

St Mary's Stelling NEWSLETTER

"Kent's most extraordinary Parish Church"



March 2018

Welcome!

We are now well into the Season of Lent, and we continue to reflect on the 40 days which Jesus spent in the wilderness after his baptism. This is our opportunity to examine our own lives, its priorities, and to encourage us to hear the God who is already speaking to us.

During Holy Week, we participate in that final trip to Jerusalem. The photo below, taken on our recent pilgrimage, shows the steep route which Jesus took on Palm Sunday, when He descended into Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives:



Then, as the events of Holy Week unfold, we witness the self-giving love shown in Christ's passion and death and resurrection.

Services for March

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| 4 th | Holy Communion | Rev'd Chris Duncan |
| 11 th | Mothering Sunday | Nick Hunt |
| 18 th | Holy Communion | Rev'd Phil Brown |
| 25 th | Palm Sunday | Geoff Wright |
| 30 th | Good Friday | Geoff Wright |
| 1 st Apr | Easter Day | Rev'd Chris Duncan |

All Services start at 9.30am.

Lent House-Group

The six-week Lent course which Julia is running is well underway, and has been very well attended and enjoyed. It is a real

opportunity to walk with Jesus through Lent, learning from Mark's Gospel and from each other's experiences. There is much to draw on to refresh and encourage our faith.

It doesn't matter if you have not been before, or if you can't attend every week. Please come along on Monday evenings (7.30-9.00pm) - Oakgate House, Manns Hill, Bossingham. Contact Julia on 709635 or by email if you want to know more.

Table-Top Sale

The table-top sale on Saturday 24th February raised approximately £250. This was a very good result bearing in mind that this was a new event on our calendar, and we can hopefully build on this next year. The money raised will go to help support the mission and ministry of Stelling Church. Thanks to Olivia and Colin for organising and running the event.

Ceiling Repairs

Good news! The ceiling repairs following the plaster fall are fully completed, however the new plaster and lime-wash is taking ages to dry out, and I want to be sure all is well before the scaffolding is removed. Thankfully, our Insurers (Ecclesiastical Insurance) agreed to meet the full cost of the repairs (except the £100 policy excess), which amounts to a total of approximately £12,000. Phew!

Prayer Corner

Lord Jesus Christ,
we praise you for the message of Easter,
the assurance that life is not in vain,
that love is not blotted out,
that faith is not futile.

We praise you that death is not the end
but a new beginning, a gateway to heaven,
a door on to untold blessings you hold in store
for us.

Receive the worship we offer you,

Verse for the Month: Give praise to the Lord. Give praise to God our Saviour. He carries our heavy loads day after day. Our God is a God who saves. He is the King and the Lord. He saves us from death. Psalm 68: 19-20

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and teach us to live each day in the light of
your Easter triumph.
Risen Lord, lead us from death to life. Amen.

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