

News for Sunday 26 February 2023

Lent Sunday Series: The Suffering Servant - A Journey through Mark's gospel, revealing Jesus to be the suffering servant that Isaiah prophesied

Sun 26 Feb : The Suffering Servant 1 - Jesus Silences Rulers - Isaiah 52:13-15 and Mark 11:27-33

10.30am Holy Communion - in-person, all welcome, children's and youth groups, streamed live via YouTube, available shortly thereafter. To listen live instead, call 020 8191 0680.

After the morning service - Praying for our Mission Partners (in the chancel)



We would love you to join us spending some time praying for the needs of our Mission Partners and so we are creating an opportunity to do just that after the service today.

6.30pm Evening Worship - informal service, in-person only

Encourage your faith. Read a book for Lent!

We have a number of second-hand books that people have donated, so do choose one or more to read during Lent. They're free! There are children's book, as well as for adults. More will appear on the tables through Lent!



What's on?

Our monthly whole church prayer evening is this Thursday 2 March.



We hope to see you there full of faith for all God will say and do as we seek his will for us and the church.

Changes this week - Please pray for us as a number of our team attend the New Wine Leadership Conference this week. We hope it will be a time of refreshing, an outpouring of God's Spirit, and we will do our best to bring some of it back for us all!

As a result there are one or two regular things that won't be happening this week - including Re-Purpose, Boogie Angels and Wednesday Fellowship.

Mon 27 Feb	1.00pm	Hope Café
Mon 27 Feb	8.00pm	English Conversation Class
Tue 28 Feb	7.15am	Prayer Breakfast
Tue 28 Feb	7.30pm	<u>Alpha</u>
Tue 28 Feb	7.30pm	Prayer Practices for Lent
Tue 28 Feb		<u>RePurpose</u> Not Meeting
Wed 1 Mar		Boogie Angels Not Meeting
Wed 1 Mar		Wednesday Fellowship Not Meeting
Thur 2 Mar	7.30pm	Prayer Evening

Sun 5 Mar 10.30am All Age Worship with Baptism - Nicodemus visits Jesus: John 3.1-17 in-person, all ages worshipping together, all welcome, streamed live via YouTube, available shortly thereafter. To listen live instead, call 020 8191 0680.

6.30pm Evening Worship - The Suffering Servant 2 - By his wounds we are healed informal service, in-person only

Prayer Practices Lent Groups



Prayer Practices Lent Groups -Starting this week -

We are joining with other churches across London to engage with the subject of prayer practices this Lent. You can join as an individual via zoom, (<u>register in advance here</u>) or together with one of our home groups, speak to your home group leader to learn more.

Earthquake relief

We have now set up a fund that you can give to for the relief of those affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, provisioned by our mission partners Tim and Sarah Stone. To give, or see more details, <u>click here</u>



Do pray during the week for St Gabriel's, sharing the love in Cricklewood. Here are some topics for prayer you may like to include:

- A prayer for Syria from World Vision: God, you are the Great Provider. You see Syrians' needs with a tender heart. Just as you sustained the Israelites in the desert and fed 5,000 men (plus women and children!) with just a few loaves and fish, help Syrians get exactly what they need each day to survive. Comfort them as they struggle, and nourish their souls with renewed hope each morning. Guide them to places where they can find help and rest.
- A prayer from the Diocese of Europe: A prayer for the earthquake in Turkey and Syria: We pray for the people of Central Turkey and North West Syria, whose lives have been devastated by the earthquake. Be present, O Lord, our Good Shepherd, to bring comfort, relief, shelter and human kindness. Shield the people who suffer, console those who are bereaved, prosper the provision of relief, strengthen the work of emergency teams, and shine your light and hope in the midst of despair.
- Thank God for seasons in the year, and now for Lent. Pray for God's help and challenge through this season as we think of Jesus, the Suffering Servant (our Sunday series) who loved us enough to die for our forgiveness and rescue.
- Thank God for someone who has given up something for you, recently or in the past, and pray for God's blessing on them. Ask God whether he's asking you to give up something for someone.
- Pray for those from staff and churchwardens who are at the New Wine Leaders Conference this week, for refreshment and re-energising from God.
- Ask God to be close to any you know who need encouragement, comfort or healing, peace or endurance. Pray for those going through tough times.
- Thank God for one thing every day!