

NCG LENT COURSE This year's course will be based upon the film 'The Way' which observes a group of pilgrims walking the way of St James to Santiago de Compostela. On Tuesdays February 20th & 27th, March 6th, 13th & 20th; starting at 7.45 for 8.00pm; in the Church Hall, Totternhoe.

NCG CONFIRMATION SERVICE will be held at St Mary's in June. If anyone is interested in finding out more about Confirmation preparation, please see Joy.

GARAGE SALE Do you have a New Year's resolution to clear your excess 'stuff' this Spring? If so, maybe we can help you - simply sign up for St Mary's Garage Sale Trail, which will take place on *21 April 2018*. For a donation of £5 (more if you wish) we will include your address on a map so the public know where to find you. Members of St Mary's, Eaton Bray, will deal with all the advertising, create maps listing all the properties where items are for sale and sell these maps to the public. All you need to do is set up your stall in your front garden and sell, sell, sell! On the day, St Mary's will sell maps to the public from Eaton Bray Village Hall where delicious lunchtime refreshments (including our legendary bacon butties!) will be on sale. In addition there will be a cake stall, raffle, bric-a-brac, books and plants for sale. If you wish to be included in the programme, please contact Barbara Morton (01525 852368) for more information.

SMALL CHANGE COLLECTION Just a reminder that we have an ongoing small change collection that is used solely to support the linen fund. The linen includes the Purificators that are used by the chalice bearers and the Corporals used on the altar. This linen needs to be pristine for every use and so it is laundered for every Eucharistic service. The linen has a hard and therefore short life fraying at the edges and so needs replacing regularly. For details please see Eileen Bennett.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - Following the evening Eucharist at 8.00pm on Maundy Thursday, we will, as usual, be observing a vigil until midnight. There is a sheet on the bookcase where you can sign up to be present for one (or more) 45 minute slots in order that the vigil can be maintained throughout the evening. Thank you.

A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY - APCM - will be held after the 10am service on *April 22nd*. Lunch will be provided.

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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

11TH MARCH 2018
MOTHERING SUNDAY

SERVICES TODAY

8.00am – Holy Communion

10.00am – Sung Holy Communion

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33

HYMNS

253, 519, 109, 113 & 238, 362

If you usually receive communion in a Christian, Church, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion in this church. If you are not a communicant, please come to the altar rail for a blessing, carrying the service book with you.

COFFEE is served at the back of the church after the 10.00am service.

Please stay and meet other members of our parish.

Vicar: Revd Joy Cousans (01525 220261)

Please note: Joy's day off is Friday. Please do not contact her on that day unless very urgent.

Churchwarden: Catherine Hayden (01525 220527)

Notices for inclusion in next week's
Pew Leaflet should be sent to Marion
at mdhmsh@btinternet.com
or (01525 222478)
by 6pm on Thursday please.



COLLECT:

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Exodus 2:1–10

A reading from the book of Exodus.

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because,' she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

This is the word of the Lord. **R: Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12–17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and

admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord. **R: Thanks be to God**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:33–35

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

R: Glory to you, O Lord

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **R: Praise to you, O Christ**

FOR OUR PRAYERS:

In our prayers for the Church this week we pray for the Anglican Church in Central America and in our own diocese, the Diocesan Synod.

Among those who are sick, we pray especially for Gary, Ian Maynard, Alison Tigg, Carole Johnson, Nicola & Steve, Reg & Audrey Grace, Louise & Maureen, Gwen, Vianne, Norman Davies, Ann Grant, Mary Dyson, Emma, Ella, Susan, Graham, Sam & Richard, Mary & Jim, Val Trantum, Harry and Thelma.

At their year's mind, we remember Isobel Barnes, Fred Simmons, Winifred Lousvet and Dennis Holloway.

NOTICES:

MORNING PRAYER IN LENT. Joy will be holding a short said service of Morning Prayer at The Vicarage on Monday mornings at 9am during Lent. All are welcome.

HOLY COMMUNION 10am *Wednesday 14th March.*

ST MARY'S LADIES' GUILD meets this week on Wednesday at 2.00pm in Church. Mrs Ann Thomas is going to talk to us about 'Agatha Christie'. We welcome newcomers – if you would like to join us, please come along!

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON HOUSE-GROUP meets this week at Ashridge Cottage. We are following The Cross by John Stott. Newcomers are welcome to join us for any of the four sessions. For further details please see Eileen Bennett.