

WONERSH CHURCH

St John the Baptist, Parish of Wonersh with Blackheath

Hello & welcome to our services today.

If you are new or visiting, we do hope you will feel at home.

Do please introduce yourself and join us for coffee after the service.

We offer gluten free wafers at our communion services – please ask the person administering the bread if you would like to receive one.

Sunday 15th March

- 8.00 am Holy Communion BCP
Rev. James Cooke
- 9.50 am Sparks, Blaze & Glow @ Lawnsmead
- 10.00 am Morning Worship
Rev. Kia Pakenham
John 5: 5–42 (pg. 1068)
- 6.00 pm Lent Reflection
“Sacrificial living through a sustainable approach”
- 7.00pm Youth Café @ Lawnsmead



The Third Sunday of Lent

Eternal God,
give us insight to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH at Blackheath

Sunday 15th March

6pm – Choral Evensong

Sunday 22nd March

10am – Mothering Sunday Morning Praise

6.30pm – Julian Meeting



Please pray for our Mission Partner...



The Tulpan Family

- that we all are kept safe from Covid19 (and not only)
- that people really turn to God amidst this panic/crisis
- for the ill ex-orphan ladies (cancer and recent surgery for Daniela and treatment for Tantza)
- for the children's camp we had planned for April with mission team from Bucharest - that things go back to normal and we don't have to cancel and that we will have a lot of kids who will hear the Good News
- for the gas company to connect our church facilities to the main pipe (have paid big fee, but still no sign of installation)
- for Caleb and Levi to continue strong in the Lord (had one week of ministry with Camp MIA) and be kept safe from all evil
- for Vio's ministry which has lately seen him speak to more people (a youth group from local churches combined, two homes for the elderly and a few churches outside our area.)

NEWS

Lent at Wonersh Church

There is lot's going on here at Wonersh Church and many different ways to develop in faith over lent. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information, or pick up a copy from the table in the lobby.

Revision of Parish Electoral Roll

Do you consider yourself to be a member of St. John's, Wonersh or St. Martin's, Blackheath? Then you should make sure that you are on our Parish Electoral Roll. We are required to revise our Electoral Roll each year prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (which this year is on Monday 20th April). This affords an opportunity for anyone whose name is not at present included on the Roll, or who wishes to have their details amended, to make an appropriate application. NB: Anyone who is already 16, or will be in the next 12 months may apply now.

Application forms for enrolment, either for new applicants or to amend existing details will be available both on the table in the lobby at Wonersh Church, and at the back of St. Martin's Church in Blackheath. These should be completed and returned to the Parish Administration, Wonersh Church Office, The Street, Wonersh, GU5 0PG or placed in the box provided at Wonersh Church no later than **Monday 6th April 2020**.

Church Quiz

Thank you to everyone who came to the Church Quiz at Lawnsmead Hall. The total donations received were £230.00 all plus Gift Aid (making the grand total £287.50). This will be divided between local organisations that we support through mission.

Joint Easter Service and tea with The URC, Lawnsmead Hall

Thursday 2nd April, 2.30-4.30pm. For more information contact Brenda Morley – 01483 563791.

North Guildford Food Bank

The North Guildford Food Bank would like to thank all at Wonerh who have donated to the North Guildford food bank so generously & faithfully over the past few months. As you know, we rely entirely on donations and without such generous giving we simply could not continue to meet the needs of those who come to us for help. Please do pass on our heartfelt thanks to all concerned. We continue to be busy at all of the 3 food bank centres in Guildford - & in these uncertain times can only imagine that demand will continue to increase further. The latest requirement are as follows:

Long life puddings

Dried flavoured noodles

Flour

Jars of pasta sauce

Biscuits



Tearfund's Mean Bean Challenge is back!



Once again Keith, Christine and Jane are taking on Tearfund's Mean Bean Challenge - eating nothing but oats, rice and beans for 5 days towards the end of March – to raise money to help people in poverty around the world to feed their families. If you'd like to join them please do – contact keith@batesonfamily.net / 01483 892753 for more info. If that's not for you, please sponsor them if you can and/or pray for Tearfund's work. (JustGiving donation page is www.justgiving.com/fundraising/janesmeanbeanchallenge2021.)

Tearfund Brand Research, Wednesday 25th March, 12–2pm

Our mission partner Tearfund is conducting some research on its brand. They want to get input from a range of supporters and potential supporters, so they're looking for a few people to attend a workshop from 12:00-2:00pm on 25th March in London. It helps if you have some interest in Tearfund, but you don't need to be a regular donor. Please let Jane Boswell know if you're interested and she'll put you in touch with the relevant person. Thanks!

Viva Collective

A brand new international conference, hosted by Oxford-based, international charity, Viva, on Saturday 16th May, 9.30-4pm, at Christ Church Abingdon. It's a day designed to inspire, build and equip a Christ-centred movement in response to children's needs around the world, as well as locally, right where you are. This conference will ask: "How can we equip the Body of Christ to play a part in shaping children's lives and futures through working together?" Viva's international team will share about lives transformed and lessons learnt from equipping churches to work together; as well as encouraging us all to discern our part in working collaboratively for children around us. The conference will include interviews, panel discussion, workshops, take away resources, networking, full lunch and refreshments throughout the day. Tickets are only £7 and can be booked at www.vivacollective2020.eventbrite.co.uk.

IMPORTANT

Coronavirus COVID-19 – update from The Church of England

We are writing to inform you that we have updated our guidance in relation to suspension of the Common Cup and other practical steps in response to Coronavirus Covid-19. The full guidance is online, but the relevant update is as follows:

It is our view, in light of the continued increase of Covid-19 cases in the United Kingdom, that it is now necessary to suspend the administration of the chalice as well as physical contact during the sharing of the peace, blessing or "laying on of hands". We therefore advise that all priests should:-

- Offer Communion in one kind only to all communicants i.e. the consecrated bread/wafer/host, with the priest alone taking the wine;
- suspend handshaking or other direct physical contact during the sharing of the peace;
- suspend direct physical contact as part of a blessing or 'laying on of hands'.

Remaining Healthy

There are general principles you can follow to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- be aware of your recent travel and the WHO guidelines on periods of isolation before mixing with large groups
- wash your hands often - with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available. This is particularly important after taking public transport
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- avoid close contact with people who are sick
- if you feel unwell, stay at home

The week ahead...

Weds 18th	11.00am	Coffee on the Green, The Grantley Arms
Thurs 19th	9.30am	Chatterbox, Lawnsmead Hall
	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 22th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	10.00am	Morning Worship – Mother's Day
	6.00pm	Lent Reflection – Lent & Sacrifice in Word
	6.30pm	Julian Meeting, St. Martin's
	7.00pm	Youth Café, Lawnsmead Hall

All news items to be sent to office@wonderschurch.org.uk by Wednesday at the latest.
10am services can be downloaded from: www.wonderschurch.org.uk