

Please pray for

...all those who serve as **Safeguarding Officers within the Team**
...for the ministry of **Church Wardens, PCC members and Church Committee members**, elected at the ACM and APCM last week
...**Fr. Jamil Khadir and the Anglican congregations in Nablus** in the West Bank
...**Christ's School** for all staff and students that they be refreshed over the Easter break
...**the sick and those in need** - Frances Irwin, Hermione Lockyer, Ron Bond, Mary Ricketts
...**the departed, may they rest in peace** - George Murray, Nick von Berg

Today and This Week

Next week **Morning Prayer** at St Mary Magdalene at 8.30am from Monday of Holy Week to Good Friday to start your day. There will be no Morning Prayer on Easter Monday 22 April.

Next week **Evening Prayer** at St John the Divine on Monday and Wednesday at 4.30pm to end the day with quiet reflection. There will be no Evening Prayer on Good Friday 19 April, or on Monday, Wednesday and Friday 22, 24 and 26 April.

Passover Supper on Maundy Thursday, 18 April, 5-6.30pm. This year, due to restricted space we will be running a smaller Passover Supper for our school age children and young people only. This will be followed by a sleep over for KS2 children upwards. Please book in with Helen for both the supper and the sleep over. Suggested donation of £2.50/child which will help to cover costs and any surplus funds will go to the Bishops Lent appeal.

Please sign up TODAY for the Vigil on Maundy Thursday, 18 April at St Mary Magdalene—sheet at the back of each church. Should there not be enough people to cover the night, the Vigil will end at midnight.

Good Friday Walk of Witness, with fellow Christians of churches in Richmond, starting at the War Memorial on Whittaker Avenue. 10am. The Revd Alan Sykes will lead.

Good Friday on the Edge, 12noon-2pm, at St Matthias, led by Revd Susanna Gunner, an Anglican priest with a background in education. She lives in Norfolk and, since her ordination, has served as Diocesan Lay Development Co-ordinator and as Chaplain to the Bishop of Norwich. She is passionate about spirituality, the arts and discipleship. As we journey with Jesus to the cross this Good Friday 2019, we will seek the company of some of those who travelled with him on that first Good Friday nearly two thousand years ago. Like Jesus, abandoned by his friends and moving inexorably towards the death of a common criminal, those whose stories we will explore were also very much 'on the edge' for a whole host of reasons. What can they teach us, both about Jesus' death and about our own responses to it? In her four reflections, Susanna Gunner will draw on art and poetry to stir our imaginations and stimulate new insights.

Coming Up

'Faith at Home Workshop' on Saturday 18 May, 10am-3pm at St Matthias Church. £10/family. This is an event for the whole family, looking at ways to share our faith together. It will be led by the inspiring, creative and passionate Victoria Beech of GodVenture. All are encouraged to come and attend this enjoyable and worthwhile

Holy Week & Easter

Good Friday, 19 April: 10.00am: Walk of Witness, *from War Memorial, Whittaker Avenue*
St John the Divine
Monday 15—Wednesday 17 April: 6.30pm Stations of the Cross
Monday 15—Wednesday 17 April: 7.15pm Said Eucharist *with reflection*
Good Friday 19 April: 9.00am Stations of the Cross;
Easter Day 21 April: 5.30am Dawn Liturgy & First Communion of Easter *followed by breakfast*; 11.00am Sung Eucharist *with Easter Egg Hunt*
St Mary Magdalene
Wednesday 17 April: 10.00am Holy Communion
Maundy Thursday 29 March: 8.00pm Eucharist of the Last Supper *followed by Vigil through the night*
Good Friday 19 April: 7.00pm Music for Good Friday
Easter Day 21 April: 8.00am Holy Communion; 9.30am All Age Eucharist *with Easter Egg Hunt*; 11.30am Sung Matins; 6.30pm Choral Evensong
St Matthias
Good Friday 19 April: 12.00noon Good Friday Meditations by Revd Susanna Gunner; 2.00pm Good Friday Liturgy
Easter Day 21 April: 8.00am Holy Communion; 9.30am Sung Eucharist *with Easter Egg Hunt*

day. See the fliers in church for more details or speak to Helen Williams for more information. Book in online at GodVenture.co.uk

Admission to First Communion. On Pentecost Sunday (9 June) we will welcome children, 7 years old and upwards, who have expressed an interest in taking this next step in their faith journey, and have attended the preparation classes. If your child would like to be included in the classes, which will begin straight after Easter, please contact Helen Williams.

Save the Date - a grand medieval banquet will be hosted in St Mary Magdalene on Saturday 5 October 2019. Singers, dancers and a court fool will be there to entertain! Details to follow.

Pre-school Group

Our pre-school/carer and toddler group **Eaglets** are now on an Easter break and will meet again on 30 April.

Lent Challenge – Week 5 – Remember

Last week you were challenged to 'reflect & give thanks' before that 'show love', 'make peace', 'make space' and 'make time'. Why not have a chat with someone about your experiences of these weekly challenges.

As we approach Good Friday take time to remember special people; those who have made a positive impact on us, those who we have 'loved but see no more'. You may wish to light a candle for them, shining out in remembrance.

Various

Emergency Food Box at St Mary Magdalene—for those in urgent need of food we have a box at the back of church. If you would like to donate food, please feel free to do so. Items should be non-perishable and easily consumed without the need for a tin opener or cooking equipment. Thank you.