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Easter Day

Sunday 31st March 2024

Welcome to St Matthew's, which is part of the Wimbledon Team Ministry in the Diocese of Southwark, Church of England. Our services today are:

6.00am Vigil and First Mass of Easter

9.30am Festal All Age Mass

Processional Hymns

Booklet

The Collect

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.
Amen.

First Reading

Acts 10.34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right

is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

The Gospel
John 20.1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you

weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.” ’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Offertory Hymn

Booklet

Communion Motet

Messiah - Hallelujah Chorus (from Part III of Messiah)

- G F Handel (1685 - 1759)

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ.

And he shall reign for ever and ever. King of kings, and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

Revelation: 19:6, 11:15, 19:16

Communion Hymn

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Post Communion Prayer

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Final Hymn

Booklet

Closing Voluntary

Finale from Organ Symphony 1 - Louis Vierne (1830 - 1937)

Vierne had a difficult life, being congenitally nearly blind, and losing his brother and son in the First World War. He was assistant organist to Widor at St Sulpice, and principal organist at Notre Dame from 1900 to his death – literally, because he died at the console as he was about to play a piece at a recital, hitting a low pedal note which sounded throughout the cathedral.

News and Notices

Love's redeeming work is done...the green blade riseth...the strife is o'er,
the battle done...Jesus Christ is risen today...thine be the glory, risen
conquering Son...on this Day of Resurrection, Earth tell it out abroad!
Alleluia! From everyone at St Matthew's may we wish you all a very

HAPPY EASTER!

Many many **THANKS** to everyone who has worked so hard at all of our Holy Week and Easter services – sacristans, organist and choir, servers, readers, intercessors, breakfast cooks, fire lighters, flower arrangers, clergy, faithful worshippers, and everyone else. As with everything at St Matthew's it has been a wonderful team effort. Thank you all very much.

Our **ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING** is coming up on 12th May, immediately after the 0930 service. This is a chance to review the past year in church, and appoint those who help to lead the church: Churchwardens, Deanery Synod Reps, and District Church Council (leadership team) members. If you are interested in standing for any of these positions, please speak to Fr Alastair or the current wardens (Jane and William).

Hot on the heels of the ACM is our **MAY FAIR**. We'll be putting out sign-up sheets in due course, but please keep the date clear in your diary (18th May). It's also time to start holding onto old books, bric-a-brac, new gifts and toys and bottles for our various stalls. Watch this space for more info!

Bookings are already open for our next **MESSY CHURCH** on Sunday 30th June. Details here: <https://www.stmatthewswimbleton.org/messychurch>

Dates for your diary:

- Tuesday 2nd April @11am, Requiem Mass for Joseph Ramsay
- Thursday 9th May @8pm, Team Ascension Day Service, St Matthew's
- Sunday 12th May @11pm, Annual Church Meeting
- Saturday 18th May, May Fair
- Sunday 30th June @3pm, Messy Church, St Matthew's School



PARISH NEWS

TEAM PRAYERS Thursday 4th April at St Matthew's

Pray for the Climate Monday 1 April

12:30pm for half an hour in St Mark's Church. All welcome. Enquiries: julietboyd0740@gmail.com

Christian Aid Car Boot Sale St Mary's Field Saturday 11 May 2024

See St Mary's website for details

Merton Interfaith Walk Saturday 13 April 11am Wimbledon Station

A 5k challenge walk to visit local Merton Faith Sites:

The Fazl London Mosque, Wimbledon Synagogue, Buddhapadipa Temple, St Mary's (C of E) Church, Shree Ghanapathy Hindu Temple and other faith sites.

Walk starts at Wimbledon Station (next to the stag artwork) 11am finishes at 3pm but feel free to leave the walk at any stop.

Registration £5 at start of the walk. All proceeds go to The Merton Homeless Project – Faith in Action.

PCC Treasurer Needed

Our team of churches needs a treasurer. You would be a trustee of the Charity. The day to day bookkeeping and other routine tasks are going to be outsourced to an accountancy team. We need the Treasurer to oversee the work of the accountancy firm, the finances of the Parish, to advise the PCC on the financial implications of their decisions and help with long term financial planning and investments. You would be a member of the PCC and Standing Committee which meets eleven times a year. For more details of what is involved please speak to me. Mandy

Discussions about the future of the Parish of Wimbledon

The PCC met with the Archdeacon of Lambeth to explore the possibility of the parish becoming a group of parishes, with each of the churches becoming an individual parish. At the end of the meeting we thought that we should share this idea with the wider community so we can think together about whether this is the right thing to do. The Rector has written

a paper on the subject to introduce it and the main issues around it. You can find this on St Mary's and the Parish website. The DCC and PCC will be discussing the issue again at their next meetings and we would like to know what you think. Please speak to your DCC members. This will be a slow process which we will take our time over, but we think it is worth further consideration. A paper can be read here: <https://www.stmaryswimbledon.org/parish-of-wimbledon>

SERVICES IN THE TEAM – Week Commencing 31 March

<i>Holy Week</i>	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer	Eucharist
<i>Bank Holiday Monday</i>	St Matthew's 9.00am		
<i>Tuesday</i>	St Mary's 8.45am St Matthew's 9.00am	St Mary's 5pm St Matthew's 5pm	
<i>Wednesday</i>	St Mary's 8.45am	St Mary's 5pm St Matthew's 5pm	St Matthew's 10am St Mary's 12 noon St Mark's 1pm
<i>Thursday</i>	St Mary's 8.45am St Matthew's 9.00am	St Matthew's 5pm	
<i>Friday</i>	St Mary's 8.45am St Matthew's 9.00am	St Mary's 5pm St Matthew's 5pm	
<i>Saturday</i>	St Mary's 12noon		

Please email news items by midday Wednesday each week to
sam@parishofwimbledon.org.uk

St Matthew's Church is open for private prayer at the following
times: **Mon-Fri:** 9am-5pm; **Sat:** Closed

Please feel free to come in, say a prayer, and light a candle. The clergy will
be saying morning/evening prayer in church at the following times.

Monday

9.00am Morning Prayer

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday

9.00am Morning Prayer

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday

10.00am Said Mass (Lady Chapel)

11.00pm Soul Cafe

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Thursday

9.00am Morning Prayer

2.00pm Team Prayers at St Matthew's

7.30pm Soulscape

Friday No Services

Saturday No Services

Next Sunday

Second Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 4.32-35, 1 John 1.1-2.2, John 20.19-end

8.00am Said Mass

9.30am All Age Mass

*Want to make a donation towards the work of
the church? You can do so here. Thank you!*

