

Come and join us for a donkey-led procession!

PALM
SUNDAY
29TH MARCH

Meet at the
Old Town Hall
(Tesco) at
10am



St Mark's

The Church at the Heart of Wimbledon
Sunday 15th March 2026

Welcome! Whether you are a visitor or a regular member of the congregation, we pray that you might come closer to God during the service.

Children & young people: We currently have a single group for children pre-school age and above that meets in the hall after the first hymn. We ask that children under four are accompanied. Do join us!

Parents with babies & toddlers are welcome to use the chapel at the back of the church behind the glass windows. There are toys and books provided, & a loudspeaker so you can hear what is happening during the service.

Thinking of making a donation to the church? You can give contactlessly using the card reader at the back of church, or via your mobile phone using the QR code in the Entrance Area. If you give regularly, why not join the Planned Giving Scheme? This is an easy way to give and helps the church plan its finances. Contact Sheila Dunman: s.dunman@btinternet.com, for more information, or pick up a Planned Giving form from the back of St Mark's.

Mobile telephones: Please ensure these are turned off / silent during the service.

After the service please collect a tea, coffee or squash in the narthex (entrance hall).

Can't be here every Sunday? We can help you stay in touch with St Mark's by emailing the notice and readings sheets to you each week. Please email your request to office@stmarkswimbledon.org.uk.

Our mission statement, purpose, and reason for being here:

- To be enriched by the love of God
- To extend the welcome of God
- To express the compassion of God

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Church Office hours: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9.30am – 1.30pm (please check overleaf for any amendments) 020 8944 8436 office@stmarkswimbledon.org.uk

Items for inclusion should reach the Church Office by 9am Wednesday of each week.



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Prayer requests - please pray for:

Gerald Dorman Matina Stylianou
Holly Hayes Janet McKenzie

Organisations that St Mark's supports: this month
we are praying for **Bishop's Lent Call**

RIP:

Jean Allen

*If you would like to add an individual to our prayer
request list, please email the Church Office or use the
intercession folder at the back of the Church.*

You may have heard that **Jean Allen**, died on 22nd February aged 96 after a short illness. Our apologies if this is the first intimation of the news. Jean's funeral will take place at St Mark's Church, Wimbledon on Tuesday 31st March at 11am, followed by the Committal at Putney Vale Crematorium, after which the family will return to St Mark's for refreshments and to meet the other mourners. We hope to see you on 31st March. *Chris & Christine Goodair.*

All are invited to attend the funeral of **Jean Allen** at 11am on Tuesday 31st March. Jean was a much-loved, longstanding member of our congregation and for many years ran the Sunday School. In recent years she has been unable to attend services but has remained connected to the church through letters and visits. Please pray for her family and all others who mourn her. *Jane Andrews.*

'Believing in Poetry' - an evening with Mark Oakley: Monday 23rd March, 7.30pm at St Matthew's Church. All welcome. This Lent we are thinking about poetry at St Matthew's. Mark Oakley, the Dean of Southwark Cathedral, has written and spoken extensively on the relationship between faith and poetry, and we are delighted to welcome him to speak to us. For further details, please contact Revd Alastair Newman revalastair@gmail.com. *Alastair Newman.*

Notices

Services this week:

Tuesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	1pm	Holy Communion
Thursday	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Thursday	2pm	Team Prayers at St Mark's

Morning and Evening Prayer as well as a midweek Eucharist are also held at St Matthew's and St Mary's. Please see their websites for details.

Following **Bishop Christopher's retirement** we will need a new bishop. The Diocese would value your views on his successor. Please take 5-7 minutes to complete this anonymous online survey to help shape this important appointment. *Jane Andrews.*



We will no longer be inviting **donations** specifically for tea and coffee. If you would like to support this ministry of welcome, you can include it within your regular giving or make a donation during the service. *Jane Andrews.*

Upcoming Services

Feast of the Annunciation - Wednesday 25th March, 1pm
Palm Sunday - Sunday 29th March, 10am, meet at the Old Town Hall (Tesco Express, outside Wimbledon Quarter)
Contemplative Eucharist - Monday 30th March, 7pm
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Contemplative Eucharist - Wednesday 1st April, 1pm
Maundy Thursday - Thursday 2nd April, 7pm, including supper
Good Friday - Friday 3rd April, 2pm
Sunrise service for Easter - Sunday 5th April, 5.30am, then breakfast
Family service for Easter - Sunday 5th April, 10am, with Easter egg hunt
The Feast of St Mark - Sunday 26th April, 10am, led by Bishop Martin

Children & Young People

Sunday Club: We currently have a single group for children pre-school age and above that meets in the hall. Today, 15th March, we will worship together in the 10am service but do join us for Sunday Club again next week. *Beccy and Steph.*

Rafters, our parish youth group for young people in years 8-13. Sunday evenings 6-7.30pm. A space to discover friendship, belonging, faith and your place in the world.

Sunday 15th March @ St Mary's, 22nd March @ St Matthew's. *Jane Andrews.*



This week's theme in **Draw Near** is *Sharing in Service*. If you haven't yet picked up a reflections booklet, there are copies available — and there's also an activity book for families and children. *Jane Andrews.*

Our **Lent groups** meet on Tuesday at 6.30pm and Wednesday at 1.45pm. This week we'll be exploring Prayer together using Chapter 4 of *Being Christian* by Rowan Williams. Whether you came last week or not, whether you're reading the book or not, whether you feel confident about the Bible or are just curious - you are very welcome. Come and join us. *Jane Andrews.*

Food Bank Donations: Please support our local food banks if you can. A donation basket for St Mark's Parish Pantry is in the church entrance, and every contribution helps. If bringing items to church is difficult, please let Paula know and she can arrange collection. Items needed: tinned meat/ vegetables, cooking sauces, puddings, cereal, toiletries & sanitary products. Thank you for helping us support those who need it most. *Paula Thorvaldsen.*

Next week is the 5th Sunday of Lent and we will be reflecting on *Sharing in Service*. The gospel reading tells of Lazarus who Jesus raised from the dead hinting at the new life in store for all of us. *Jane Andrews.*