

### Happening this week

!! British Summer time begins today !!

Monday	9.00 am	Toddler Group
Monday	12.00 noon	Silver Screening Lunch and Film Club
Monday	5.00 pm	StreetLytes: Dinner & Film for rough sleepers
Wednesday	6.30pm	Mass and Deanery Synod at St Luke's
Thursday	6.30 pm	Meditation group - Call Sue for details 07780 541492

### PASSING ON THE FAITH TO THE NEXT GENERATION

'Helping teenagers to find faith in their homes', tomorrow, 7.45pm at St Alban's Church, 2 Margravine Road, W6 8HJ. A free evening recognising the role of parents/carers/grandparents in bringing the next generation into the faith.

### Lay Duties Rota

**Today**  
**Reading:** Sam Vaughan-Jones  
**Prayers:** Zoe St Hill  
**Refreshments:** Dorota and Jason Briggs, Iona and Daniel Davies, Chris and Anna Hoyer Millar,

### Next Sunday April 7

**Prayers** Jane Thurston-Hoskins  
**Refreshments:** Justine & Angus Flockhart, Pamela Joyce, Tom & Gret Batchelar, Ben & Clare Johnson

### Louisa Bowman, Safeguarding Officer

Our Safeguarding Officer is the first person to speak to if you have any concerns around the welfare of a child or adult at risk. 07720 290596



### Kavita Abraham-Dowsing, Children's Champion

The Children's Champion is here to be an advocate for all children in all areas of Parish life, making sure their views are heard and their needs are thought of. 07947 277728

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**Bush Telegraph**  
**Welcome to St Stephen's**  
[www.ststephensw12.org](http://www.ststephensw12.org)  
31 March 2019  
**Lent 4, Mothering Sunday**



### Welcome to our Preacher and Celebrant The Reverend Paulette Mullings

Assistant Priest at Holy Innocents' Church, Paddenswick Road, Hammersmith

*All children including visitors are welcome to join Sunday School today. Please bring your children to the front of the church at the end of the first hymn. Sunday School is for children in Reception Class upwards. Parents can stay with their children if they wish, the children will return to church at the Communion. For toddlers there is a colouring table at the back of the church and parents can take them to the hall if they get restless.*

### Collect

Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### Reading: Corinthians 5.16-21

From now on we regard no-one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**This is the Word of the Lord**

**Thanks be to God**

## Gospel: Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32

## Glory to you O Lord

<sup>1</sup>All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' <sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>11</sup>'There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup>When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup>He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" <sup>20</sup>So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe - the best one - and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup>Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup>He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." <sup>28</sup>Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" <sup>31</sup>Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

### After the Gospel we sing:

Amazing love, oh what sacrifice  
The Son of God, given for me  
My debt He pays, and my death He dies.  
That I might live, that I might live.

### Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Mothering Sunday

The Church has traditionally provided flowers for the children of the church to give to their mothers, as a sign of their love and appreciation. Now we include all the ladies of the church, in recognition of their important role in our community.



**Coffee and chat** in the hall after the service (tea/ juice/biscuits if you prefer).

**GARDENING:** the next session will be on **SATURDAY, APRIL 13 (NOT Saturday 7th )** Apologies for the disappointment!

### SLIVER SCREENING NEEDS YOUR HELP, April 29 onwards

We need a volunteer to help with the Silver Screening: 11am -1.00pm or 3.00 - 3.30pm every Monday in term time. Even help for an hour or so would be useful. Please call or email Shalini, 07955 114339 shalinipeiris.85@gmail.com

### PALM SUNDAY, April 14 We will read The Passion Narrative set in parts as drama

On Palm Sunday, we will read a dramatisation of the story of Jesus's last week; from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, through the Last Supper, his arrest and trial, to his death by crucifixion and laying out in the tomb. Members of the congregation are invited to read the (small or large) parts of various people in



the narrative. If you would like to be one of the readers, please speak to Juliet Byford. No prior rehearsal is involved, you just need to be able to confirm you'll be present on April 14. Thank you.

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