



Sunday 16 March 2025
Second Sunday of Lent

THE PARISH OF ST MARY & ST PAUL

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SERVICES

St Mary's

Sun 16 Mar 9.30am Sung Eucharist
Wed 19Mar 10.30am Holy Communion
Sun 23 Mar 9.30am Sung Eucharist

St Paul's

Sun 16 Mar 11.15am Holy Communion
Thur 20 Mar 9.30am Morning Prayer
Sun 23 Mar 11.15am Holy Communion

| St Mary's Readers and Intercessor | | |
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| | Readers | Intercessor |
| Today | Andrew Darby Theo Godwin | Rosamunde Russell |
| Next Week | Jenny McDermott Clare Debenham | Emmeline Lambert |

WINTER WARNING

There is **NO HEATING** in St Mary's this Sunday so **WRAP UP WARM**. The workmen are redirecting some of the heating pipes and we hope the heat will be back on soon!

DRAMATIC GOSPEL READING ON PALM SUNDAY

If you would like a part in the Palm Sunday dramatised gospel reading at St Mary's please speak to Emmeline or Canon John.

BUILDING WORK INSIDE ST MARY'S

For the duration of the building work the church will be closed to visitors, the Wednesday and Sunday services will continue with slight modifications. Refreshments on Sundays will be in the hall, except on the the first Sunday of the month. It will not be possible to hold weddings and funerals in church during this period so they will relocate as necessary to St Paul's or other Team churches. We hope that the work will be complete by Easter.

These are exciting times but as St Mary's becomes a building site please be careful when going in to the church for services or other reasons and do not go into areas cordoned off for the building works.

REOPENING OF ST MARY'S

Although provisionally planned for Sunday 6th April it is impossible at the moment to be sure when we will be ready to reopen St Mary's. If that date holds then we will announce a cleaning day for Saturday 5th. Both these dates will have to be confirmed nearer the time and are very much subject to change depending upon how the building work proceeds.

LENT

Lent started on Ash Wednesday, 5th March, this year. There are a couple of Team Lent courses for you to consider attending, see posters, and we will be holding some film and discussion events once again at both St Paul's and St Mary's. Details to follow.

The COR and Hemel Team Churches **LENT COURSE 2025** Bible discussions based on the film **'HEAVENS ABOVE'**



Venue is the
Church of the
Resurrection
Church Hall,
Grovehill
Community
Centre

6 weeks exploring the unsettling ministry of Jesus and the impact on our lives and communities through the arrival of an unexpected 'Clerical Error'

Tuesdays 7.30pm

In the Church Hall and on Zoom
Email revaustin@sky.com
for link

18th March

25th March

8th April

Fridays 1.30pm

In the Church Hall

21st March

28th March

4th April

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH

BROKEN

A LENT COURSE

THURSDAY EVENINGS

7.30 - 9 PM

27TH FEB. - 3RD APRIL

Six weeks reflecting on the struggles of faith, morality, and the challenges of our modern life.

Based on the TV show starring Sean Bean

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Lent at St Mary's & St Paul's for the Hemel Team Ministry and wider church



St Mary's, Old Town:

Wednesdays in Lent at 10.30am:

Holy Eucharist with prayer for healing of our world, our community and ourselves.

(Holy Spirit Chapel, lasts 30-40 minutes, all welcome).

St Paul's, Highfield

'Jesus Christ Movie Star'

An hour of film clips, prayer and discussion on how the movies portray Jesus.

Tuesdays 11th and 18th March 2-3pm All Welcome.

Join us as we journey with Jesus during Lent 2025

BELLRINGS TRIBUTE TO BISHOP ALAN

It may be of interest that the Hertfordshire Bellringers are planning to ring a tribute "Quarter Peal" of 1,250 changes (45 minutes continuous ringing) at every ringable church (102) in the Diocese.

IMPORTANT: TOTAL RENEWAL OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL

If you wish to stay on the Parish electoral roll you need to complete and return by **13th April** an Application Form for Enrolment. If you are currently on the roll there is an envelope addressed to you on the piano in church.

Also in the envelope is a form regarding Data Protection asking for your consent to the various ways we may contact you. Please complete this also and return it with your Application Form

There is a box on the piano for completed forms.

If you are not currently enrolled but would like your name to be added, please talk to a church warden or to Catherine Lindsay, Electoral Roll Officer for the necessary paperwork.

TAKE A PEW

A couple of short pews are still available to buy. If you have reserved a pew or two then the builders will happily help you select one any weekday morning so that we can get them all off site in the next three weeks. Speak to Canon John or Brian C to arrange a time to collect or for more details.

Services and Events Week Commencing 16 March 2025

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| Sun 16 Mar | 9.30am 11.15am | Sung Eucharist Holy Communion | StM StP |
| Lent 1 | | | |
| Mon 17 Mar | | | |
| Tue 18 Mar | 2.00-300 | Lent Event – Jesus Christ, Movie Star (Film clips, prayers and discussions on how the movies portray Jesus) | StP |
| Wed 19 Mar | 10.30am | Lent Event – Holy Communion (Holy Eucharist with prayer for healing of our world, our community and ourselves) | StM |
| <i>Joseph of Nazareth</i> | | | |
| Thu 20 Mar | 9.30am | Morning Prayer | StP |
| <i>Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687</i> | | | |
| Fri 21 Mar | | | |
| <i>Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556</i> | | | |
| Sat 22 Mar | | | |
| Sun 23 Mar | 9.30am 11.15am | Sung Eucharist Holy Communion | StM StP |
| Lent 2 | | | |

Apart from Sunday and Wednesday services St Mary's Church is currently closed to visitors due to internal building work

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Payments:

Cheques should be made payable to "St Mary and St Paul PCC".

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