

This Tues (27th): **Churches Together AGM** – see diary.

This week we hold the 2nd session of our 'Year of Prayer' **Lent Course**, 'Finding God in all things' An Ignatian Journey. Please see over for meeting times.

If you will be giving up anything for Lent, please offer your savings to our **Lent Appeal** which will support the work of USPG which this year is raising funds with the church in India to help set communities free from debt slavery. For more info please see the posters at the back of church or <http://www.uspg.org.uk/lent/lentappeal/>. We also **invite you** to take up the challenge set by the Church of England this Lent, to give up single-use plastics. See poster in hall or visit www.churchcare.co.uk

Orders can be placed for **Real Easter Eggs**. £3.99 each. See Anne for more details.

Women's World Day of Prayer this Fri 2nd with services at St John's, Felbridge at 10.30 am and 8 pm. The service has been put together by the Christian women of Suriname. All welcome (even men!). See posters or Christine J (Tel: 325823) for more information.

Working Party in church oak tree garden: This Sat 3rd from 9.30am until 11.30am: Please speak with Anne if you can lend a hand! Please bring your own tools. Your help will be much appreciated. Refreshments provided!

The Big Fairtrade Breakfast: Please join us next Sun, 4th March, for breakfast in the hall from 8.45 - 9.45am to celebrate Fairtrade fortnight. If you can come, please let Anne or Hilary know by TODAY so we have an idea of numbers. £2.50 per head, just pay on the door.

On Tues 6th March **our church is prayed** for across the Diocese. We are invited to attend **Evensong at the Cathedral** at 5.30pm on that day, preceded by a guided tour before tea at 4.30pm in the Cloister Café. Please **sign-up TODAY** if you are planning on going.

We would be grateful of donations to buy flowers etc. to make **posies for Mothering Sunday**. Also, we would appreciate **volunteers** to help with this task please, on Sat 10th March from 11 am in the hall. Small pieces of **fresh greenery** would also be useful for the posies (but not laurel or ivy). Please speak with Karen B (410718) if you can help in any of these ways. *Thank you!*

Maintenance Working Party in church grounds - Sat 17th March from 9.30am. Can you lend a hand? Please speak to Bamber or Karen B (410718) to volunteer.

Please save the cardboard insides of toilet rolls and put them in the box in the church porch. *Thanks! Anne.*

THIS WEEK'S INTERCESSIONS

We pray for God's blessing on the life of our church and upon the other Anglican congregations in our town.

As a member of Churches Together we pray for:

Trinity Methodist Church, The Rev'd Ralph Ward

In our parish we pray for:

All our congregation who live outside the parish

Please pray for those in need of healing: Baby Theo & family, Peter Shearer, Jean Feachem, Brenda, Marion Baker, Michael Crockett, Hilda Yardley, Nick, Val Russell, Dave Newsome, Simon, David Scott, Sheila Gibson

For continuing prayer: Helen Appleton, Andrew Bass, Tony Baker, Joan Turnbull, Sarah Spurdle, Pam Dray, Diana McDowell, Aisling Lyall, Eileen Buchanan

Please pray for all the departed

Recently: -

Anniversary: Margaret Gibbons, Marilyn Jones



YEAR OF PRAYER 2018

Welcome to Saint Mary's, East Grinstead Sunday 25th February 2018 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

Today's Services:

8 am Mass

10 am THE PARISH MASS

Hymns: Lit O & N 200, 481, 118, 582

Monday 26th February (Fairtrade Fortnight begins)
Feria of Lent

Tuesday 27th February

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9.45 am Whole School Collective Worship

7 for 7.30 pm start Churches Together AGM at St Luke's with FT Jeweller as Guest Speaker

Wednesday 28th February

St Oswald, Bp, 992

8 pm Lent Course Session 2 in the Vestry

Thursday 1st March

St David, Patron of Wales, c601

9.30 am Mass

Church open

10.15 am Coffee and craft group meet in hall

Friday 2nd March

Feria of Lent (St Chad, Bp & Missionary, 672)

9 am Morning Prayer in church

10 am Lent Course Session 2 in the Vestry

10.30 am & 8 pm Women's World Day of Prayer

Services at St John's Church, Felbridge

3 pm Mass at Stildon

5.30pm Evening Prayer in church

Saturday 3rd March

Feria of Lent

9.30 am Working Party in oak tree garden

Sunday 4th March

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

8 am Mass

8.45 - 9.45 am Big Fairtrade Breakfast in hall

10 am THE PARISH MASS

Readings: Exod 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

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Please join us for coffee/tea after the 10am Mass, in the hall. Next Sunday our Fairtrade stall will be open for business, so please come ready to stock up!