

# Easter 3

*Sunday 15 April 2018*



## This Sunday

**8am**

President:

**Said Eucharist (BCP)**

Rev. Canon Bill Norman

**10.30am**

President:

Lay Deacon:

Preacher:

Readers:

Setting:

OoS:

Readings:

**Sung Eucharist**

*with baptism*

Rev. Dr. Robert Tobin

Alex Russell

Christopher Serbutt

Rosie Slater-Carr

Mesha Campbell

St. Thomas

Special

Acts 3.12-19

I John 3.1-7

Luke 24.36b-48

**6.30pm**

Officiant:

Psalm(s):

Readings:

**Evening Prayer**

Rev. Dr. Robert Tobin

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Deuteronomy 7.7-13

Revelation 2.1-11

## Collect, Hymns and Readings

### **Introit:**

*Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken*  
(NEH 362`)

### **Collect:**

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the  
disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with  
us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained  
by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness  
and truth;  
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.

**Amen.**

### **First Reading:**

*Acts 3.12-19*

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. <sup>17</sup>And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading:**

*1 John 3.1-7*

*A reading from the first letter of John*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual:**

*God Is Love (NEH 364, t.408)*

## **Gospel Reading:**

*Luke 24.36b-48*

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to Luke

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?' <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and

see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’<sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.<sup>41</sup> While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’<sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish,<sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate in their presence.<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,<sup>46</sup> and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,<sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.’<sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Offertory:**

*At The Lamb’s High Feast We Sing* (NEH 104)

### **Communion Anthem:**

*O For A Closer Walk* (Stanford)

### **Communion Hymn:**

*Now The Green Blade Riseth* (NEH 115)

### **Post Communion Prayer:**

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming  
work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### **Dismissal:**

*Alleluya! Alleluya!* (NEH 103)

## Church News

### **FORMAL NOTICE OF APCM**

*Sunday April 29*

This is a formal notice that the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the Church of St Mary and St John the Divine, Balham, on Sunday, the 29th day of April, 2018 at 11.45am. All persons whose names are entered upon the Church Electoral Roll of the parish (and such persons only) are entitled to vote at the election of parochial representatives of the laity.

### **STEWARDSHIP**

Here at St Mary's we operate a stewardship scheme through which members of our community can plan their monthly/weekly donations towards the church's running costs. These costs are now about £104,000/annum (or about £2,000/week). They include the expense of having a full-time vicar, a part-time Director of Music and administrator, as well as the considerable expense of running and maintaining our building. No less important are the costs associated with our worship, mission, and programmes. There are two ways you can give that will help the church with planning and Gift Aid. One is the weekly numbered envelope scheme, and boxes of these will be available for collection after today's service. Alternatively, you can set up a standing order, and information about this will also be available after the service — please see the Vicar or the Treasurer, Keith Mitchell.

### **AROUND THE TABLE**

*Wednesday April 18, 7.30pm*

The next session of Around the Table, the St. Mary's Bible Study Group, is on Wednesday April 18 starting at 7.30pm and finishing around 8.30pm with Compline.

We will be continuing our study of Mark's Gospel with the first of two sessions on discipleship. The sessions are designed to be stand-alone, so if you haven't been before, or you've missed one or two, it won't matter. No matter where you are on your Christian journey, you are more than welcome. If you have any questions, please speak to Chris Serbutt.

## **WEDNESDAY GROUP**

*Wednesday April 25, 1pm*

The next meeting of the Wednesday Group will be on Wednesday April 26 immediately following the lunchtime Eucharist. For more information, please speak to Rev. Eileen or to Daphne Clarke.

## **INTERNATIONAL LUNCH**

*Saturday April 28, 12-2pm*

Come and enjoy tastes from around the World, for £5. If you would like to contribute to lunch please tell me what you will be bringing.

*Diane*

## **LECTIO DIVINA**

Lectio Divina takes place every second Wednesday evening of the month. In May, it will be held at the home of Mike Mullins and Paula Reynolds (11 Fieldhouse Road) from 7.00-8.30pm (with pizza and drinks beforehand). From June-October, it will take place at St Mary's from 7.00-8.30pm (with drinks and nibbles beforehand), and then for the November and December meetings will take place again at Mike and Paula's. To learn more, please contact Mike at [mikemullins1964@gmail.com](mailto:mikemullins1964@gmail.com) or speak to him after the service.

9th May (at Mike and Paula's)

13th June (at SMB)

11th July (at SMB)

8th August (at SMB)

12th September (at SMB)

10th October (at SMB)

14th November (at Mike and Paula's)

12th December (at Mike and Paula's)

### **BALHAM TO TOOTING BEC TRAIL-MAP AND PODCAST**

This trail is just being launched and features the church of St Mary and St John the Divine. This circular self-guided walk takes you from Balham station to Tooting Bec and back again. Accompanied by a map and a podcast, you will learn about the area from people who live and work here. Did you know that the Church is the oldest building here? Or that we have the only sewing machine museum in the world? Or that in the past, you were interviewed before you were able to rent a flat in Du Cane Court?

Access the podcast at:

[www.neighbourhoodnetworksw17.org.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodnetworksw17.org.uk) or  
<https://soundcloud.com/bttb-trail>.

Download the map at the Neighbourhood Network website or pick it up at local shops or the Balham Library. You can borrow an MP3 player from the library if you are unable to download the podcast on your phone. You can do the walk alone, or with friends and/or family – it takes about an hour in all and there are plenty of places to stop for refreshments along the way.

Neighbourhood Network SW12 and SW17 who have produced the trail hope that you will join in, take part and enjoy it and that you will help launch the trail on Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> 2018, meeting at 12:00pm at Irene House (next to St Mary and St John the Divine church) to walk the trail together.

Please forward this information (and the flyer attached) to all those who might be interested- we really hope that this is a well-used community resource.

*Neighbourhood Network SW12 and SW17 is a local community group. For more information or to download the map or podcast go to [www.neighbourhoodnetworksw17.org.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodnetworksw17.org.uk) Follow us on Twitter at @NNsw1217*

## **CHURCHES TOGETHER**

Churches Together in Balham and Upper Tooting will meet on Wednesday 18th April at the New Testament Assembly, 7 Beechcroft Road Upper Tooting SW17 7BU. Refreshments will be available from 7.15pm; opening prayer at 7.30. This is an open meeting the focus is on local church projects and the main speaker will be from Christians Against Poverty. See Rose Harley, Moira Hodgson or Susanne Mitchell for further details.

## **LOVE BALHAM**

*Saturday June 9*

Our friends at Church of the Ascension on Balham Hill have invited the St Mary's community to join them this year in their annual day of service to the community, known as 'Love Balham'. This is a day to witness through helping our neighbours: by car-washing, gardening, decorating, even nail-painting! More information to follow, but please mark your calendar now for this fun and important opportunity.

## **Box On The High Road**

During April, which is Bowel Cancer Awareness month, we will be supporting Bowel Cancer UK and Beating Bowel Cancer, reg. charity 1071038. Bowel cancer is the second cause of all cancer deaths in the UK, together we are trying to stop deaths from bowel cancer.

# Coming Up

## **Sunday 15 April** *Easter 3*

8am Said Eucharist (BCP)

10.30am Sung Eucharist  
*with baptism*

6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

## **Monday 16 April**

8am Morning Prayer

## **Tuesday 17 April**

8am Morning Prayer

## **Wednesday 18 April**

8am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Said Eucharist

7.30pm Around The Table

## **Thursday 19 April**

8am Morning Prayer

## **Friday 20 April**

8am Morning Prayer

## **Saturday 21 April**

9.30am Morning Prayer

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## **Wednesday 25 April**

1.15pm Wednesday Group

## **Saturday 28 April**

12pm International Lunch

## **Sunday 29 April**

12pm APCM

## **Saturday 26 May**

7.30pm Concert  
(London Saxophone Choir)

## **Saturday 9 June**

tbc Love Balham

# Our Prayers This Week

## **Our world:**

- Peace
- The Children's Society and the work it does in promoting social justice for young people

*A complete list of prayer requests can be found in the printed version of this pewsheet*

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