



The Benefice of Crockham Hill and Westerham



News from Westerham

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

Licensing of our new Associate Minister: Thank you to everyone who has so far offered to make/bake/donate food or drink for the Benefice congregation to have, after the Service for the Licensing of the Revd Emma Wylie, on Monday 23rd February. We are still keen to have more food and drink donated, please, and we are still looking for some more volunteers to help prepare, serve and/or clear away the refreshments on 23rd February please. For more information, please contact Christina, Anna or Kerry. Thank you in advance.

| Day | Time | What's on at St Mary's this week? |
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| Tues to Sat | 9.00 - 9.30am | Morning Prayer in the Resurrection Chapel; a short service of prayer and readings. No MP on Tues |
| 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 | 1pm | Memorial service for the late Mr Martin Adamson |
| | | NO Choir practice |
| Friday | | Benefice Office closed |
| Saturday | 7pm | Schubert's <i>Winterreise</i>: a concert by Oliver Davis and Emilie Turner-Großer. Tickets available (£5—£8) via Eventbrite . |

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.

Sunday 8th February, 2nd before Lent

8.00am, Traditional Communion at Westerham: a said service

10.00am, Holy Communion at Crockham Hill

Readings: Genesis 1:1-2:3; Matthew 6:25-end

10.30am, 2nd Sunday at Westerham: our informal service of word, prayer and praise. Songs, worship and craft activities with refreshments available throughout. **Everybody's welcome.** Our theme this month is **'Love your neighbour.'**

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.

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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