

## For our prayers

### Church

We give thanks for those who have nurtured our faith, and pray that we may grow in faith, hope and love. We give thanks for the love of God which never gives up on us, and pray for grace to live in gratitude and trust in response to it. And we pray for all who are seeking or exploring faith, and for those whose faith has grown weary, that they may find rest and refreshment in Christ. We pray for Stephen, our bishop, and for all those called as shepherds of Christ's flock, that they may lead with courage, holiness, truth and love.

### World

We pray for wisdom for the Parliament of this country, and for a genuine seeking of the common good. We pray for truthful recognition of the divisions in the country, and for reconciliation and healing. And we pray for all those suffering in the world through war, disease and disaster, and especially for the people affected by the flooding in Mozambique.

### Our Neighbours

We pray for all those who work in the parish, and especially this week for those who work at Shanghai Gourmet Restaurant and BHJ Oriental Restaurant. And at St Bene't's we give thanks to all who are involved with the work of children and young people.

### Those in Need

We pray for all who are carrying heavy burdens: for those who are weighed down with grief or sorrow or suffering or fear, that they may find rest and peace. And we pray for healing and strength for those who are ill, and among them for Juliet Dusinberre, Steven Canning, Ethel Drake, Mhairi Burden, Rosey Feuell, Peggy Pike, Robin Albutt, Susanna Fleet, Charles Scott, Garth Norman and Kathy Brooks.

### The Departed

We pray for all those who have died, that Christ will bring them to the joy of his heavenly kingdom. We pray for the recently departed; for our own departed relatives and friends; for all those who have died unborn and for all those whose year's mind falls this week, among them for Alan Carlton-Smith, Michael Farmer, Mark Ashton, Ian Stewart, Pat Bushnell, Doris Saunders and Lilah Wayment.

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## Calendar

**Daily Services** Eucharist: 8.00am; Evening Prayer: 6.00pm

**Weekly Services** Additional Eucharist: 10.30am on Tuesday followed by coffee; Silent Prayer before the Sacrament: 5.30pm on Thursdays before Evening Prayer

**Monthly Services** Reflective Service: 8.00pm first Sunday of the month

**Next Sunday** The Fifth Sunday of Lent

*Preacher:* The Reverend Anna Matthews

*Readings:* Isaiah 43.16-21, Lent Prose, Philippians 3.4b-14, John 12.1-8.

## Tidings

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

31 March 2019

St Bene't's  
CAMBRIDGE

**Welcome to St Bene't's.** If you are new, please introduce yourself to one of the clergy or to members of the congregation, and if you are attending the 10.00am service, please stay on afterwards for coffee. There is a hearing loop in operation, and large print orders of service are available. If you would like a gluten-free host at communion, please let the priest know before the service starts.

**8.00am Eucharist** Traditional language

**10.00am Sung Eucharist** The service follows the order in the seasonal booklets. (Children's groups meet in the Ramsey Rooms.)

**Processional Hymn:** 285 For the beauty of the earth  
(Tune i: England's Lane)

**Collect:** Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences, that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**First reading:** Joshua 5.9-12, *read by Penny Watson*

**Gradual:** Lent Prose (*see service booklet*), *cantor Alison Wood*

**Second Reading:** 2 Corinthians 5.16-end, *read by Charlotte Kathe*

**Gospel:** Luke 15.1-3, 11b-end

**Preacher:** The Reverend Anna Matthews

**Intercessions:** *Led by Katharine Ames-Lewis*

**Offertory Hymn:** 280 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

**Mass Setting:** New English Folk Mass

**Communion Hymn:** 297 Lord Jesus Christ

**Post Communion Prayer:** Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Post Communion Hymn:** 376 I heard the voice of Jesus say

**Organ voluntary:** Bach *O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß*

**6.00pm Evening Prayer**

# LENT AT ST BENE'T'S

## READING GROUPS

Three groups are meeting at the church, looking at Jane

Williams's book,

*The Merciful Humility of God.*

**Wednesday evenings at 6.45pm**

- to 10 April

**Friday lunchtimes at 12.30pm**

- to 12 April

**Sunday afternoons at 3pm**

- to 14 April

## CONFESSION

Lent encourages us to make time for self-examination and repentance.

Confession (the sacrament of reconciliation) is an excellent way to do this. If you'd like to find out more about what's involved, or if there's anything else you think it would be helpful to talk about - faith, prayer, life, God, vocation, doubt, or anything else – please speak to the clergy.

REFLECTIVE SERVICE 8pm, Sunday 7 April

## Notices

*We welcome back our vicar Anna Matthews after her sabbatical.*

**DEC Cyclone Idai Appeal:** There will be a retiring collection today for this Appeal.

**Foodbank Collection:** Next Sunday being the first one of the month there will be a collection of goods for the Foodbank. There is a list on the notice board at the back of church for items particularly needed. Many thanks for your continued generosity and support.

**Easter Biscuits:** Following on from our gift of Christmas biscuits to local businesses, we would like to repeat it at Easter. We need volunteers to provide biscuits suitable for Easter/spring, and we will be packaging them after the service on Sunday, 14 April. If you are able to provide some biscuits, please let Eileen Penman or Lucie Spiers know.

**Electoral Roll Revision:** The roll has now closed and will re-open after the APCM on 7 April. If you haven't been able to fill a form in, please contact the Parish Administrator for one and your name will be added after the APCM.

**Nominations for PCC:** There are up to five spaces for new members of the PCC. You need to be on the electoral roll to stand as a member of the PCC. Nomination forms are available from the wardens, who will also be happy to talk through what's involved in serving on the PCC. Nomination forms for churchwarden are also available. Members of the PCC will require a DBS check.

**St Bene't's Youth Group:** This new venture for young people aged 13-18 meets in church from 11.30 am-12.30 pm (followed by lunch together), today and on 28 April. Contact Eona Bell or Gabby McHarg for more information.

**Cambridge Churches Homeless Project:** With many thanks to all who have offered their time and help with this project. Today is the last day, and please hold in your prayers all guests who have taken part. For further information about CCHP, please speak to Philip Blakely, Alistair Morfey or Sarah Airiess.

**APCM Sunday 7 April:** The APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) is on Sunday 7 April at 11.45 am in church. Please try to attend, it's an opportunity to find out what the PCC have been involved in over the last 12 months. Reports and the meeting agenda are on the noticeboard in advance of the meeting, and will be emailed to those on the new electoral roll.

**Reflective service, 8pm Sunday 7 April:** The theme is 'Out of the Depths', and everyone is invited to find time for stillness, peace, music and reflection. Refreshments are served after the service.

**Sunday Supplement on 14 April, 'The Meaning of a Building: St Bene't's at its Millennium':** Taking place after the 10am Palm Sunday service, Zachary Guiliano, will talk on the building of St Bene't's Church: its architecture, development, and furnishings, and Christian theology of place. Future talks in this new series: 28 April with Gabriel Byng, and 19 May with Richard Ames-Lewis.

**Christian Aid Plant Sale, Saturday 18 May:** Despite the building works, the annual Christian Aid Plant Sale will still take place. Great St Mary's has kindly said we can use their garden for the event, so now is the time for start growing your plants. We hope to have either a cake sale or cream teas on the day, depending on the facilities available to us. Further details from Eileen Penman.

**Hosts for Spring Foyers:** These will take place at lunchtimes on Sundays May 12 and May 19 and are shared meals in parishioners' homes, a great chance to get to know people or to catch up with those you haven't seen for a while. If you live too far from church to offer your home, the Ramsey Room could be available (or the garden if the weather is good). If you are interested in hosting on one of those dates, please speak to Eileen. Sign-ups will begin on Sunday 14 April.

**Vicar's new email:** Please note the change of email for Anna Matthews. This is now: vicar@stbenetschurch.org

**Please send notices for Tidings to [info@stbenetschurch.org](mailto:info@stbenetschurch.org) by Wednesday evening.**

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