

St Mark's Church, Bromley

Marksman

The new issue (March-May) of the magazine Marksman is now on the website. Hard copies are available in church.

Foodbank

"The warehouse is now open once again for those who would like to drop off large collections of donations. We are still encouraging people wherever possible to continue to support us financially or use the supermarket drop off points to donate food products. For those who would like to donate food items our specific items of need are: UHT Milk, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Vegetables (particularly carrots), Long life Fruit juice, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Fish, Tinned Cold meat, Toilet Rolls." Thank you.

Traidcraft

The new Spring catalogue has just been launched with new content including Easter fare. Please visit TRAIDCRAFTSHOP.CO.UK and treat yourselves to some fairly traded items.

National Census

Census Day is 21 March 2021

Visit www.census.gov.uk or @census2021
The Office for National Statistics

7 March 2021

The Third Sunday of Lent

10.30am Parish Eucharist

Canon Victoria Pask, Vicar

Readings: 1Corinthians 1: 18-25; John 2: 13-22

Cantors will sing the Eucharistic setting, Gradual Hymn, Offertory Psalm and Communion Anthem.

Collect: 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. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer: Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading - 1Corinthians 1: 18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Please keep this notice sheet

Gospel – John 2: 13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' ¹⁹Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' ²⁰The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Gradual Hymn

Forgive our sins as we forgive
You taught us, Lord, to pray,
But you alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts men owe to us;
How great our debt to you!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
And bid resentment cease;
Then, reconciled to God and man,
Our lives will spread your peace.

R. Herklots b1905-87

For your prayers

Sue Ward, Faith, Sue R and all who are unwell at this time; all who are in hospital; those who mourn.

The recently departed: Rose Cook

Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami

Thursday 11th March marks the 10th anniversary of this tragic event in which over 15,000 people lost their lives and over 2,500 are still missing. Members of St Mark's congregation may recall the Memorial Service held in church in 2011.

Next Sunday – 14 March – Mothering Sunday

10.30am Choral Parish Eucharist

Sunday 21 March – Passion Sunday

10.30am Choral Parish Eucharist

Sunday 28 March – Palm Sunday

10.30am Choral Parish Eucharist

Holy Week:

Maundy Thursday – 1 April

6pm Eucharist with stripping of altars (chancel)

Good Friday – 2 April

2pm The Last Hour – word, prayer, silence, music.

Sunday 4 April – Easter Day

1030am Choral Easter Eucharist



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