

Holy Week & Easter Services

Holy Monday, 30th March
4pm, Stations of the Cross

Holy Tuesday, 31st March
7pm, Contemplative Eucharist

Holy Wednesday, 1st April
1pm, Said Eucharist

Maundy Thursday, 2nd April
7pm, Eucharist with foot washing including supper

Good Friday, 3rd April
2pm, Solemn Liturgy

Easter Sunday, 5th April
5.30am, Sunrise service followed by breakfast
10am, Family service for Easter



Hope for the world
For God so loved the world that he gave his only son... John 3:16



St Mark's

The Church at the Heart of Wimbledon
Sunday 29th March

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 Paul Dorman: treasurer@stmarkswimbledon.org.uk 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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Items for inclusion should reach the Church Office by 9am Wednesday of each week.

Prayer requests - please pray for:

Gerald Dorman Matina Stylianou
Holly Hayes Janet McKenzie
Billy James

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

RIP:

Jean Allen; Joy Haveman

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. 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.*

On **Maundy Thursday** our service will include supper, recalling the last supper that Jesus shared with his friends. Please sign up if you are planning to come so that we can prepare a suitable amount of food. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Please also indicate any dietary requirements. *Paula Thorvaldsen.*

On Easter Eve (Saturday 4th April) we will gather at St Mark's to clean and prep for the big festival the following day. There is polishing, cleaning and mending to be done, flowers to be arranged, furniture to be shifted and fires to be laid. Please come from 10am and help **make the church beautiful for Easter.** *Jane Andrews.*

At Easter, we decorate the church with flowers to celebrate the joy of the resurrection, and it is traditional to give in thanksgiving for loved ones. You are invited to donate **Easter lilies** (£5 per stem). Donations can be made in cash or contactlessly at the back of church. Names and messages will be included in the notice sheet. *Sandy Blewitt.*

Notices

Services this week:

Tue/ Wed/ Thu 8.30am Morning Prayer
Details of special services at St Mark's are given over the page.

Please see the websites of our parish churches for details of their Holy Week and Easter services.

Services at St Mark's next week: Please note there will no Morning Prayer or midweek Eucharist on Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th or Thursday 10th April. *Jane Andrews.*

Jane will be on holiday from Monday 6th to Friday 10th April. She will be away again from Monday 20th to Friday 24th April for the Southwark Leadership Course, part of the training for new vicars. *Jane Andrews.*

The **Church Office** will be closed from Tuesday 31st March and will re-open on Wednesday 8th April. *Becky Bryant.*

Pray for the Climate: Wednesday 1st April at 12.30pm for half an hour in St Mark's Church. All welcome. Enquiries: julietboyd0740@gmail.com. *Juliet Boyd.*

As we enter Holy Week, we remember Christ's love shown in humble service. On Maundy Thursday, when Jesus calls us to love and serve one another, you are invited to support the Parish Pantry at St Mark's. Please bring donations to the Maundy Thursday service, where they will be offered as part of our worship. If you are unable to attend, items can also be brought on Palm Sunday or during the week.

Coffee, sugar, milk (UHT and alternatives), and basic cooking items like oil, pasta, and sauces. Tinned and long-life foods including vegetables, ready meals, stews, instant noodles, cereals, and spreads. Everyday essentials such as toiletries, toilet roll, laundry detergent, and cleaning products, plus small treats like cereal bars, crisps etc.

In giving, we share in Christ's work of love and care for our neighbours.



Children & Young People

Sunday Club: Today, 29th March, we will worship together, following which Sunday Club will take a break for the Easter Holidays. Watch this space for Summer Term info! *Beccy and Steph.*

Rafters, our parish youth group for young people in years 8-13, will resume after the Easter holidays on Sunday evenings 6-7.30pm. *Jane Andrews.*



On Easter day at our 10am service **Ben Marzocca will be baptised.** Please pray for him and his parents Clara and Pablo as they prepare for this joyous occasion. Easter is a traditional time for baptisms and we will all renew our baptism vows. If there is anyone else who would like to be baptised please speak to me ASAP. *Jane Andrews.*

We have received a message of thanks from **Merton Street Pastors** who use St Mark's late at night as a place to get a hot drink or use the facilities. *Jane Andrews.*

St Mark's is partnering with Friends of the Earth Merton to launch a **Repair Cafe**. We have a trial run in April and aim to open to the public on the last Saturday of the month from 10am to 12pm, beginning in May. Repair Cafes are made up of volunteers who help fix household items and pass on their mending skills. They aim to support sustainable living and reduce waste. Could you volunteer as a mender or to make teas and coffees? *Jane Andrews.*

Coming up: On **Sunday 12th April**, Revd Kieron Rowley - Project Lead for Youth Ministry in Communion, our youth network - will be preaching. On **Sunday 26th April** we are celebrating St Mark's day with a special service followed by a bring-and-share lunch. Martin, Bishop of Kingston, is coming to lead our service and Oliver, Cassie and Rita will be receiving communion for the first time. Please pray for them as they prepare for this important event. *Jane Andrews.*