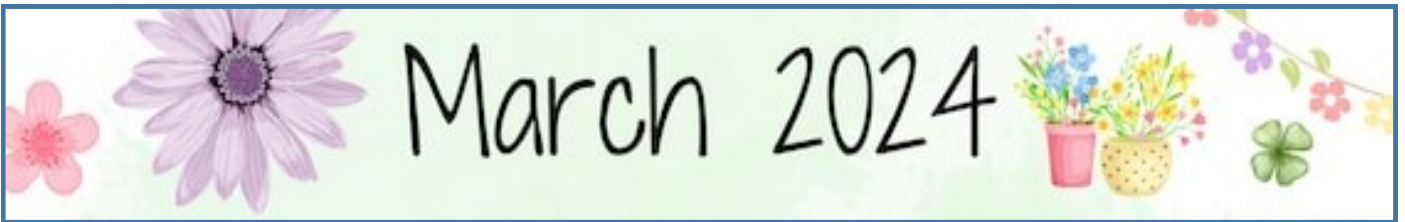


Life News @ St Mary's



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

PALM SUNDAY

24th - 9am & 10.30am - Palm Sunday Celebrations

MAUNDY THURSDAY

28th - 7.30pm - Holy Communion Service



GOOD FRIDAY

29th - 10am - All Age Service with Hot Cross Buns

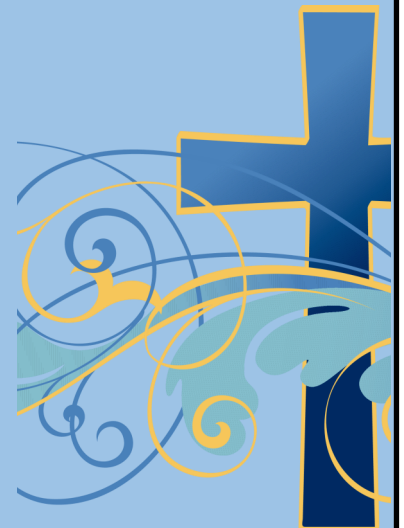
29th - 2pm - Reflections at the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY

30th - 2pm - Easter Eggstravaganza

For the whole family. Games, Crafts,
Scavenger Hunt, Family Fun etc.

£2 per person - booking essential



EASTER SUNDAY

31st - 9am & 10.30am - Easter Sunday Celebrations

**Please book your Eggstravaganza tickets
via the website - eatonsocon.org**

What does Lent hold for you this year? What do you want it to hold for you this year? Lent, as one of the two Penitential seasons in the church's year (the other being Advent), is an opportunity to be intentional about looking at our lives as God sees them – the beautiful parts because we are made in God's image, and the ugly, those parts ravaged by our sin.

It's an opportunity to allow the Holy Spirit to put the spotlight on areas in our lives that need developing or changing, to enable our lives to reflect his goodness and love in everything we say and do.

In the Church Porch leaflet rack, there are 3 resources that can help us to go deeper into God:

Do you want to Fast this Lent in the words of Pope Francis

Why keep Lent? by J John

10 Prayers for Lent

These, together with other resources can all point us in the right direction, but we need to be purposeful to read, inwardly digest and allow them to transform our lives.

What will our response be this Lenten season?

Tim



World Mission News

Two of our Mission Partners are planning on visiting the UK later in the year; Teresha Karahukayo (Triumph Heart Uganda) and Mano Emmanuel (Sri Lanka). We are hoping they will have time to visit St Mary's and give us an update as to what they have been doing.

We still receive regular newsletters from our partners so do keep an eye on our Notice Board for their news. It is important to them that we take an interest and uphold them in prayer.

Teresha seems to be very established in her work in Uganda, supporting disabled children and providing nutritional supplements. Maybe you would like to make a donation to Triumph Heart, which Teresha would really appreciate? This can be done either through the Triumph Heart website (www.triumphheart.com) or through the Stewardship giving website (www.stewardship.org.uk) and search for their charity "Triumph Heart".



Hebion



Friday, 26th April, 2024 at 7:30pm
Perry Baptist Church, East Perry,
Cambs, PE28 0BT

**Gospel Music with a Jewish flavour,
with ministry in word and song.**

Featuring:

Simon Elman
Chrissy Rodgers
Helen Shapiro

**ADMISSION FREE,
BY TICKET ONLY**
**A freewill offering
will be taken. For tickets
Contact: 01480 700810**

Have you ever thought about joining Mothers' Union?

Mothers' Union is a global Christian organisation working with people of all faiths and none to develop communities, strengthen family life, and where necessary, advocate for change built on justice and fairness for all. Branches of Mothers' Union (MU) are found in 83 countries throughout the world, including here in the UK.

There is still much work to be done to end violence (particularly against women) and to alleviate poverty and injustice where it exists.

At St Neots' branch of MU we are a dedicated and friendly group. We have an annual programme of speakers and social activities such as organising a fundraising garden party for AFIA (Away from it all), which MU organises to provide holiday breaks for families who otherwise would not be able to afford the cost. We regularly host a Deanery Advent Service and lunch for other local MU branches with the donations used to buy Tesco vouchers for women at the Mid-Cambs. refuge.

We would very much like to recruit additional members so that we can continue to be a source of Christian practical action within the Parish and beyond. The sole criteria for membership is that you must have been baptised. There is a small annual subscription which goes to MU Headquarters in London to further the work of MU globally.

Over the years the work of St Neots' MU has stretched to prisons, hospitals, running a parent and baby tent at events such as Gransden Show. Our members have knitted items for people with dementia and collected toiletries for hospitals and refuges.

Each individual act of kindness has meant so much to the recipients.

If you are interested in joining us, please look for more information on the St Neots Parish Church website, stneots.org. You will be assured of a warm and friendly welcome!

Calendar for MARCH



MONDAY

Café on the Green - 10am (term time only)

Creation Care Working Party - 9.30am (4th and 25th)

M (Maintenance) Team - 9.30am (18th)

Youth Café - 3.30pm (For children in Years 7-11)(term time only)

TUESDAY

Morning Prayer - 9am

Craft Group - 10am

WEDNESDAY

Holy Communion - 9am

Little Stars - 10am

Wednesday Welcome - 3pm

Bell Ringing Practice - 7.30pm

THURSDAY

Prayer Meeting - 9am

Thursday Lunch Club - 12noon (28th)

FRIDAY

Food bank 10am - 12noon

Fusion 7.30pm

SATURDAY

30th - Easter Eggstravaganza - 2pm

SUNDAY

3rd - 3:16 Service - 3pm

17th - HIVE - 2pm

17th - Wildlife Walk and tea - 3pm (Weather dependent)

24th - Sharing Life Through Learning - 6pm

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Please contact us if you need help
or support: 07305 210416

pastoralcare@eatonsocon.org

Wednesday Welcome

6th - To be arranged

13th - Museum

20th - Monologues

27th - Easter Tea

The Foodbank is very short of tea bags, tinned fruit, tinned meats and tinned tomatoes. Please donate if you can!