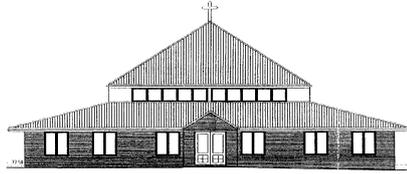


# ALL SAINTS' Oxhey



TO KNOW JESUS AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN

**6<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

## **Mothering Sunday**

God of love,  
passionate and strong, tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Today:**

10.00am Holy Communion

**Hymns:** 226, 283, 161, 76, 120, 158.

### **Readings:**

**Exodus 2: 1-10...Colossians 3: 12-17...John 19: 25b-27**

### **THIS WEEK WK 15:**

The Hatch is open from 11.45am to 1.45pm

**NEXT SUNDAY WK 16: 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016 Lent 5**

### **Readings:**

**Isaiah 43: 16-21...Philippians 3: 4b-14...John 12: 1-8**



**CHILDREN WELCOME!**



***at all our services***

Each week we have Sunday school groups for children over 3 years old, and we have a crèche, Small Saints, for the 0-3's. On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month we have All-age worship when children, whatever their age, are encouraged to be part of the service.

Come and join us and bring the children!

## PRAYER MINISTRY

If you would like someone to pray with you after the service, please ask Pam or Ricky or one of the prayer ministry team.



### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Please pray for those on your heart, ill or in need of Prayer.

***For our missions for this year: ASCEND...New Hope... Development- Pamoja...Ataxia...For Those who mourn...For...Those who are ill at home or in hospital...In your daily prayers please pray for those listed below...James, Andrew Wyard, Samuel Wyard, BOBxx Wyard, Marjorie, Leslie, Daniella Yule, Sonia, Don...For our community and for the residents of...Bramshaw Gardens, Bramshott Way, Fairhaven Crescent, Falkirk Gardens, Henbury Way, Heswell Green...Your prayers are asked for...The South Oxhey Community Choir, Watford Accordion Band, All church worship leaders, musicians and singers, All who maintain or tune church organs & pianos.***

## Children and Communion

It has been good news from the Bishop in that he has given us permission to admit children to Communion before confirmation. This means that we can admit the first group of children this Pentecost. Can you let me know if your child is between 7 - 10 years old (or will be 7 before this summer) so that we can have a chat about them beginning the teaching sessions in preparations to receive Communion. Children older than 10 (who will be 11 this year) can be confirmed later this year.

Thanks Pam.

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

**Maundy Thursday** is one of the most holy days of the Christian year. It is when we remember Christ's promise to us, it is the moment when Jesus gave us the Eucharist as our main act of worship and it is the service when he washed the feet of his disciples and set us the example of how to live as Christians. **Good Friday** means nothing without the experience of Maundy Thursday. Good Friday is also one of the holiest days in our calendar and it is important that as Christians we all observe seriously. During that week Jesus suffered for us please think carefully about how you will observe Holy Week and how important that journey to the cross is for you. There is no Easter without Good Friday or Maundy Thursday.

## FOR YOUR DIARY 2016:

13<sup>th</sup> Mar 11.15am A.P.C.M. (after the Sunday service)

**Don't forget to put your clocks forward on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

24<sup>th</sup> Mar 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Service

24<sup>th</sup> Mar 11.00am Good Friday Service in the precinct (meet at 10.30am)

25<sup>th</sup> Mar 2.30pm Good Friday Service

28<sup>th</sup> Mar 9.00am Pilgrimage Walk to St Albans Abbey

30<sup>th</sup> Mar 11.00am Pinewood Easter Service

## ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING - 13th MARCH

Yes, I'm afraid it is already that time again! **Our APCM this year is on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March straight after the service.** We will have a shortened service and time for coffee before the meeting which should be finished by 12.30pm. This is a particularly important meeting for all of us because it is your opportunity to look at the PCC decision regarding children being admitted to Communion. It is also the meeting at which we elect our PCC members and our Church Wardens. It is your opportunity to learn what has happened during the last year and to ask questions. Please make every effort to be at our annual meeting.

## PLEASE THINK ABOUT BEING A MEMBER OF THE PCC.

If you would like to be a PCC member please fill in the form on the notice board by the kitchen - you will need a proposer and seconder. Please be prepared to propose or second someone who would like to be nominated. PCC members fulfil a vitally important role in the life of the church because they make the decisions that affect the life of the church!

## EASTER MONDAY PILGRIMAGE TO ST. ALBANS ABBEY

Each year a group of us have joined in the Easter Monday pilgrimage to St. Albans. We have always had a wonderful time! We go into the Abbey and join over a thousand other people for a tremendous service.

Come along and share in the joy of the risen Lord!

*Ricky will be walking to the Abbey (an 11 mile walk), please let him know if you would like to join him or want further details.*

*He is planning to leave All Saints' at 9am, getting to St Albans for around 1pm. If the full 11 miles is too much, you can meet up at Bricket Wood Station at around 11:30 for the final 4 miles or just meet us outside the Abbey for a picnic before the service.*

## **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE IN THE PRECINCT**

There will be walk of witness on Good Friday morning followed by a united service in the precinct. Members of the Baptist Church will join us at All Saints and at 10.40am and the service will begin in the precinct at 11.00am. Last year we had a wonderful Passion Drama and this year we will also have a dramatic account of the Passion Story.

Don't forget our own Good Friday service at 2.30pm

## **EASTER DAY FUN... DON'T MISS IT!!!!**

### **DECORATED EGG COMPETITION**

Once again we will be holding a decorated egg competition so get those creative juices flowing! Decorate a hard boiled egg and bring it along on Easter Day and you could win an Easter egg!

### **Easter Scavenge!**

I will be running the annual Easter sweets/ chocolates hunt again after the Service on Easter Sunday.

I would appreciate any donations of individually wrapped sweets and/ or chocolates for the children to find. They must be in date and wrapped because they will be going in the grass. If necessary, I can bag up small handfuls of sweets in knotted sandwich bags. So, sandwich bags for those and for the children to put the sweets they find in are also appreciated! We tend to have extra children on Easter Sunday so the more donations the merrier please. Thanks very much, Melissa Pulman.

## **Worship and Fellowship at Pinewood Lodge**

### **Easter Service on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am**

at Pinewood Lodge residential home for older people followed by a time for fellowship over cups of tea or coffee and cake or biscuits!

Would you be interested in supporting this and in getting to know some of the older people in our community?

Please speak to Ricky if you are interested in getting involved.

**Please join us after the service for a cup of  
tea or coffee and a chat!**



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