

Tuesday	(28th March)
11.00am	Lent Group, Boxwood Cottage <i>(followed by bring and share lunch)</i>
7.00pm	Lent group, All Saints Vestry
Wednesday	(29th March)
10.30am	Lent group, St Mary's
12.00pm	Lent meditation, St Mary's <i>(followed by lunch in hall)</i>
Thursday	(30th March)
12.30pm	Little Saints (All Saints Vestry)
Friday	(31st March)
9.30pm	All Saints school Easter service <i>(until 10.15am)</i>
12.00pm	Wedding of Imogen Miller and Aaron Hotchkins, All Saints
Next Sunday	(2nd April) Palm Sunday
8.00am	All Saints Holy Communion
10.00am	St Mary's Holy Communion
10.30am	All Saints Holy Communion
11.15am	St Paul's Morning Prayer
3.00pm	St Michael's, Clapton Palm Sunday service
5.00pm	St Peter and St Paul Morning Prayer

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All Saints, Walton St Mary, St Peter and St Paul, St Paul's

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Lent 5 – 26th March

Collect

Most merciful God,
 who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
 delivered and saved the world:
 grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
 we may triumph in the power of his victory;
 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.

Ezekiel 37: 1-4

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely."

Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

John 11: 17-27, 38-44

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

IN OUR PRAYERS...

In our benefice we pray for those who are sick; Ray Weaver, Ray Willis, Dave Delaney, Nicholas Percy, Becci McCready, Lynne Ruddock, Kevin Hillier, Jayne Turner, Mike Anderson, Alan Holmes, Jean Fowler, Rose Hurley, Michael Whitehead, Caroline and Bob Sackley.

We pray for the long term sick and those in residential homes: Doy Marriott, Rose Hurley (Lynne Ruddock's mother), Jill Middleton, John Bailey, Alan Smith, Adena Willan, Douglas and June Holland.

We pray for those who have recently died; David Fowler, Guy Marshall, Richard Edwards.

In our year's mind we remember, Jean Waterhouse, Glenys McLaughlin, Jim Carlier, and we pray for all who are mourning the loss of loved ones at this time.

Notices

Holy Week flyers are in the churches with all the information about Holy Week services and events.

Lent Meditation: "Music that moves me..."

Wednesday, 29th March at 12 noon at St Mary's.

Ruth Maddock will be sharing a piece of music that means something special to her. This will be followed by a bread and soup lunch in the church hall.

Donations to go to Weston Hospicecare.

Please do join us if you are able to.

Agape meal, St Paul's, 6.00pm Wednesday, 5th April. A simple meal with Passover prayers, reflecting the heritage and fellowship of Holy Week. There is no charge but a donation to the village defibrillator would be welcome. To book yourself a place please contact Sue Betts on 848645 (roybetts7@btinternet.com) or the Parish Office.

Art at Easter A lecture by Jonathan Camp. Featuring Giotto: Lamentation and Resurrection in the Scrovegni Chapel in Padua.

All Saints Parish Rooms 7.30pm, Saturday 1st April .

£12 at the door with wine/soft drink. For further information please contact Rosie Jackson 07887 656914 or the Parish Office.

Hotwell Howlers 'Hammond Brothers of East Clevedon' concert.

Using songs, words and images the Hotwell Howlers folk group tell the brothers' fascinating story and the stories of the people they collected from.

Saturday, 22nd April 7.30pm, All Saints. Admission free but donations welcomed for our Lent project Weston Hospicecare.

St Mary's flowers Donations are invited from members of the congregation towards the cost of Easter flowers. If anyone would like to dedicate a floral tribute in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a special occasion, please contact Mary Pope (01275 876623).

Wednesday communions

10.00am

St Mary's

11.00am

St Peter and St Paul's (Boxwood Cottage)

Monday

11.30am

(27th March)

Funeral of Mary Gammon at All Saints