again, 14 but those who drink the water that I will give them will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give them will become in them a spring which will provide them with life-giving water and give them eternal life." 15 "Sir," the woman said, "give me that water! Then I will never be thirsty again, nor will I have to come here to draw water." 16 "Go and call your husband," Jesus told her, "and come back." 17 "I don't have a husband," she answered. Jesus replied, "You are right when you say you don't have a husband. 18 You have been married to five men, and the man you live with now is not really your husband. You have told me the truth." 19 "I see you are a prophet, sir," the woman said. 20 "My Samaritan ancestors worshiped God on this mountain, but you Jews say that Jerusalem is the place where we should worship God." 21 Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the time will come when people will not worship the Father either on this mountain or in Jerusalem. 22 You Samaritans do not really know whom you worship; but we Jews know whom we worship, because it is from the Jews that salvation comes. 23 But the time is coming and is already here, when by the power of God's Spirit people will worship the Father as he really is, offering him the true worship that he wants. 24 God is Spirit, and only by the power of his Spirit can people worship him as he really is." 25 The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah will come, and when he

comes, he will tell us everything." 26 Jesus answered, "I am he, I who am talking with you." 27 At that moment Jesus' disciples returned, and they were greatly surprised to find him talking with a woman. But none of them said to her, "What do you want?" or asked him, "Why are you talking with her?" 28 Then the woman left her water jar, went back to the town, and said to the people there, 29 "Come and see the man who told me everything I have ever done. Could he be the Messiah?" 30 So they left the town and went to Jesus. 39 Many of the Samaritans in that town believed in Jesus because the woman had said, "He told me everything I have ever done." 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they begged him to stay with them, and Jesus stayed there two days. 41 Many more believed because of his message, 42 and they told the woman, "We believe now, not because of what you said, but because we ourselves have heard him, and we know that he really is the Saviour of the world."

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; 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 Carroll, Maureen Price, Rev. John Silk and John, dearly loved son-in-law to Dorothy. May they rest in peace.