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Dear Friends

Sometimes I'm asked which is more important, Christmas or Easter? The answer is that they are both as important as one another. Or, more precisely, they depend on one another, because they are part of the *same* story. The Incarnation, which we celebrate at Christmas, finds its fulfilment in the death and resurrection of the man who is God. That death and resurrection has no redemptive effect for the world unless the man on the cross is God. You can't have one without the other.

As if to prove the point, the beautiful feast of the Annunciation (25<sup>th</sup> March) nearly always falls during the season of Lent. This feast recalls the visit of the angel Gabriel to Mary, and the announcement (annunciation) of the news that she is to bear God's son. It's the beginning of the Christmas story, and we celebrate it, appropriately, nine months before we celebrate the birth of Jesus. While it may feel incongruous to do so as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter, there is something profound about the way in which the conception rubs shoulders with the passion; birth with death.

Even though the Annunciation is transferred to a different date when it falls during Holy Week, there is a particular poignancy when Good Friday is 25<sup>th</sup> March. This happened in 1622, which inspired one of my favourite poems of John Donne, *Annunciation and Passion*, the lines of which capture beautifully this paradox:

At once a son is promised her, and gone;

Gabriell gives Christ to her, He her to John;

Not fully a mother, she's in orbity;

At once receiver and the legacy.

All this, and all between, this day hath shown,

Th'abridgement of Christ's story, which makes one—

As in plain maps, the furthest west is east—

Of th'angels Ave, and *Consummatum est*.

(The poem continues, 'How well the Church, God's Court of Faculties, / Deals, in sometimes, and seldom joining these.' It happened once in Donne's life, and has happened twice in mine: 2005 and 2016. Alas, it won't again until 2157!)

Of course, Mary herself embodies this paradox. That angelic salutation must have been as terrifying as it was joyful. The birth itself was in the poverty of a stable. Even in the child's infancy he is brought a balm for the dead, and an old man prophesies that a sword will pierce Mary's heart too.

As we celebrate this feast this Lent, may we know Mary's joys and her sorrows, and make them our own. And, most importantly, like her be vessels of Jesus Christ: God Incarnate, by whose death and resurrection we are redeemed.

With my love and prayers,  
Fr Daniel

*The Feast of the Annunciation is celebrated this year on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March, and there will be a Said Eucharist in church at 12noon.*

### **MARCH 2023 FLOWER ROTA**

There will be no flowers in Church during Lent, apart from:  
18<sup>th</sup> March                      Group meeting to make posies  
for Mothering Sunday

Our Flower Arranging Organizer, Adele Houldsworth, would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to join the team. Both experienced flower arrangers and people who would like to develop their skills would be very welcome. To contact Adele ring 020 8360 3676.

### **OFFICE RESTRUCTURE**

From 1<sup>st</sup> March we are making some staffing changes in our Parish Office. Hilary Crocker, who has been our Parish Administrator for over a decade, becomes our Office Manager and Vicars PA, and we welcome James Wilson to the team as Facilities Manager.

Hilary will be based in the Parish Office on Mondays and Thursdays from 9am to 2pm, and will continue to be the first point of contact for most enquiries, including baptisms. As well as managing the Parish Office she will continue to provide administrative assistance to Fr Daniel. Hilary can be contacted at [office@spwh.org](mailto:office@spwh.org) or on 020 8886 4290. Please note that the Parish Office will be staffed on Mondays and Thursdays from 9am to 2pm.

James will have responsibility for the management of all our hires, as well as overseeing routine building maintenance and inspections. Although he will normally be on site on Mondays, he will mostly work flexitime. James can be contacted at [facilities@spwh.org](mailto:facilities@spwh.org) or by telephone on a number which will be available shortly. From 1<sup>st</sup> March all enquiries relating to hiring the hall or the church, as well as any maintenance issues, should be directed to James.



## Services in March 2023



Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer are said publically Monday-Thursday at 9am and 5pm

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The church is open for private prayer Monday-Thursday from 9am to 5.15pm

| Day | Date | Observance   | Time                             | Services  | Prayer Intention                     |
|-----|------|--|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| W   | 1    | St David   | 12.30pm                          | Eucharist   | <i>The people of Wales</i>           |
| T   | 2    | St Chad  |                                  |   | <i>Missionaries</i>                  |
| F   | 3    |  |                                  |   | <i>Missionaries</i>                  |
| S   | 4    |  |                                  |   | <i>The NHS</i>                       |
| S   | 5    | <b>THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>                               | 8am<br>9.15am<br>10.30am<br>6pm  | Said Eucharist<br>Joyful Noise Eucharist<br>Sung Eucharist<br>Choral Evensong       | <i>Our parish and its people</i>     |
| M   | 6    |  |                                  |   | <i>Victims of natural disasters</i>  |
| T   | 7    | Ss Perpetua and Felicity                                       |                                  |   | <i>The persecuted church</i>         |
| W   | 8    |  | 12.30pm                          | Eucharist   | <i>Uniformed organisations</i>       |
| T   | 9    |  | 9.15am                           | School Eucharist  | <i>St Paul's School</i>              |
| F   | 10   |  |                                  |   | <i>Churches Together</i>             |
| S   | 11   |  |                                  |   | <i>Candidates for baptism</i>        |
| S   | 12   | <b>THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>                                | 8am<br>9.15am<br>10.30am         | Said Eucharist<br>Joyful Noise<br>Sung Eucharist                                    | <i>Our parish and its people</i>     |
| M   | 13   |  |                                  |   | <i>The PCC</i>                       |
| T   | 14   |  |                                  |   | <i>Our musicians</i>                 |
| W   | 15   |  | 12.30pm                          | Eucharist   | <i>Foodbanks</i>                     |
| T   | 16   |  |                                  |   | <i>Victims of human trafficking</i>  |
| F   | 17   | St Patrick   |                                  |   | <i>The people of Ireland</i>         |
| S   | 18   |  |                                  |   | <i>Peace in Ukraine</i>              |
| S   | 19   | <b>THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Lætare)<br/>Mothering Sunday</b> | 8am<br>9.15am<br>10.30am<br>12pm | Said Eucharist<br>Joyful Noise Eucharist<br>Sung Eucharist (Parade)<br>Holy Baptism | <i>Our parish and its people</i>     |
| M   | 20   | <b>St Joseph of Nazareth</b>                                   | 9am                              | Eucharist   | <i>Fathers</i>                       |
| T   | 21   |  |                                  |   | <i>LB of Enfield</i>                 |
| W   | 22   |  | 12.30pm                          | Eucharist   | <i>ALMA</i>                          |
| T   | 23   |  |                                  |   | <i>Our pastoral care team</i>        |
| F   | 24   |  |                                  |   | <i>Our Lenten disciplines</i>        |
| S   | 25   | <b>THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BVM</b>                 | 12pm                             | Eucharist   | <i>The joy of the Incarnation</i>    |
| S   | 26   | <b>THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Passiontide begins)</b>           | 8am<br>9.15am<br>10.30am<br>12pm | Said Eucharist<br>Joyful Noise<br>Sung Eucharist<br>Holy Baptism                    | <i>Our parish and its people</i>     |
| M   | 27   |  |                                  |   | <i>The NHS</i>                       |
| T   | 28   |  |                                  |   | <i>The Bishop of Edmonton</i>        |
| W   | 29   |  | 12.30pm                          | Eucharist   | <i>Parish staff</i>                  |
| T   | 30   |  |                                  |   | <i>Our children and young people</i> |
| F   | 31   |  |                                  |   | <i>The homeless</i>                  |

Services times are subject to change. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

Contact the clergy if you would like to speak to someone regarding your spiritual life, or to make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession)

## MINISTRY TEAM ARTICLES

### ANY QUESTIONS?

#### THIS MONTH'S QUESTION

### What do the different colours of the vestments and hangings in church signify?

The name given to the different colours used in the church for vestments and hangings is liturgical colours.

Anglican churches follow a liturgical calendar. This is a pattern which is followed for worship (liturgy) through the year. Most churches will use different coloured vestments (the clothing worn by the priest and deacon) and fabric hangings as signs of the season of the church year.

The different liturgical colours are:

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| <b>Purple</b> | The church year begins late in November or Early December with Advent. This is a time of preparation for Jesus' birth. The other time of year that you will see this colour used is Lent, also a time of preparation and waiting. It is commonly used for funerals, again as sign of penitence, although black is used in some traditions. |
| <b>Green</b>  | The colour green is used in what is known as ordinary time. This time stretches between the main festivals and seasons. This covers most of the year and can represent growth.   |
| <b>Red</b>    | Red is used to either mark saints' days where it represents their death as a martyr, or to represent the flames of the Holy Spirit (for Pentecost/Whitsun) and feasts of apostles. Red is used on Palm Sunday and Good Friday as we recall the passion of Jesus.   |
| <b>Gold</b>   | Gold is used for key celebrations, for example Christmas Day and Easter Sunday.  |
| <b>White</b>  | White represents being pure, in celebrations such as baptisms, weddings, and funerals of babies and children. It is also used for celebrations either on its own or with gold. It is also used for saints who did not die as martyrs.  |

**Rose**

The colour rose is only worn on two occasions in the church year: Gaudete Sunday (the third Sunday of Advent) and Laetare Sunday (the fourth Sunday in Lent). Rose vestments are worn on these days to represent the joyful reward that comes from offering sacrifice with patience. This is for the intention of offering a reprieve in the penitential nature of these two liturgical seasons.

Alison Perera

Have a question about what we do in church, or an aspect of the Christian faith? Email [questions@spwh.org](mailto:questions@spwh.org) or use the box at the back of church.

## HOLY WEEK and EASTER 2023



### Palm Sunday 2 April

8am Said Eucharist  
10am Liturgy of Palms, Procession and All-Together Eucharist starting on *The Green*

### Good Friday 7 April

10am Children's Liturgy  
11.30am Ecumenical Walk of Witness  
2pm The Liturgy of Good Friday, with Holy Communion

### Holy Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

7pm Said Eucharist and homily

### Easter Eve 8 April

8.30pm The Easter Vigil followed by champagne

### Maundy Thursday 6 April

8pm Sung Eucharist followed by Watch of the Passion until midnight

### Easter Day 9 April

8am Said Eucharist  
9.15am Joyful Noise Eucharist  
10.30am Sung Eucharist

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## HALL HIRE

The main Church Hall can be hired for weekend birthday parties. £50 per hour. Discounts available for regular use. Contact our Facilities Manager, James Wilson for more information 0208 886 4290 or [facilities@spwh.org](mailto:facilities@spwh.org)



# LENT 2023

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## Midweek Eucharist

Why not make a midweek celebration of Holy Communion part of your Lenten discipline this year? This simple, said service, lasting 25 minutes, including a short homily, fits into your lunchbreak if you're working from home, and provides a quiet, reflective space in the middle of the week.

Every Wednesday 12.30pm



## Choral Evensong for Lent

A service of psalms, readings, canticles and hymns appropriate for the season of Lent, using the exquisitely beautiful language of the Book of Common Prayer, led by St Paul's Choir. Our guest preacher is the Revd Rich Alldritt, Vicar of St Thomas, Oakwood.

Sunday 5 March 6pm





# Prayer Practices for Lent

*'Staying with God' as we journey towards Easter*

Tuesdays during Lent // online sessions // 7:30-8:30pm  
Hosted by the Bishops of London Diocese

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**Tuesdays 28 February, 7, 14, 21 and 28 March 7.15pm-8.45pm**  
Paulin Room, Church Hall

For Lent 2023, the Bishops of London Diocese are hosting five online sessions exploring ancient ways of Christian prayer that are still relevant today and can help us spend time in the presence of God. We're going to join these as a church live on Tuesday evenings, providing time afterwards to reflect together as a group on the session.

28th February, The Examen  
7th March, Lectio Divina  
14th March, Centring Prayer  
21st March, Imaginative Contemplation  
28th March, Visio Divina (Praying with Pictures)

You can attend some or all of the sessions. It would be helpful if people could sign up by contacting the Parish Office at [office@spwh.org](mailto:office@spwh.org) or on 020 8886 4290.

## Lent appeal

The Diocese of London's 2023 Lent Appeal will raise money to train leaders in Mozambique who can provide pastoral care and support for those with trauma.

Since 2017, over a million people living in northern Mozambique have been displaced by a violent insurgency and 4,000 have been killed. This is a population now who are deeply traumatised. Many professionals have said that their need for trauma counselling and support is as great as their need for food, but agencies and organisations do not have funds for this.

To find out more or donate to the appeal please visit:  
[london.anglican.org/lentappeal2023](http://london.anglican.org/lentappeal2023)



## FROM THE REGISTERS JANUARY 2023

### BAPTISMS

8<sup>th</sup> January Claudia Diamond-Field

15<sup>th</sup> January Florence Ramsden



### PRAYER BOARD



God, may Your light guide my day,  
and your spirit bring me peace.

Amen



### TWO RECENT EVENTS AT ST PAUL'S CHURCH

On the evening of 12<sup>th</sup> February the church was filled with the sound of singing at our very own 'Song of Praise'. Over twenty hymns had been chosen by members of our congregation, most well known to us but one or two less familiar. Our thanks go to Sue Jeffreys and our Choir for organising this joyous event and for the refreshments afterwards.



Elouise Nell, our Children and Families Worker, arranged a Pancake Party on Shrove Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February, which was enjoyed by many children and their parents.

Everyone had the chance to make and eat some pancakes and in the pancake tossing competition Fr Daniel was the clear winner.

## SOME NEWS IN BRIEF



The response to the Mothers' Union **Appeal for support for victims of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria** was amazing! Within three days of the request for warm clothing and sleeping bags going out, the donations received completely filled two cars! Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed so generously.



**Congratulations** to The Rt Rev Rob Wickham, Bishop of Edmonton, who will take up a new appointment as the Group Chief Executive of the Church Urban Fund at the end of June. Congratulations also to Revd Lindsay Yates, who has been made Honorary Minor Canon at Canterbury Cathedral



The date of the charity **Curry Night** announced in the January magazine has been changed. It will no longer take place on 10<sup>th</sup> March but will now take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May. All proceeds will go to our annual charity, The Nightingale Cancer Support Centre. More details to follow later.

The ever popular **St Paul's Trust Quiz** will be held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April in the church Hall. There will be more details about the quiz in the April magazine, but please make a note of the date in your diaries.



FAIRTRADE

**Fairtrade  
Fortnight**

**27 Feb – 12 Mar**

By making a small switch to Fairtrade products this Fairtrade Fortnight you will be taking a stand with farmers and workers worldwide for fair incomes, so they can protect the future of some of our most-loved food and the planet.



*This article is an abridged version of a sermon first preached by Revd Christine Morton to Mothers' Union Deanery Service some 30 years ago and repeated last year to St Paul's MU on day of the Festival of the Annunciation, which falls on 25<sup>th</sup> March.*

There are a number of festivals for Mary, the mother of our Lord, and other celebration days such as Christmas when we are reminded of her part in God's plan for the salvation of the world, but Lady Day is the principal day for remembering Mary, and is celebrated each year by the Mothers' Union.

Many saints are commemorated on the anniversary of their birth or death but

Mary, like Paul our patron saint, is chiefly remembered on the day she made a decision which affected the rest of her life and the whole world. We cannot know how Mary felt when she said, "Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word", but there was no hesitation in her response.

You might say that Mary, who was probably in her teens, had the confidence of youth which is still to experience the responsibilities of adult life. However, I believe it was her trust in God and her recognition of her destiny which gave her courage and inner peace to accept God's call.

We have few details of home life in Nazareth to make Mary an example to us as to how we might bring up children, but she is a great example to all of us in how to lead a Christian life. God was able to use her because of her trust in Him.

Throughout the world there are centres of healing and reconciliation which were inspired by Mary. Lourdes perhaps is the best known but we have shrines to Mary in our own country and probably many of you will have been to Walsingham. It is not the places themselves that are important, they just focus our attention and remind us to come to our Lord in penitence and faith to receive both His healing and direction. Vocations are found and crutches thrown away at these shrines but by far the majority of people find a new peace and purpose in their lives. People experience God's love and they see how they are part of God's creating and saving work in the world.

Those to whom Mary has appeared have been called upon to act in faith and, in many cases, to suffer, but through their witness centres of healing have been established.

The strength of the Jewish faith in which Mary brought up Jesus is, I believe, twofold. First, that every part of their life is supported by prayer and secondly that religious observance is not restricted to the synagogue but it is part of family life. If our children and young people do not see us as people of prayer who live their lives by trust in God and have courage to make every part of their life God centred and God inspired, then we will have failed them. God's will is that we should have faith in Jesus. It is hard sometimes to commit ourselves to Him and yet when we do we experience for ourselves that his yoke is easy and his burden light.

Even Mary had moments of doubt. We can read of how she and other members of the family came to see Jesus because they were worried about what he was doing. It is not easy always to say, 'Let it be according to your word', but once we have given ourselves into God's hands we know His peace and strength. We may find it difficult to understand just how Jesus' death and resurrection has accomplished our salvation, but our own and others' experiences of the power of God at work in our lives when we trust him shows us what we cannot always explain. We are not all clever, not all gifted, not all courageous, not all healthy or physically unimpaired and yet each of us can, like Mary, have the privilege of bringing Jesus Christ to others. Each of us will be called to a different witness but we can only be witnesses to what we know of God in our own lives. If we have allowed God to forgive us we will be ready to offer others forgiveness. If we have experienced God's love and peace through putting ourselves into his hands, we will be able to speak confidently to others. The words of Mary recorded for our benefit are mainly of her confidence in God. She was obviously a thoughtful person and we are told on more than one occasion that she 'pondered these things in her heart'. Like the twelve disciples, she did not always understand what Jesus was about and she showed her concern for his safety. Jesus' family and friends were not always supportive to Jesus, but Mary was one of those who stood at the foot of the cross. Mary reminds us that part of family life should be our support of one another. If we love one another we cannot but help feel each other's pain. Love can be costly as well as rewarding. We do not know what Mary thought as she watched Jesus dying. Did she think Jesus had acted foolishly, or question how God the Father could allow it, or even wonder if she had been a good mother? We do not know, but we do know she did what she could and stayed



where her son could see her. Mary is not just an example to Mothers and children, but to all of us to stand by one another, to persevere with those who stray or seem unable to accept our help, to give time and attention to others in their joys and sorrows, and to accept graciously the help our family and friends offer us.

Like Mary, let us offer ourselves to God and say, 'Let it be to me according to your word'.

Revd Christine Morton

## MAKE A MOTHER'S DAY

Since 2007, the Mothers' Union has organised an annual appeal called 'Make a Mother's Day' to acknowledge and appreciate mothers who have worked hard to provide stable and happy homes for their families all around the world. Despite the last twelve months being a challenging year, mothers worldwide have persevered to support their families, sometimes in extremely hard conditions.

If you would like to buy a 'Gift of Perseverance' to help another mother reach her full potential, you can find the range of gifts available on <http://www.makeamothersday.org/>. If you would like to buy one of these gifts for your mother, grandmother or carer, there is the option to add a free greetings card to your order so you can give it to them explaining the gift you have purchased for them. You could also buy a gift in memory of a loved one. The price of the gifts start at just £9. If you would like to receive a card in time to give to someone for Mothering Sunday on 19<sup>th</sup> March, please complete your orders by 9<sup>th</sup> March.

Buying one of these gifts could help empower more women to learn literacy and numeracy skills, set up their own business to support their families, enable their children to go to school or help more women and girls live safely in their communities.



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SATURDAY 13TH MAY



# CORONATION FAIR

## ST PAUL'S CHURCH

FOOD



STARTS AT 11AM

MUSIC



GAMES





On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February there was a good turnout of members and friends to hear the fifth in David Nash's series of talks on hymn writers. The focus this time was on women who had written hymns and it was fascinating to discover that some of our favourite hymns were in fact written by women and to learn about their varied backgrounds. Among the hymns that David highlighted were:

- + 'Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult', written by Cecil Frances Alexander, a clergyman's wife, who wrote many hymns for children including 'All things bright and beautiful'. Her hymns were written to answer the frequent questions children have about their faith,
- + 'In the bleak mid-winter', written by poet Christina Georgina Rossetti whose family experienced much poverty, and this is reflected in the last verse of the hymn. (Her brother was the artist and poet Dante Gabriel Rossetti and he introduced her to the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood.)
- + Two women who translated German hymns into English - Jane Montgomery Campbell (We plough the fields and scatter) and Catherine Winkworth (Now thank we all our God),
- + Caroline Maria Noel, who despite suffering from incapacitating poor health wrote the popular hymn 'At the name of Jesus', based on verses from Philippians 2,
- + Charlotte Elliott, also an invalid, who wrote 'Just as I am, without one plea' having accepted she could serve God despite her poor health,
- + Perhaps the most interesting back story was that of Love Maria Willis, who was a Spiritualist born into a Unitarian family. She wrote the hymn 'Father hear the prayer we offer', first published in a Spiritualist magazine and considerably revised at a later date into the words we have in our own church hymn books today.

It was an extremely interesting talk and we were all delighted to learn that David has a sixth talk on hymn writers in the pipeline, which we will all look forward to next year.

### **MOTHERS' UNION DIARY MARCH 2023**

**THURSDAY 16<sup>H</sup> MARCH OUR AGM AT 2 PM IN THE CHURCH HALL**

COME ALONG TO HEAR REPORTS ON OUR MU ACTIVITIES IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS AND HELP US PLAN FOR FUTURE EVENTS.

THE AFTERNOON WILL BEGIN WITH A SHORT TALK ABOUT THE HISTORY OF MOTHERING SUNDAY AND WILL BE FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ALL OUR MOTHERS' UNION MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

**Saturday 18th March at 7.30pm**

*St Paul's Church,  
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2023

Enfield Choral Society presents

# The Creation

By JOSEPH HAYDN

Conducted by Mark Sproson

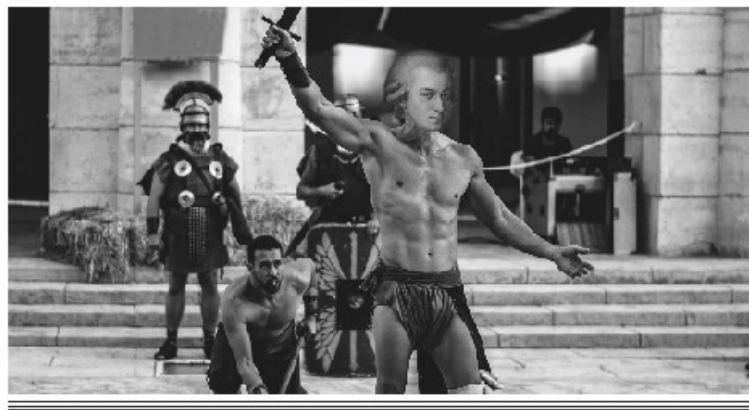
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