



**St Mark's Church, Holbrook**

Knowing Christ and making Him known

- ✚ **Wed 14<sup>th</sup> March**  
9:45am Book of Common Prayer *Ps 71 Exodus 32 John 8.1-30*  
7:30pm Lent Course Week 4 - in church
- ✚ **Sun 18<sup>th</sup> March:**  
3:00pm Tea at Three in church  
7:00pm Café Praise in church *I am the Vine John 15.1-9*
- ✚ **Wed 21<sup>st</sup> March:**  
12:30pm Mini Mark's in church  
7:30pm Lent Course Week 5 - in church
- ✚ **Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> March 7:30pm Men's Darts Night** in church hall
- ✚ **Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> March 7:00pm Ladies Movie Night** in church
- ✚ **Sun 15<sup>th</sup> April 3:00pm Tea at Three** in church
- ✚ **Sun 15<sup>th</sup> April 7:00pm Café Praise** in church  
*I am the Resurrection and the Life John 11.1-44*
- ✚ **Wed 18<sup>th</sup> April 12:30pm Mini Mark's** in church
- ✚ **Sat 21<sup>st</sup> April 6:00pm - 8:00pm Tearfund Presentation** in church

**Chichester Cathedral: Diocesan Intercessions**

Our Parish is to be prayed for at the Cathedral on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March during the 8:00am and 5:30pm services. There is an invitation to all members to attend either service and enjoy tea before evensong.

Full details are in the office. Places need to be booked in advance so please let Jo or Brenda in the office know by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March if you wish to attend.

# Newsletter

**St Mark's Church Holbrook  
North Heath Lane, Horsham**

**Mothersing Sunday  
11<sup>th</sup> March 2018**



- ✚ **8:30am** Holy Communion *1Samuel1.20-28 John 19.25-27*
- ✚ **10:30am** All Age Worship *1Samuel1.20-28 John 19.25-27*

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**Office Opening Times:** Monday - Saturday 9:00am - 12:30pm



**Prayer for Streets** Each week St Mark's are delivering letters to a few streets in the local area asking if anyone has a prayer request.

This week we are praying for: Red Admiral Street and Swallowtail Road.



**Does anyone at St Mark's have graphic design skills?**

If so, are you able to help to design posters and invitations for the forthcoming balcony project work and associated events and for our Ashburnham Away Weekend in 2019?

For more information please contact Rosemary Couchman on 07876536776 or email [thecouchmans@talktalk.net](mailto:thecouchmans@talktalk.net)

**Messy Church - Good Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

A sign-up sheet is on the notice board as we will need lots of pairs of hands to help with this event please.



If you cannot be there for the whole time, offers to assist with setting up and clearing up would be very much appreciated.

For further information, please speak to Jo or Brenda in the office.



**Men's Darts Evening**  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 7:30pm in Church Hall

All men are invited to a darts evening, no experience necessary - no doubles to finish.

Please arrive at 7:30pm to bond and choose team names. Pizza and liquid refreshments will be available from 8:00pm. If you would like to join us, there is a sign-up sheet at the back of church - please indicate your pizza preference.


Further information from Andy McLean [andy.mclean7@outlook.com](mailto:andy.mclean7@outlook.com)

**Ladies' Movie Night**  
**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 7:00pm in Church**

All ladies are invited to this Movie Night when the comedy film "Mums' Night Out" will be shown. The film features hardworking mum Allyson (Sarah Drew) who has a crazy night out with her friends while their husbands watch the children!

Please aim to arrive around 7:00pm to get a snack, a drink and your seat. The film will start at 7:30pm. The aim is for everyone to be as comfortable as possible so please feel free to wear your tracksuits, onesies or anything that you would wear at home when you are "chillin".

Where possible, please arrange to car share as it may be late when the film ends so we want to be sure everyone has a lift home.



## Photos Wanted

Does anyone have a photo taken at one of the fun days showing the scene including the church and some of the bouncy castles?

We are looking for something suitable to use in this year's publicity.

If you have anything you think could be used - it needs to be at least 1MB - please speak to Jo or Brenda or email your photos to the church office [office@stmarksholbrook.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarksholbrook.org.uk)



**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 6:00pm - 8:00pm  
in St Mark's Church**

It's **Tearfund's Jubilee** this year and to mark this special anniversary Adrian Hawthorn, who has worked for Tearfund for 12 years, will share encounters with Tearfund project beneficiaries in countries he has visited in the developing world. The evening will reveal the challenges of family life in difficult contexts, stories which show how Tearfund is working to lift multitudes out of extreme poverty.

A relaxed, engaging, informative and eye-opening evening will be provided. This event is FREE and everyone is welcome.

## Momentum

**Please Note:** Momentum will **NOT** be running during Lent. This is to enable people to go to the Lent Course as an alternative where there will be prayer stations and an opportunity to reflect.

**Momentum will recommence on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.**

<b>Scramblers 0 - Year R</b>	Meets in the church hall with toys, bible stories, crafts and activities. Contact Fiona Coldicott or the Church Office on 01403 261380.
<b>Explorers School Years 1 - 4</b>	Meets in North Heath Hall for age appropriate games, Bible stories and craft activities. Contact Fiona Coldicott or the Church Office on 01403 261380.
<b>Pathfinders School Years 5 - 6</b>	Meets in North Heath Hall for games, activities and Bible study. Contact Fiona Coldicott or the Church Office on 01403 261380.
<b>CYFA School Years 7 - 11</b>	Meets weekly in term time during the 10:30am morning service in the Church Vicarage. The group discusses topics relevant to daily life from a Biblical perspective.
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Dimension 4D</b>	Open to anyone in Year 10 and above meeting twice monthly on Sunday evenings at 6 Uppark Gardens from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Fairly relaxed and includes various activities such as games, prayer, worship, Bible study and discussion. 4D meets on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month during term time.
<b>Mini Marks 0 - 4 Years</b>	For babies, under 5s, parents, grandparents and carers with a buffet lunch, homemade cakes, toys and a baby play area. Explores interactive Bible stories through play, craft, action songs, percussion and creative prayer activities. Fun, relaxed, friendly and FREE. Monthly on Wednesday 12:30pm - 2:30pm. <b>2018 dates:</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> March, 18 <sup>th</sup> April, 16 <sup>th</sup> May, 20 <sup>th</sup> June, 18 <sup>th</sup> July, 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug (Teddy Bears' Picnic), 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov and 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Party. Further information from Karen Park 01403 241825 <a href="mailto:karenpark@bopenworld.com">karenpark@bopenworld.com</a>

## Lent at St Mark's

Lent is traditionally a time when Christians have spent time in reflective mood, considering their journey of faith, and through penitence, self-denial and study seek to deepen their discipleship.



This year at St Mark's our Lent Sunday morning services will focus on the writings of the Prophet Jeremiah. Jeremiah wrote in both the build up to, and during, the exile of the Jewish people from Judah, and the prophetic words of truth he brought to the community of Israel can speak powerfully to us today.

On the five Wednesdays in Lent before Holy Week we shall have our Lent Course in church from 7:30 - 9:00pm. Each evening is a stand-alone session so you are welcome to come along at any time.

See newsletter for details of each week's service.



**Lent Course - On the Third Day** Over five sessions we shall examine the resurrection of Christ and what it means for both the believer and the Church. Each session will be preceded by a preparation sheet issued the Sunday before which will enable you to arrive on the night ready for the evening's material. Then on the evening there will be worship, a talk, group discussions, prayer stations and the chance to hear four well known and eminent Christians (including Bishop Tom Wright) explore their thoughts on the topics covered. These evenings should be both informative and hopefully transformative for our Christian journey.

✝ <b>Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<i>Romans 8.31-39</i>	Celebrating and praying Easter.
✝ <b>Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Mar</b>	<i>1Peter 2.9-12, 23-35</i>	A Risen Church.

Each session will run from 7:30pm - 9:00pm in church. Please do come and join us.

**Richard**



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### St Mark's Pastoral Visiting Team

Are you unwell, lonely, bereaved or just finding life a bit too much to handle? The Pastoral Team at St Mark's are always ready to listen and are able to provide:

- **someone to listen - compassionate and friendly without interfering**
- **1:1 help - someone to be there just for you**
- **non-judgemental, confidential support**
- **befriending for people of all ages, any faith or none**

If you are in need of support in any way, please contact:  
Rev Richard Coldicott 01403 260435 vicar@stmarksholbrook.org.uk  
or St Mark's Church office 01403 261380 office@stmarksholbrook.org.uk



In April/May Richard & Mike will be running a 3 week Confirmation course. The course will run on 3 weekday evenings at St Mark's House and will prepare those who attend for the Deanery Confirmation Service which this year is being held here at St. Mark's Holbrook on Thursday 7th June at 7.30pm. Confirmation is a wonderful way to publicly mark a new stage in your faith journey. It is ideal either for young people (aged 11+) who were baptised as infants and who now want to affirm the declarations made on their behalf by parents and godparents when they were infants, or for adults who have never been confirmed and who wish to declare their faith as they embark on a new stage in their journey of faith.

If anyone (aged 11+) who is not baptised would like to make this commitment at this time, baptism and confirmation can take place within the same service.

If you would like to be a part of this year's Confirmation classes or would like further information about what Confirmation involves, please contact Richard (email vicar@stmarksholbrook.org.uk or tel 01403 260435).