

NEWSLETTER SUPPLEMENT

March 2020



ARCHBISHOP VISIT

The Most Rev Justin
Welby will be visiting
Guildford diocese for
three days mid-March.
For more details please
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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Sunday 29 March 2020 at 11.15 Trinity Centre

Do plan to come along to find out what is going on in the parish, ask questions and take part in the election of our churchwardens. Robert's sermon during the 10.00am service will form his annual report. Coffee will be available.



Mothering Sunday

22nd March 2020

10.00am Worship at Holy Trinity



A short service for all ages with children's activities, flowers and refreshments.

All friends and family welcome. For more information please contact Pippa or Tom.

Martin Holford invites instrumental players in the congregation to join in the playing of the last hymn and a piece afterwards as part of the HT Parish Orchestra for this service. If you can help please contact Martin Holford: mholford1966@gmail.com.

****Request for rosemary cuttings****

We would be most grateful if anyone could bring cuttings to the Parish Office Friday morning 20th March. These will be bundled with daffodils by the Brownies to give out at the 10.00am service.

6.00pm Evening Eucharist at Holy Trinity

A gentle, peaceful moment to gather strength half way through Lent. Sung by Holy Trinity Choir.

For newsletters, events and more visit www.holytrinityguildford.org.uk

Parish Office opening hours (term-time): Monday-Friday 9.30am—1.00pm
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Please submit items for the April supplement no later than Monday 23 March

Churchyard tidy up Saturday 21st March
Please join us for the Spring tidy up of the churchyard. No gardening experience required just willingness to do a bit of manual work and a sense of humour. Please bring your own gloves and secateurs but we now have quite a garden 'shed full' of other equipment. We will start at 9.30 and finish at 12.00. Coffee or tea and biscuits will magically arrive. Looking forward to seeing you there. Yvonne Cameron & David Uzzell

Common Ground's monthly Community meeting at St Mary's on Wednesday 11 March will offer an opportunity to find out more about the ministry of Eden, who are very supportive of Night Vision. Colin Brice will be helping develop our thinking on how to engage effectively with passers-by. All interested in communicating the Gospel are encouraged to attend. Refreshments from 19.15, the meeting will start around 19.45.

Easter Eggs please Around 100 children are expected to attend HMP Coldingley's Family Days, to visit their dads at Easter and have been asked if we can donate £1-£1.50 Easter Eggs to be given out during these visits. I shall be at Holy Trinity on Mothering Sunday, March 22nd, if you would like to donate an egg. (I go to the prison on a Saturday and play with the children during visits) -Alison Ney

Vacancy Westborough United Reformed Church has a vacancy for a part-time Lay Pastoral / Outreach Worker. Closing date is 23rd March. Full details are on their website: www.westborough-urc.co.uk.

Tuesday Mix 2.30-4pm at the Salvation Army on 10th March Members' Meeting and 24th March 'Pilgrim Ringers' a concert for all. Do invite your friends. Rosamund (01483 577766).

Vacancy A reliable, friendly, good cleaner is sought to clean communal areas and assist with supporting tenants in the sheltered housing scheme on Addison Road. Part time 20 hours/week. Further details and to apply email: addison.court@talktalkbusiness.net (preferred) or call 01483 569533. Applications should be received by noon 16 March.



Parish Walk. The next Parish Walk will be on Saturday 28th March in the Wonersh/ Blackheath area. It will be about 7 miles long.

No further details as yet but we will hopefully include a church and a pub. Please register your interest with Yvonne Cameron (cameronjam@aol.com).

Sparkling Springtime Afternoon Tea. Tuesday, 31 March at 3pm. Mayoress of Guildford, Lynda Billington hosts with guest speaker, The High Sheriff of Surrey, Mrs Bridget Biddell. Limited seating, please register your interest as soon as possible by email: civicsecretary@guildford.gov.uk.

Come and Sing Jazz! Guildford Jazz Fest '20 Saturday 21st March 1.45 PM. Afternoon workshop followed by cream tea and concert at 5.15pm. Workshop/Concert £16 (£8 students). For details email Marianne at info@guildfordjazz.org.uk.

St Matthew Passion JS Bach. On Saturday 14th March the Guildford Chamber Choir will be singing the St Matthew Passion in Holy Trinity Church. This will be an appropriate and moving concert for Lent, and will include fine young soloists and Stephen Farr as continuo. The concert begins at 7pm. Tickets are available from the Tourist Information Centre or members of the Chamber Choir: £13 in advance, £16 on the door, under 25s free.

The Upper Room will be meeting on Tuesday 10th March, from 8pm for our regular discussion of topical issues on which Christian faith meets everyday life. Do join us - we hope to be in The Keep, Castle Street, following its refurbishment. Watch out for further updates in the newsletter! Jonathan (07785 766631).

LADIES! Having a clear out? Smalls For All are collecting 'gently used' bras to send to Africa (mainly). Can you help? They can be sent to: Smalls For All, Five Sisters Business Park, Westwood, West Calder, EH55 8PN -Alison Ney

The Archbishop of Canterbury Comes to Guildford

The Most Rev Justin Welby will be visiting Guildford diocese for three days in mid-March. Full details, including events that are open to the public, are available on the diocesan website. He will be leading a service of Holy Communion for staff and residents at Abbot's Hospital at 2.00pm on March 18.

Traditionally Archbishops of Canterbury have visited the Hospital once during their term of office (but sadly, this has not always been possible). After this, he will be doing a "meet and greet" walking down the High Street throughout the afternoon. This culminates with him preaching in the open-air, outside Marks and Spencer's at about 4.15pm. The afternoon closes with him joining us for Evening Prayer in St Mary's at 5.00pm (but please be aware, exact timings may change – which we will advertise in the newsletter or on the website, as soon as we are able).

I am looking forward to the opportunity for the Archbishop to meet members of the congregations at St Mary's, including representatives of all the denominations that worship there (Anglican, Methodist, Roman Catholic, Orthodox), as well as members of Common Ground.

Robert Cotton



drop into
St. Mary's, Guildford

between
20.00 and 23.30
Friday 27 March

for
an evening of calm,
reflection and refreshments

n^oight vision
... 'looking at life through a different lens'



A Common Ground initiative

HONOURING GOD'S CREATION

A faith response to Climate Change and environmental degradation

Following my recent sermon at Holy Trinity when I reported on various debates that had happened in the February meeting of General Synod, there was an open discussion about our response to climate change, and ways in which we can honour God's creation. The highlights include:

Your donations to the Big Appeal made it possible for us to insulate Holy Trinity church roof, and install thermostats routinely to control the overall heating for the first time. We might take these things for granted in our own homes – it is a small but very significant step forward towards making this building environmentally friendly.

We were given a beautiful image about how a whole community can be involved in change. Charles Howes runs each week with a running club. When they go out together, they run in a diamond formation: the fastest at the leading tip of the diamond, the bulk of the club in the large middle, and the slowest gently trotting (or walking) at the back. Crucially, they are doing this together – everyone has a part to play. Indeed, it seems that they all go to the pub at the end of the run (??puzzling??!). Applying this to our pursuit of a further Eco Church award: we need zealots and enthusiasts to lead the way; we need a sizeable majority to keep the pace going and hold the whole group together; we value those who are only just starting out, or who are puzzled, or less enthusiastic. Equally, this can be applied to other aspects of Church life: safeguarding vulnerable children and adults, for example, is something that we all support and participate in – but some know the law in full detail, some will assist in small ways, and some will help by being prepared to learn from others.

We are determined to aim for the gold Eco Church award – which we want to be an ambition for the whole parish. Everyone's behaviour and attitude will contribute.

We dare to “get it wrong” – and not let that demotivate us. Who bought a diesel car believing it to be the most environmentally positive choice? “Stop – think – then sin” Is a phrase that acknowledges that none of us can be perfect. You may have to make a number of air flights each year. That does not make you an enemy of being eco-friendly. Managing our lapses, constraints and guilt is an important mature reaction to living with a complex situation. I was much encouraged, and very grateful to hear about the enthusiasms of others.

Robert Cotton



Parish Blog



www.htsmguildford.org/parish-blog

Everyday Neighbours

Alison Ney
describes
some of her visits
to HMP Send over
the last 16 years



Stories from our Community

Interview with
Suzanne Evans
by 'Tricia
McIntosh



Update on Kwasa Woolly Hat Project

I'm frequently asked 'how are we doing?' The answer is that we're doing very well with over 100 navy hats (target 240) and 85 small hats in all sorts of colours (target 125) already completed. We now have some more balls of navy wool for large hats if anyone else would like to be part of the project - beginners are welcome to join in at **Knit and Natter** during **Saturday Coffee** where help is available, along with excellent coffee (see below left)!

Our plan is to sew a blank name tape into each of the hats before they are taken to South Africa by our young people in July. Please let me know if you'd like to help. Stephi Pratley. stephi.pratley1@btinternet.com

Holy Trinity
St Mary's

SATURDAY COFFEE

7th March at St Mary's, Quarry Street
Including Knit and Natter

**We'll be back in Holy Trinity
from 14th March onwards**

10am to 12noon
We look forward to seeing you!

Monthly, 2nd Saturday
NHS Hearing Aid and
Blood Pressure clinic



Annual Revision of the Church Electoral Roll

The Church Electoral Roll is the parish churches' register of electors, qualified to attend and to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. If you are unsure whether or not you registered last year then you can inspect the list at the back of the church or fill out a form.

The revised electoral roll will be published (names only) for 14 days prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 29 March. Any questions can be directed to Helen Parkinson, Electoral Roll Officer for this parish.



LENT 2020



‘DISTRACTIONS’

Wednesdays 4 March — 1 April, 6.30pm at Holy Trinity

Short, reflective services on the theme of ‘Distractions’ with candles and prayers, readings, psalms and poetry – interspersed with times for silent reflection and thought. Please do join us, and bring your friends, for a quiet half-hour.

LENT LUNCHTIME REFLECTIONS

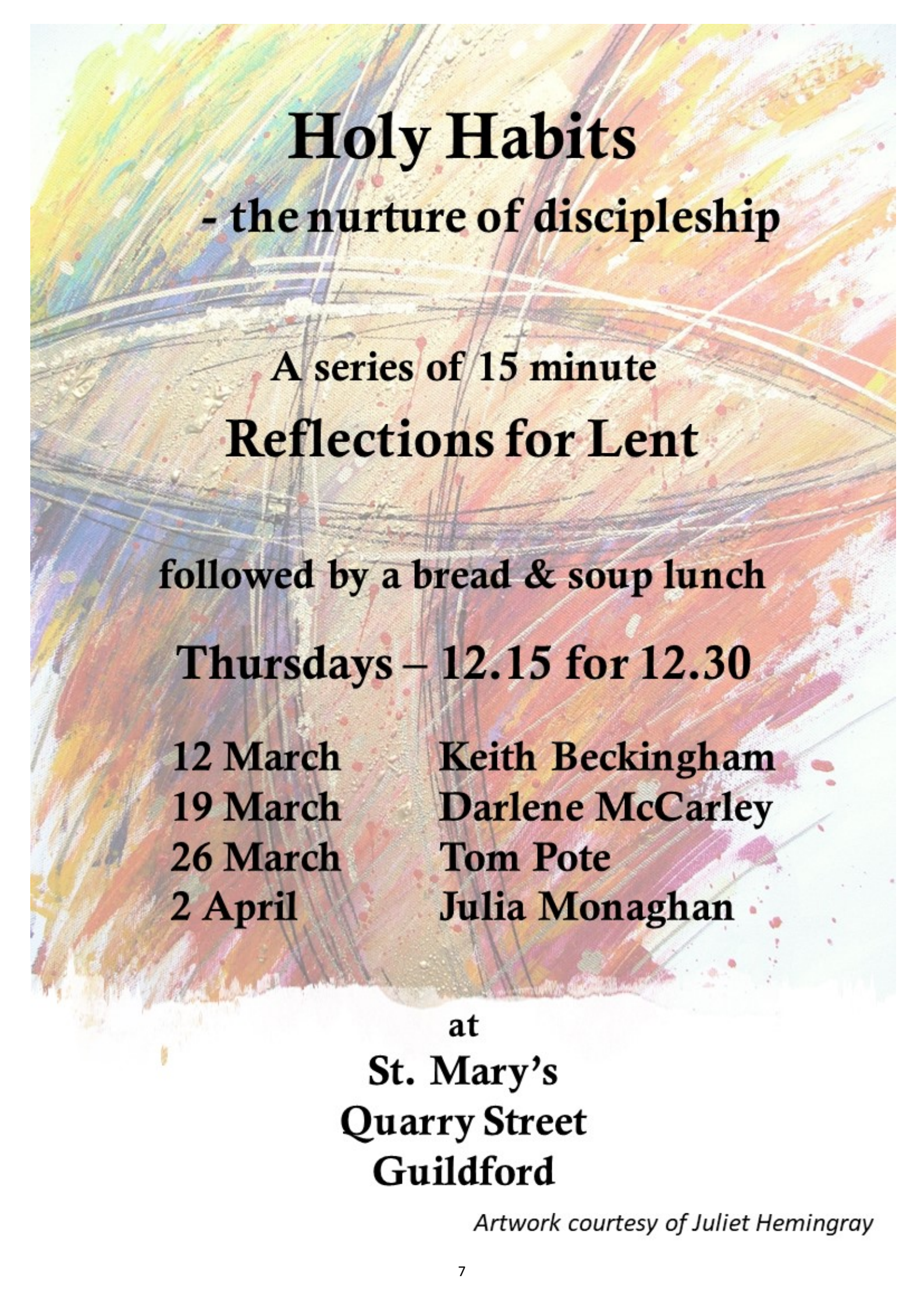
Thursdays 12 March — 2 April at St Mary’s

See opposite page for more details.

PASSOVER MEAL

Monday 6 April, 7pm in the Trinity Centre

A special way of marking Holy Week. Sign-up details will be in the newsletter.



Holy Habits

- the nurture of discipleship

**A series of 15 minute
Reflections for Lent**

followed by a bread & soup lunch

Thursdays – 12.15 for 12.30

12 March	Keith Beckingham
19 March	Darlene McCarley
26 March	Tom Pote
2 April	Julia Monaghan

**at
St. Mary's
Quarry Street
Guildford**

Artwork courtesy of Juliet Hemingray

CAFÉ CLUB IS A YEAR OLD!

Last Thursday Café Club celebrated its first birthday with a birthday cake in Caffè Nero, where the club meets every Thursday after school.

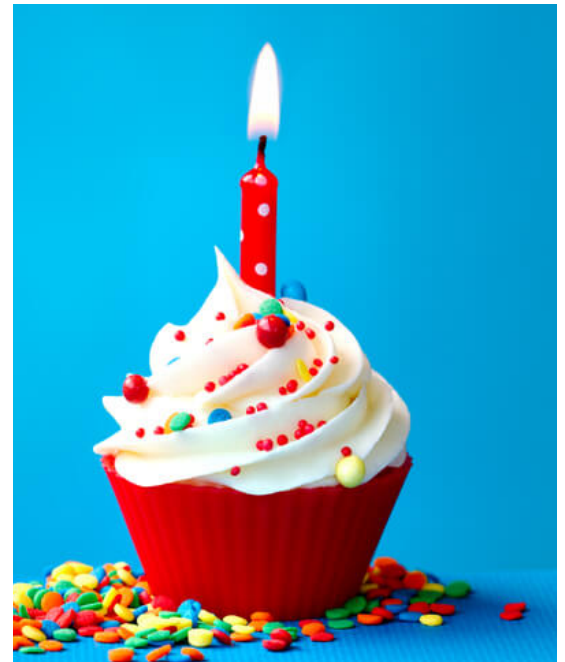
Ten youngsters, choristers and non-choristers, ages 12-15, have been meeting every week in term time to enjoy a hot chocolate, eat a picnic tea together and wind down from the school day.

Seven schools are represented in the group and so there is always plenty to discuss: issues that have arisen during school life or in the news, or topics about living our lives as Christians in today's world.

If you will have reached the age of 12 and would like to come along to Café Club after Easter, from just after 5pm to 6.15pm in Caffè Nero in Market Street, please do drop me a line at youth@holytrinityguildford.org.uk.

You will be very warmly welcome!

Pippa



Join us to hear from one of the country's leading experts on ageing

Sebastian Crutch, Professor of Neuropsychology at the Dementia Research Centre, UCL Institute of Neurology, and clinical lead for Rare Dementia Support will be giving a talk on THE CLINICAL, PASTORAL AND SPIRITUAL DIMENSIONS TO AGEING to the retired clergy of the diocese. In our own lives, and in our communities both in church and beyond, this is a crucial element for so many.



Professor Sebastian Crutch

The invitation to attend is open to everyone in our church community who would be interested in hearing Professor Crutch. Join us on Friday March 13th at Emmanuel Stoughton at 10am and we will end with lunch at 1pm.

To register please email Rev Ken Hobbs, revken.hobbs@gmail.com. (£12.50 or cheque to GDBF).

Brian Roberts

Bell Ringers' News and Thanks to Volunteers!

We have restarted ringing at St Mary's after the major restoration work and rehang of the bells, and are very pleased with their 'go' and sound. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the physical work involved in the project, and in particular to Rod Pierce for coordinating the team and undertaking much of the work. At some stage this year, we hope to open the tower so that parishioners can come up and view the ringing chamber area (and belfry for those that dare!). Some additional ringing over the next few weeks includes a visiting band from Edinburgh/Inverary (29th Feb) and a quarter peal on 31st March for Roger Bull's 80th birthday, including Roger and locals that he has taught to ring over the years.

Michael Bryant



**term time only*

Sunday	Holy Communion	08.00	St Mary's
	Sung Eucharist (<i>with children's groups*</i>)	10.00	Holy Trinity
	Morning Service (<i>Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday</i>)	10.30	St Mary's
	Choral Evensong (<i>term time</i>) or Evening Prayer	18.00	Holy Trinity
	Foodbank Sunday (monthly 1st Sunday)	10.00 & 10.30	HT & SM
Monday	Morning Prayer*	08.30	Holy Trinity
	U3A Keep Fit*	9.00 & 10.15	Trinity Centre
	Silent Prayer (<i>monthly 3rd Monday</i>)	12.30	Holy Trinity
	Guildford Vox Choir practice*	19.00	Trinity Centre
Tuesday	Morning Prayer*	08.30	Holy Trinity
	U3A Yoga Class	10.00	Trinity Centre
	Trinity Club discussion group (<i>monthly last Tuesday</i>)	10.30	Trinity Centre
	Lunch Club (<i>monthly 1st Tuesday</i>)	12.30	Trinity Centre
	Lunchtime recital (<i>monthly 1st Tuesday</i>)*	13.15	Holy Trinity
	Tuesday Mix fellowship group (<i>fortnightly</i>)	14.30	St Mary's
	General Studies bell ringing*	15.00	Holy Trinity
Wednesday	Surrey Rainbow Choir rehearsal, supporting LGBT+	19.15	Trinity Centre
	Morning Prayer*	08.30	Holy Trinity
	Chit Chat*	09.30	St Mary's
	Organ Recital (Mar-Dec, monthly 2nd Wednesday)	13.10	HT / SM
	Shine Time Theatre School*	18.00	Trinity Centre
	Bell ringing practice	20.00	HT / SM / St Nicolas
Thursday	Morning Prayer*	08.30	Holy Trinity
	Coffee & Cake (<i>monthly 4th Thursday</i>)	10.30	St Mary's
	Roman Catholic Lunchtime Mass*	12.45	St Mary's
	Pilates	17.00	Trinity Centre
	HT Choir practice (boy choristers & adults)*	18.30	Holy Trinity
	HT Choir practice (girl choristers)*	18.30	Trinity Centre
	Girl Guides*	19.00	Trinity Centre
Friday	Argentine Tango class	21.00	Trinity Centre
	Keep Fit class	14.00	Holy Trinity
	Brownies*	17.15	Trinity Centre
	Girl Guides*	19.00	Trinity Centre
Saturday	Guildford Theatre School*	all day	Trinity Centre
	Morning Prayer	09.30	Holy Trinity
	Saturday Coffee	10.00-12.00	Holy Trinity

Regular activities are listed separately. Our two churches and the Trinity Centre are also used by a wide range of community groups throughout the week not listed here.

March 2020

Sat 7	Saturday Coffee at St Mary's	10.00-12.00	St Mary's
	Concert: St Catherine's School Choral Society	19.30	Holy Trinity
Tue 10	Tuesday Mix	14.30	Salvation Army
	PCC Meeting	20.00	Trinity Centre
	The Upper Room	20.00	The Keep
Wed 11	Lent Evening service	18.30	Holy Trinity
	Common Ground meeting	19.00	St Mary's
Thu 12	Lent Lunchtime Reflection	12.30	St Mary's
Fri 13	Lunchtime concert: The University of Surrey	13.15	Holy Trinity
Sat 14	Saturday Morning Coffee returns to Holy Trinity	10.00-12.00	Holy Trinity
	Concert: Guildford Chamber Choir	19.00	Holy Trinity
Mon 16	Silent Prayer	12.30	Holy Trinity
Wed 18	Holy Communion at Abbot's Hospital	14.00	Abbot's Hospital
	Lent Evening Service	18.30	Holy Trinity
Thu 19	Lent Lunchtime Reflection	12.30	St Mary's
Sat 21	Practical Aspects of Spirituality	09.20-12.30	St Mary's
	Trinity Churchyard working party	10.00-12.00	Holy Trinity
	Concert: Epworth Choir	19.30	Holy Trinity
Sun 22	Orthodox Service	13.00	St Mary's
Mon 23	Sandfield School Activity Morning	-	Holy Trinity
	Town Centre Cluster meeting	19.30	St Mary's
Wed 25	Chit Chat International lunch	11.30	Trinity Centre
	Lent Evening service	18.30	Holy Trinity
Thu 26	Lent Lunchtime Reflection	12.30	St Mary's
Fri 27	Concert: The University of Surrey	19.30	Holy Trinity
	Common Ground Night Vision	20.00-23.00	St Mary's
Sat 28	RNLI Collection Day	all day	St Mary's
	Concert: Blackheath & Bramley Choral Society	19.30	Holy Trinity
Sun 29	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	11.15	Trinity Centre
Tue 31	Trinity Club	10.30	Trinity Centre

April 2020

Wed 1	Lent Evening service	18.30	Holy Trinity
Thu 2	Holy Trinity Pewley Down School end of term service	09.30	Holy Trinity
	Lent Lunchtime Reflection	12.30	St Mary's
Sat 4	Children's Business Fair and Saturday Coffee	10.00	Holy Trinity
Sun 5	Palm Sunday Procession from St Mary's to Holy Trinity	10.00	St Mary's

Music on International Women's Day

This Sunday, 8th March, is International Women's Day and, at the morning Eucharist at Holy Trinity the Choir will be singing a new motet to celebrate: 'Peace I leave with you' by female composer Amy Beach (1867-1944). Beach was an American pianist-composer who made her concert hall debut at 16. She became known for her compositions, with her Gaelic Symphony (1894) being the first symphony by a female American composer to be published. Today's motet comes from a set of choral responses, written when she was just 24.



Amy Beach
photo: UNH Library

It is important we celebrate the work of female composers today. For much of history, music in the Church has been a story restricted to men, both as performers and composers. Since Salisbury became the first Cathedral to introduce girl choristers in 1991 there has been some progress to rebalance opportunities for boys and girls, with most Cathedrals having both male and female chorister lines, but the vast majority of the music we sing is still by men.

There are many good reasons for this. Perhaps most fundamentally, there is far less choral music by women known to be in existence. In past centuries music by women was rarely published or written down and so, even if it was composed, we do not have access to it today. For those pieces which have survived, there are also practical issues. Many churches, such as ours, have excellent libraries of good choral music from across the centuries, and purchasing new music is a significant and expensive task.

However, it is clearly valuable for all of us to hear new music in addition to old favourites, and it is particularly important our choristers have female role models in composition to show them what is possible. The choirs here have performed several pieces by female composers over the years, and we will continue to look for the right opportunities to grow our repertoire by female composers. Today's motet is a step along this path.

Nick Graham



International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality. International Women's Day (IWD) has occurred for well over a century, with the first IWD gathering in 1911 supported by over a million people. Today, IWD belongs to all groups collectively everywhere. IWD is not country, group or organization specific. For more information visit: www.internationalwomensday.com/ #IWD2020 #EachforEqual