# Easter is the highlight of our Christian celebrations

## Through Lent we prepare to appreciate our faith more deeply

Throughout Lent we will be working towards the joy of Easter Day through a variety of events around the theme of Holy Communion (The Eucharist). We have chosen this theme because many people have expressed an interest in understanding more about the words and meaning of the Holy Communion service. There will be various opportunities to participate and you will be very welcome at any or all of them.

To explore this theme we will be following the Church of England Pilgrim course on The Eucharist. We have already studied other Pilgrim courses at St. Mary's and found them to be very insightful and enjoyable.

There is a diary within this leaflet that identifies a theme for each week. Every Sunday will have an address that begins the exploration. During the week there will be two Bible Study Groups. One run by Chris and Rachel Archer in their home and one by Ruth Peet in the Front Room of Church House. There is a midweek service of Holy Communion that will be quiet and reflective. There is also an ecumenical dimension with a Lent Course on a selection of Psalms run by Churches Together and a Lent Lecture called God and Stress both held at St. John's Church, Park Road, Bromley.

Holy Week will have a familiar pattern with a few innovations. Maundy Thursday will have two celebrations one of a Messy Church feel and one of a quiet and reflective feel. Please join us for the March of Witness in central Bromley on Good Friday in the morning. In the afternoon there will be again a choice which begins with a devotional Hour at the Cross followed by a creative and participative Hot Cross Bun service. The choir will accompany many of our services and give two delightful choral services; one on Palm Sunday and one on Good Friday.

Our culmination will be on Easter Sunday when we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and bring our reflections on the Holy Communion to a conclusion as we see how God is so wonderfully at work among us.

# Lent and Easter at St. Mary Bromley



St. Mary is at 61 College Road, Bromley BR1 3QG http://www.stmarys-bromley.org.uk facebook - stmarysbromley

## **Ash Wednesday**

8.00 pm Holy Communion

#### First Week

YOUR ANCESTORS ATE MANNA
IN THE WILDERNESS
Looking at worship as communion with God

### 1st Sunday of Lent - 5 March

10.30 am Family Communion
6.30 pm Evensong
7.30 pm Lent Lecture - God and Stress
Tuesday 7 March 8.00 pm
Pilgrim Bible Study with Chris and Rachel
Churches Together Lent Course at St John
Wednesday 8 March 11.30 am
Midweek Holy Communion
Friday 10 March 2.30 pm

#### **Second Week**

THIS IS MY BODY BROKEN FOR YOU Looking at the Eucharist as the pattern of all Christian worship

## 2nd Sunday of Lent - 12 March

Pilgrim Bible Study with Ruth

10.30 am Family Communion
6.30 pm Evensong
Tuesday 14 March 8.00 pm
Pilgrim Bible Study with Chris and Rachel
Churches Together Lent Course at St John
Wednesday 15 March 11.30 am
Midweek Holy Communion
Friday 17 March 2.30 pm

Pilgrim Bible Study with Ruth

Saturday 18 4.00 pm Messy Church

### **Third Week**

HE WAS MADE KNOWN TO THEM
IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD
Looking at the intimacy we have with God in
Holy Communion and how we are transformed by
the encounter

### 3rd Sunday of Lent - 19 March

10.30 am Family Communion6.30 pm Choral Evensong

Tuesday 21 March 8.00 pm

Pilgrim Bible Study with Chris and Rachel Churches Together Lent Course at St John

Wednesday 22 March 11.30 am Midweek Holy Communion

Thursday 23 March 2.15 pm

**BATS Easter Worship** 

Friday 24 March 2.30 pm Pilgrim Bible Study with Ruth

#### **Fourth Week**

IF YOU HEAR MY VOICE AND OPEN THE DOOR,
I WILL COME IN AND EAT WITH YOU

Looking at worship as
a sign and foretaste of heaven

## 4th Sunday of Lent, - 26 March

10.30 am Mothering Sunday Family Service 6.30 pm Holy Communion

Tuesday 28 March 8.00 pm

Pilgrim Bible Study with Chris and Rachel Churches Together Lent Course at St John

Wednesday 29 March 11.30 am Midweek Holy Communion

Friday 31 March 2.30 pm

Pilgrim Bible Study with Ruth

## **Fifth Week**

DO THIS TO REMEMBER ME Looking at how worship shapes the whole of life

## 5th Sunday of Lent - 2 April

10.30 am Family Communion 6.30 pm Evensong

Tuesday 4 April 8.00 pm

Pilgrim Bible Study with Chris and Rachel Churches Together Lent Course at St John

Wednesday 5 April 11.30 am

Midweek Holy Communion with light lunch

Friday 7 April 2.30 pm

Pilgrim Bible Study with Ruth

## **Holy Week**

Palm Sunday - 9 April

10.30 am Family Communion

6.30 pm Song and Scripture for Palm Sunday Monday 10 April 9.00 pm

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Tuesday 11 April 9.00 pm Compline

Wednesday 12 April 9.00 pm Compline

# Maundy Thursday 13 April

4.00 - 6.00 pm Family Passover tea with worship and Holy Communion in the Warwick Hall

7.00 pm for 7.30 pm Adult meal with worship and Holy Communion in the church

## **Good Friday** 14 April

11.00 am Walk of Witness in central Bromley

1.30 pm An Hour at The Cross

3.30 pm Hot Cross Bun Service

7.30 pm Stainer's Crucifixion, sung by St Mary's Festival Choir

## **Easter Day**

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE
Looking at the notion
that the whole of life is sacramental

Sunday - 16 April

8.45 am BCP Holy Communion

9.45 am Bacon Butties

10.30 am Family Communion

6.30 pm Evensong