

Please remember in your prayers:

+ Cora Birch	+ Ishia Kabba
+ Yvonne Butcher	+ Andrew Keogh
+ Helen Clover	+ Patrick Lewis
+ Matthew Cook	+ Flo Liddle
+ Val Coslett	+ Jennie Luchmun
+ Lesley Dix	+ Bernadette McElligott
+ John Downer	+ Valerie Martlew
+ Annet Fernandez	+ Mary & Finlon O'Neill
+ Dennis Franklin	+ Bishop Michael Perham
+ Roy Fry	+ Andrea Spalding
+ Jane Garland	+ Marjorie Stemerding
+ Albie Hammond	+ Robina Stephen
+ Susan Head	+ Paul Welch
+ Ruth How	+ Elizabeth Williams
+ Dawn Johnson	

+ Our neighbours: St Michael & All Angels & the Salvation Army

+ Billie-Jayne Mason baptised here yesterday.

+ The soul of Irene (Rene) Collins, resident of Whitgift Sheltered Flats. Rene used to be a Holy duster and was an avid knitter.

+ The soul of George Mayern. Frances Martin thanks you for your prayers for George

Services this week

03 April – 08 April

Monday	12.00noon	Eucharist
	2.30pm	Julian Group – Almshouses
Tuesday	12.00noon	Lectio Divina
		No Choral Evensong
Wednesday	11.00am	BCP Eucharist
		No Choral Evensong
	7.30pm	PCC Meeting – Adoption of the Accounts
Thursday	7.00pm	No Choral Evensong
Friday	10.00am	Eucharist
	1.10pm	Lunchtime Recital
Saturday	10.00am	Eucharist with Stations of the Cross
	7.30pm	Concert – All Saints Concert Band & The Band of Surrey Yeomanry. Tickets £10

Next Sunday, 09 April 2017 Palm Sunday

08.00am	Eucharist
09.50am	No Crèche, Kingfishers or BDG
10.00am	Sung Eucharist with procession of palms from the church hall.
<i>Readings:</i>	We welcome the Bishop of Croydon who is celebrating Easter with us
	<i>Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45</i>
6.30pm	Choral Evensong

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MINSTER NEWS

Sunday 02 April 2017

5th Sunday of Lent

08.00am	Eucharist
09.50am	No Crèche, Kingfishers or BDG
10.00am	Sung Eucharist
Celebrant:	<i>Fr Lee Taylor</i>
Preacher:	<i>Fr Lee Taylor</i>
	<i>Choir: Girls & Adults</i>
Hymns:	86, 342, 80, 95
Setting:	<i>Leighton in D</i>
Readers:	<i>OT: Ann Winter</i>
	<i>NT: Rachel Bayes</i>
Intercessor:	<i>Denise Mead</i>
Motet:	<i>Litany Walton</i>
Voluntary:	<i>Kyrie Gott heilger Geist BWV 671 JS Bach (TL)</i>

In the interest of hygiene: If you wear lipstick, could you kindly blot your lips before taking communion, and, if you need to dip your wafer into the chalice, please could you avoid dipping your fingers in, as this contaminates the wine. *Thank you*

Retiring Collection for Easter Flowers in memory of our loved ones

Coffee, tea & squash will be served in the church hall after the 10.00am Service.

If you are new, please complete a 'Blue Welcome Card' which is available at the back of church. Please ask a sides' person for details.

09.00am	Eucharist at The Almshouses
12.30pm	Lent Lunch in the church hall
6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Officiant:	<i>Fr Lee Taylor</i>
	<i>Choir: Boys & Men</i>
Hymns:	94, 445, 353
Responses:	<i>Leighton</i>
Psalms:	30
Canticles:	<i>Westminster Service Howells</i>
Anthem:	<i>Remember not, Lord Purcell</i>
Voluntary:	<i>Chorale Prelude on 'Da Jesus an dem Kreuze stund' BWV 621 Bach (JO)</i>

Children's Activity Bags are available at the back of church for use with your child in the pew. Please ask a Sides' Person for one and please return it to the sides' people at the end of the service.

The April Magazine is available: £1.00.

The Church Times is available from the Minster Office. Price £2.10

The Bridge & Croydon Citizen Newspapers (both free) are available at the back of church.

Sponsorship of church flowers – Forms are available at the back of church. £25.00 buys one arrangement.

Organ Restoration Appeal – Update

More good tidings to share. We have just received the very generous grant of £25,000 from the Reginald Arthur Baker Charitable Trust & a grant for £10,000 from the Garfield Weston Trust. We are enormously grateful for these very welcome boosts to the Appeal, the total amount of which with the new grants will be **£162,716**. Thank you to each and every one of you who has contributed to this amazing achievement in just 18 months – we have 12 months of fundraising left to reach our target before the Organ is dismantled and taken away for restoration at the beginning of 2018.

Gail and Karen.

Floating Shelter – a huge 'thank you' to all who helped in any way with this year's Floating Shelter, whether it was assisting with setting up, serving food, sleeping over, the breakfast crew or those who did the laundry and, to Sue Williams and Diane Edwards who made it run so smoothly and efficiently.

Food Bank – All donations very gratefully received especially: UHT milk, cooking oil, tinned meat/fish, ready meals, noodles, sugar etc. We are happy to receive cash donations to enable Denise to do an occasional shop when the Food Bank needs it.

For Mass Intentions, Visiting the sick (including Anointing) & **Confession**, please speak to *Father Lee*

Today – Lent lunch (soup, bread & cheese) proceeds to the Bishop of Southwark's Lent Appeal.

Annual Report Booklet – If you have been asked to write a report for the Annual Report booklet, please could you let me have it as soon as possible so that I can produce the booklet for the Annual Parish meeting on 26 April. Thank you. Diana Hemmings

Wednesday 5 April 7.30pm – PCC Meeting in the church hall. Would all PCC members make every effort to attend this meeting as we will be Adopting the Accounts in anticipation of the Annual Parish Meeting on 26 April. Thank you.

Friday 7 April 1.10pm Lunchtime Recital – Pamela Hall & Victoria Winter – Soprano's & Tom Little – Piano

Saturday 8 April 10am-4pm. St Georges are screening the film 'The Passion' with workshops. There's a sign up list under the tower for catering purposes and work booklets.

Saturday 8 April 10.30-12.00noon – Coffee Morning at Wilhelmina House (21 Park Hill Rise). All welcome.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. We need a cast to perform the Narrative Passion (This year according to Matthew) We need:

Matthew (the narrator),

Jesus,

Peter,

Judas,

The High Priest,

A Bystander,

First & Second Servant Girl,

Two witnesses,

Pontius Pilate,

Pilate's wife

The Centurion.

Anyone one who would like to take part, please stay behind for a few minutes after today's service so we can allocate parts.

Wanted – someone to accompany Howard McLuskey to the Crystal Palace Football match on Monday 10 April at 8.00pm. Offers/Enquiries to Denise in the Minster Office please.

Easter Sunday – Don't forget to start working on your Easter Bonnet's. Every child who enters receives a prize.

Easter Sunday – Mega raffle. We will be holding a raffle on Easter Sunday in aid of the Bishop of Southwark's Lent Appeal & Church Funds. Please be prepared for this on Easter Sunday. Raffle tickets will be on sale from this Sunday. £1.00 each or £5.00 per strip of 5.

Wednesday 26 April 7.30pm – Annual Parish Meeting in The Minster. Light refreshments at 7.00pm

Saturday 29 April 3.00pm – Celebration of 20 years of the Croydon Refugee Day Centre. Guest speaker Bishop Jonathan Clark, Bishop of Croydon. To be held at West Croydon Baptist Church, corner of Whitehorse Road & St James Road.

Sunday 14 May St Christopher's Hospice Fun Walk – details at the back of church or from the Minster Office.

Saturday 10 June 10am-4pm – Croydon Episcopal Area Lay Conference at St Bede's School, Carlton Road, Redhill. £15 per person (includes refreshments). Group booking of 5 places for £50.00. Book online through: www.serve-enable-lead-2017.eventbrite.co.uk

Sunday 24 June 10.00am – Confirmation. Children must be 11. Classes will start after Easter and a sign-up sheet will go up very soon.

The Book 'Consumed by Fire' – by Brian Lancaster is available from Ruth Dixon – Priced £4.50.

Remembering 1916 'Life on the Western Front'. An exhibition at Whitgift School (extended until the end of April 2017 – now free entry)

Our Clergy are available to talk, they are:

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