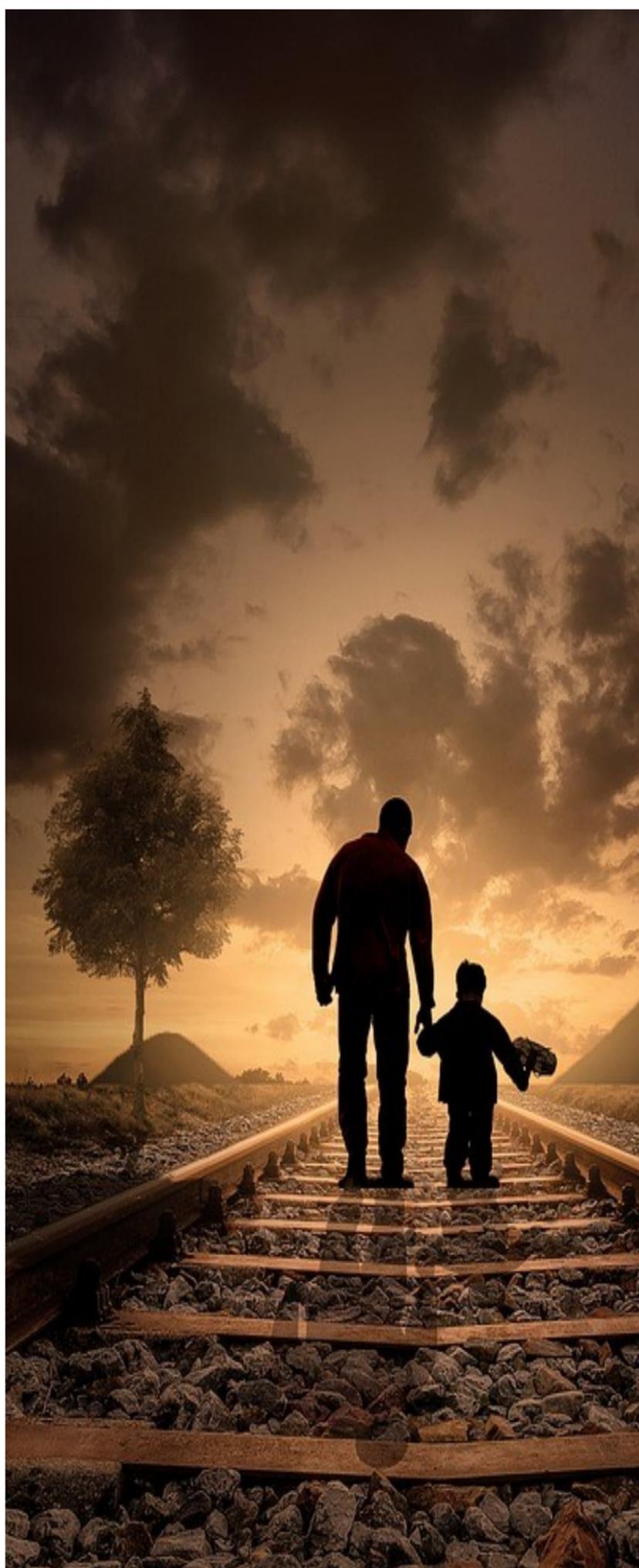


The Parish of St. Mary and St. John the Divine, Balham

EPIPHANY 2

Sunday 14 January 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

Nicky Morton

Christopher Serbutt

Rosie Slater-Carr

Graeme Calf

St. Thomas

Eucharist with Baptism

I Samuel 3.1-10

Revelation 5.1-10

John 1.43-end

6.30pm

Officiant:

Psalm(s):

Readings:

Evening Prayer (BCP)

Rev. Eileen Serbutt

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Isaiah 60.9-end

Hebrews 6.17-7.10

Collect, Hymns and Readings

Introit:

Alleluia Sing To Jesus (NEH 271)

Collect:

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the
riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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:

I Samuel 3.1-10

A reading from the first Book of Samuel

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

⁴Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down.

⁶The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy.

⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading:

Revelation 5.1-10

A reading from book, Revelation

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; ²and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁴And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

⁶Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. ⁸When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

⁹They sing a new song:

'You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,

for you were slaughtered and by your blood you
ransomed for God

saints from every tribe and language and peo-
ple and nation;

¹⁰ you have made them to be a kingdom and
priests serving our God,

and they will reign on earth.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual:

Dear Lord And Father (NEH 353)

Gospel Reading:

John 1.43-end

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus

Christ according to John

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

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' ⁵⁰Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' ⁵¹And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Offertory:

Just As I Am (NEH 294)

Communion Anthem:

Come My Way (Archer)

Communion Hymn:

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (NEH 295)

Post Communion Prayer:

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Amen.

Dismissal:

Forth In Thy Name (NEH 235)

Church News

FORMAL NOTICE OF PCC MEETING

Wednesday January 17

The meeting of the Parochial Church Council of St Mary and St John the Divine will take place on Wednesday, 17 January 2018 at 7.45pm in the Narthex.

AROUND THE TABLE

Wednesday January 17

Around the Table is a study group which welcomes everyone wherever you happen to be on your journey of faith. It thrives on the discussion of differing opinions. We start with a passage of scripture and examine it in the context and culture of the time in which it was written. We then try to see what we can learn from it and understand what it means for us in our own contemporary society. We conclude each evening by saying Compline together.

This year we are looking at the Gospel of Mark who was writing to offer hope and an authentic image of Christ to a community living in chaotic and uncertain times. It is designed to work equally well as a complete study or individual studies – so come to as many or as few as you like.

The next session is on Wednesday January 17 at 7.30pm. We generally finish by around 8.45pm. And refreshments are provided!

Speak to Chris for more information.

JUNIOR CHURCH

Sunday January 21

Junior Church resumes on Sunday January 21 but please note that the start time is 10.30am with the doors opening at 10.20.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Sunday January 28

As we celebrate the Light of Christ at Candlemas, please join us for a Christingle Service on Sunday, 28 January at 5pm. This is the first in a new series of family services we will be holding at St Mary's one Sunday a month. People of all ages are very welcome! Please see Chris Serbutt or the Vicar for more information.

DIOCESAN SERVERS' FESTIVAL

Saturday January 20

On Saturday 20 January, Southwark Cathedral will be hosting the annual Diocesan Servers' Festival to which **ALL** servers from across the diocese are most warmly invited in order to give thanks for the privilege of serving God and Church, to rededicate themselves to their ministry and to get to know others from across the diocese who exercise a similar ministry. The programme for the day is as follows: 12.30 - Choral Eucharist (at which The Rt Rev'd Karowei Dorgu, Bishop of Woolwich will preside and Canon Roxanne Hunt will preach); Lunch break, please supply your own food. 14.45 - The Dean's Verger will be presenting "A day in the life..." for adults with a separate session on candle making for younger servers (aimed at under 16s); and 16.00 - Choral Evensong. It would be wonderful if we could have a strong showing from the servers within our parish. Please do come along if you are able to do so (and of course you are welcome to stay for as much or as little of the day as your time may allow). Charlie Dyer will be representing the serving team at St. Mary's, please let her know if you plan to attend. Sign up link is also below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/southwark-diocesan-servers-festival-2018-registration-40866952154>

KEBLE COLLEGE OUTING

Wednesday February 7

Our patron, Keble College, has invited us to a Sung Eucharist in the College Chapel in Oxford on the evening of Wednesday, 7 February at 7pm, followed by dinner in the Hall and a drinks reception hosted by the Warden. The preacher at the service will be the Revd Canon Alister McGrath, Idreos Professor of Science and Religion. The cost of the evening will be £14.50 per person, plus the cost of travel on the day. The deadline to sign up (including payment) is Wednesday, 24 January. Please contact the Vicar if you would like to go

CHALICE ADMINISTRATORS

Saturday February 10

For those chalice administrators (both old and new) who were unable to attend the training session we held before Christmas, a second session will take place on Saturday, 10 February 2018 from 11am-12. Please see the Vicar for more information.

MISSION ACTION PLANNING DAY

Saturday March 17

Everyone at St Mary's is encouraged to take part in our Mission Action Planning Away Day on Saturday, 17 March. This is an opportunity for all members of our community to express what areas of church life they care about most and where they want to put their energies on behalf of our shared Christian witness. The day will be facilitated by Mike Mullins and take place at Holy Trinity Church Upper Tooting. We will begin at 9am and end promptly at 2pm, with lunch provided. Please see the Vicar if for more information.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Calling all Children's Society Box Holders. Please return your box to church so they can be emptied and counted. Thank you, Diane.

DONATE FOR FREE!

Did you know that you can support St Mary's, Balham by shopping online? Every time you shop online via easyfundraising at one of the 3,300 retailers including John Lewis, Sainsbury's, Amazon and Booking.com, a donation will be made to St Mary's, Balham, and it won't cost you an extra penny. It's really simple to get started, just sign up for free at:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarysbalham/>

Get shopping – your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to St Mary's, Balham. It couldn't be easier! Always click on your easyfundraising home page **before** you click through to your favourite shops. There are no catches or hidden charges and St Mary's, Balham will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.

Anzo Francis

DATE FOR DIARY - PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF ST ALBAN

Please hold Saturday 23 June 2018 for Parish Pilgrimage to St Albans Abbey for their Festival Celebration.

Leave St Mary's 8am and return around 7pm by train via Watford Junction.

Street procession, Eucharist, Pub Lunch and Solemn Evensong with visit to the Shrine.

Cost will be £12 - £15 each and will be organised by Alex and Father Mike

DEANERY RESILIENCE TRAINING EVENT

In light of the Grenfell Tower fire and other major incidents, it has become clear what an important role local churches can play in moments of public crisis. In recognition of this fact, we will be holding a Deanery 'Resilience Training' event here at St Mary's on Thursday, 1 February at 7.30pm. The Archdeacon of Croydon, the Venerable Chris Skilton, will address us and help us to consider how we might best respond collectively, should a major incident occur in our Deanery Area. Everyone is very welcome. Please see the Vicar for more information.

CHURCHES TOGETHER

Meeting to explore responses to hate and knife crime, and to isolation in our community.

Churches Together in Balham and Upper Tooting will meet on **Thursday 18th January** (this is a change to the earlier notice) at the Salvation Army church ([38 Balham High Road Sw12 9AH](#)). This is the first day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

There will be a prayer meeting from 19.00 until 19.30 to which everyone is welcome. Tea and coffee will be available from 19.30. There will then be a brief business meeting for reps, during which you may remain or take a second cup of tea in an alternative space if you prefer. At approx 20.00 we are hoping to have a speaker from the Wandsworth Faith Network to talk about possible responses to hate and knife crime among youth in our area and to isolation among older members of our community. Possible projects could be a Youth Club and a Befriending Service, supported by churches within Balham and upper Tooting. We hope that as many as possible will give their support to this presentation. Do feel free to attend any or all parts of the above. Speak to Moira, Rose or Susanne for more information.

Coming Up

Sunday 14 January (Epiphany 2)

- 8am Said Eucharist (BCP)
10.30am Sung Eucharist
with baptism
6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Monday 15 January

- 8am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 16 January

- 8am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 17 January

- 8am Morning Prayer
9.30am Little Lambs
12.30pm Said Eucharist
7.30pm Around The Table
7.45pm PCC

Thursday 18 January

- 8am Morning Prayer

Friday 19 January

- 8am Morning Prayer

Saturday 20 January

- 9.30am Morning Prayer
10am Coffee & Chat
12.30pm Diocesan Servers' Festival
(Southwark Cathedral)
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Sunday 21 January

- 10.20am Junior Church Resumes

Sunday 28 January

- 5pm Christingle Family Service

Thursday 1 February

- 7.30pm Resilience Training

Saturday 10 February

- 11am Chalice Administrator Training

Box On The High Road

Due to the good response to Crisis we have decided to continue to support them throughout January.

If you would like to nominate a charity, one per month throughout the year, local or national then please speak with the Vicar or Churchwardens.

Our Prayers This Week

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

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