

# St Mary's Newsletter

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NEXT SUNDAY – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2012

## MOTHERING SUNDAY

11.00am Family Service  
12.15pm Parish Eucharist

### NOTICES

#### **THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE BANNER:**

Our Sunday Club has been specially selected to produce a banner for St Albans Cathedral entitled, 'God Save Our Gracious Queen'. They have been asked to decorate the banner in 1950's style so please could donate material or ties with pastel, regal, gold and silver colours. Thank you very much

The Rufus Lunch will be on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July at Northill Village Hall

We are arranging for two Lent Lunches on Weds 21st March and Sat 7th April at 12.30pm - please see the list at the back of the church.

**Mothering Sunday 18th March** - This will be a Family Service to be followed by a service of Holy Communion after refreshments. All those who have been baptised at St Mary's in the last three years have been sent an invitation to come and join this special service with their family.

On Wed 14th March Rev Sue has been invited by Bishop Alan to attend **Evensong at St Alban's Abbey** to celebrate the 15th anniversary this year of her ordination to the priesthood. Evensong is at 5pm and you are all invited!

We are invited to attend the **Maundy Thursday Chrism Eucharist in the Cathedral** at 11am on 5th April 2012. Please can you let Rev Sue know if you would like to go. She needs numbers by Mon 12th March.

**Diamond Jubilee** in June. Looking ahead to this, the church will be running a Tombola stall with proceeds to St Mary's. This will be another of this year's fund raising events so could you please look out items and bring them along. The box for Tombola items is at the back of the church

The next meeting of the **Churchyard committee** is on Wednesday 21 March at 11 am in the church.

**PCC** - the next meeting of the PCC is on Wednesday 21 March at 7.30 pm in the church.

**Easter Lilies** - if you would like to purchase a lily in remembrance please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

**Easter Flowers** - the church will be being decorated for Easter on Saturday 7 April from 9.30am and help would be welcomed, Financial contributions towards the cost of the flowers would also be much appreciated please and should be given to Hilary Nicolls or one of the churchwardens.

Week beginning  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>  
March 2012

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



### 11.00am Parish Eucharist & Sunday Club

An audio loop is installed for those with hearing aids: please switch to the 'T' position.

**WE WELCOME** all who join us for our service today. Please feel welcome to stay for coffee or squash after the Eucharist – the time to meet and greet.

The so-called 'cleansing' of the Temple is put forward in John's Gospel as a sign pointing to Jesus' own death and resurrection, whereby he carries out fully the task of linking us to God which the old Temple aspired to achieve.

- ⤴ The Ten Commandments point to simple decency. Ought we not to aim higher than that?
- ⤴ From Christ's weakness God's power comes before our eyes.
- ⤴ Jesus occupies for us the central place given to the Temple in old Judaism and meets all our needs before God.

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

....those who suffer in mind, body or spirit: Angie Rigney; Sue Denwood; Val Heaps; John Seal; Pam Marsh; Janet Bradford; JeanMattock; Tom Vincent; Julia Noikovich, Peter Pringle; Jasmine Dorricott; Jim Gregory

....those in care homes: Florence Emery; Margaret Pickles; Jessie Child; Pat Cook.

....R.I.P. Carlos Gonzalez; Kenneth Prior; Eileen Vincent; Mary Jennings

### THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March - 9.00am Morning Prayer**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> - 7.00pm Choir Practice  
8.00pm Bell Ringing Practice**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> - 9.00am Morning Prayer  
2.00pm Lent Group at 1 Jordan Close**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> - 9.00am Morning Prayer**

**10.30am Funeral – Carlos Gonzalez - at St Mary's  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> - 10.00am Church Open**