

Sunday 25th March 2018
Palm Sunday

08.00	BCP Holy Communion – <i>St Mark's</i>
9.15	Family Worship– <i>St Mark's</i>
10.45	Procession with donkey to St Andrew's
11.00	Choral Eucharist with Sunday club– <i>St Andrew's</i>
18.00	Evening prayer with silence – <i>St Andrew's</i>

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, we will be having donkey rides after the 9.15am service before processing to St Andrew's church. **Clocks go forward next Sunday**please remember to reset your clocks Saturday night. Join the procession, by coming to St Mark's at 10.45, or, if you come straight to St Andrew's, you'll be fine, but don't panic if the church is a bit empty. Everyone is on their way!

Lent lunches – last chance to dine in with us is this Wednesday: **21st March**, Glass room at St Andrew's at 12 noon. Some argue that this week's soup, the leak and potato, will be the best so far... come this week for a soup lunch with suggested donation of £4 in aid of the Bishops' Lent appeal. **Bishops' Lent appeal** charities this year can be summed up by three areas: the Holy Land, Zimbabwe, and south London.

Easter Flowers: If you would like to buy a lily in memory of a loved one the cost of lilies this year will be £3.50 each. Any other donations towards the cost of decorating both churches with flowers for Easter would be much appreciated. Contributions should be given to either Anne Barker/Jackie Page or the Church Wardens.

Mothers' Union will be meeting at **St Mark's church** on **Wednesday 21st March** at **2.30pm** when David Candlin will be talking about his experience in Cameroon and his journey to ordination. All are welcome.

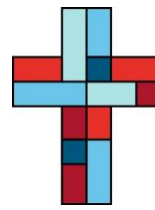
"Come and Sing", Handel's Hallelujah Chorus on Easter Sunday. Congregation members are welcome to join with the SASM's choir again this year on Easter Sunday to sing the Hallelujah Chorus during the 9.15am service at St Mark's. Anyone interested should come to St Andrew's Blue Room for 30 min rehearsal at 8pm on Friday 30th March - bring your own copy if you have one, but spares may be available. Looking ahead there will be a "Come and Sing Choral Evensong" event at St Andrew's on Saturday 9th June...further details to follow!

Come and Serve! We are looking for new blood to assist with serving at the altar: being an acolyte (aka carrying candles) and the like. It's a great and, hopefully, enjoyable way to assist with worship. Talk to Robert or Valerie Baxter after the service if you feel you can help.

A morning of training: Welcome to Church on Saturday 14th April at 10am at St Andrew's church (Coffee at 9.30am) Odette Penwarden, lead steward at Southwark Cathedral, will share her knowledge and experience on how to make people feel welcome at church. More details form Sarah Stokes and RSVP to the parish office.

Come and sing day for Children: Please note the date on Saturday 19 May, special Come and Sing day for 6 to 12 year olds. No experience required, but just to want to have a go at singing! See Simon for more details.

Pilgrimage to Westminster Abbey - keep the date! We are planning an "all ages" day trip by coach **on Saturday 16th June 2018**. This will include tours of the Abbey, craft activities for children, a picnic by the London Eye and time to explore the South Bank. Diana



**St Andrew
& St Mark
Surbiton**

Sunday 18th March 2018
Passion Sunday
Lent 5

Services Today

08.00	BCP Holy Communion – <i>St Andrew's</i>
9.15	Morning worship with baptism – <i>St Mark's</i>
11.00	Choral Eucharist with Sunday club- <i>St Andrew's</i>
18.00	Service of Wholeness & Healing – <i>St Andrew's</i>

Parish office is closed on Monday
Monday

Tuesday 08.50 Morning Prayer – St Mark's

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10.00 Sunbeams –St Mark's
12.00 Lent lunches–St Andrew's
14.30 Mothers' Union – St Mark's

Thursday 08.30 Morning Prayer – St. Mark's
10.30 Holy Communion– St Mark's

Friday 08.30 Eucharist – St Andrew's
10.00 Friday Coffee for Charity- St Andrew's

Saturday

Sunday

A very warm welcome to our church today. We especially welcome Daniel, his family and friends as he is baptized this morning at St Mark's. We hope that you will find something of the presence of God in our worship and among those you meet.

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*There is an induction loop in both churches - please turn your aid to the 'T' setting.
You can follow the service in the Liturgy Service Booklet; this pew sheet will give you information about the readings and hymns; you will also need a New English Hymnal*

This week is the fourth of our special **Lent Teaching**
The theme is: **Are 'new' ideas of gender identity liberating or problematic for Christians?**

Please stay in the church for a lecture style sermon or join a more discussion type style of teaching in the Glass room.
There will be an activity led group for children.

Hymns NEH

Music Setting **Leighton in D**

Introit hymn **376** I heard the voice of Jesus say

Collect

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Today's Themes

The New Testament reading is well known: in it, Paul argues that human categories are insignificant in the light of our unity in Christ. This is in the background of our talk on issues of gender dysphoria and more.

The Gospel reading is from John's Gospel, pushing us forward to Holy Week and events to come. It is an early image of the meaning Of resurrection: for a seed, burial must come before new life arrives..

First Reading **Galatians 3.23-29**
Reader Moira Greenfield

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Gospel **John 12.20-33**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say— "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Intercessions Valerie Baxter

Offertory hymn **461** There's a wideness in God's mercy

During the offertory hymn a collection is taken for the work of the church: please give generously. If you are moved to do so, please ask for info about planned giving, if you do not do so currently.

Communion Anthem **Christus factus est- BRUCKNER**

Communion Hymn **84** It is a thing most wonderful

Please come forward for Communion if it is your custom, or for a blessing, as directed by the Churchwardens. We will receive in two lines, as usual.

Notices and banns

At the dismissal **94** We sing the praise of him who died

Next week's readings Philippians 2.5-11
Liturgy of the Passion

For your prayer: *Requests for Healing Prayer to be made to the parish office; names will remain on the list for one month unless a new request is made.*

For healing: Sue Paine Rosa Panton Iain Jones
Mary Rice Matthew Woods Jo Norman Theodore Shah
Keith Kirby Tracy Calviou Michael Naylor Nancy Vlasto
Gail Reed Daniel White Lucy-May Watson
Stefka Dimitrova John Whelan Moira Frau Bob Brooks

Years mind: Joan Dweck Corinne Russell
Douglas MacFarlane Elsie Hobleby

Birthdays: Roger Jones

