



The Benefice of Crockham Hill and Westerham



News from Westerham

Sunday 25th January, Conversion of Paul/World Leprosy Sunday

8.00am, Traditional Communion at Westerham: a said service

10.00am, Communion at Crockham Hill

with guest preacher from The Leprosy Mission

10.30am, Holy Communion at Westerham: in modern language with hymns. Join us for refreshments and a chat afterwards.

Readings: Acts 9:1-22; Matthew 19:27-end

Licensing of our new Associate Minister: as a Benefice, we will be providing light refreshments after the service for the licensing of Revd Emma Wylie on **23rd February at 7.30pm**. If you are able to provide any refreshments, or would like to help serve the refreshments, please do come along to No. 21 coffee shop on The Green, **after today's 10:30am service**, for a quick planning meeting.

Day	Time	What's on at St Mary's this week?
Monday		Benefice Office opening at approximately 10am
Tues to Sat	9.00 - 9.30am	Morning Prayer in the Resurrection Chapel; a short service of prayer and readings
Tuesday	10am - 12pm	Coffee Time at Westerham Community Hub in the JFR. Join us for tea, coffee, snacks and friendship
	7.45pm	Bell ringing practice
Wednesday	10am	Midweek Communion: a said service
	10am to 12pm	Jigsaw Group at Westerham Community Hub in the JFR. Come along for refreshments and a chat
Thursday	7pm	Choir practice in the John Fryth Room

Sunday 1st February, Candlemas (Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

10.30am, Holy Communion at Westerham: in modern language with hymns. Join us for refreshments and a chat afterwards.

Readings: Hebrews 2:14-end; Luke 2:22-40

6pm, Choral Evensong at Westerham: a quiet, reflective service to end the weekend. **Readings:** Psalm 132; Haggai 2:1-9; John 2:18-22

Whoever you are, wherever you live, whatever life is like for you, however you experience yourself; regardless of money, status, (dis)ability or anything else, you are welcome to every service in both our churches.

Good news from the Organ Working Group! The Diocese has agreed to our application to refurbish our historic organ and we have now moved to the next and final stage - a period of 28 days of public consultation when members of the community can comment on our proposals. Notices are currently displayed inviting people to do so. We hope that any comments will be highly supportive! Thereafter, and all being well, we should receive the final permission from the Diocesan Registrar. Thank you to all those who have been so patient as we have gone through this process: special thanks are due to David Booker without whose help we could not have managed.

We were saddened to learn of the death of **Martin Adamson**, former Treasurer and long-standing congregation member. A memorial service will be held here on Thursday 5th February at 1pm. Please remember Kathleen and the family in your prayers.

Saturday 7th February at 7pm in church —Schubert's *Winterreise*: a concert by Oliver Davis and Emilie Turner-Großer. Tickets available (£5—£8) [via Eventbrite](#).

Wednesday 11th February at 7.30pm: meeting of the Parochial Church Council. Please send agenda items to the Benefice Office **by Monday 2nd February**.

It's Your Calling: The next day for exploring how God is calling you is on **Saturday 28th February** at the St Benedict's Centre. God's people are a pilgrim people, and we are all called to on the move, spiritually and in vocation. The new year is the perfect moment to spend some time with others, asking God to show us what new thing he is calling us to. **Speak to Revd Dave if you think this might be for you.**

A Prayer for Peace: God of peace and justice, we lift up to you the peoples of Ukraine, the DR of Congo and Sudan today. We pray for all the world's war zones, for the laying down of weapons and end to calls of violence; for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them; for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, asking you to hold, protect and provide for them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Deadline for newsletter items: 12 noon on Wednesday

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