



**St Mary's Sanderstead  
with St James' & St Edmunds' Riddlesdown**

**5<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Before Lent**

**9:45am Parish Eucharist @ St Mary's**  
**11:15am Parish Eucharist @ St Edmund's**  
*President & Preacher: Fr Grant Cohen*  
**6pm Chrome**

**Processional Hymn: NEH 237 NEH 433**  
**Readings: Isaiah 58: 1-9a / 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12**  
**Gradual hymn: NEH 466 NEH 370**  
**Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20**  
**Anthem:**  
**Offertory hymn: NEH 345 NEH 271**  
**Communion: SP 278**  
**Recessional Hymn: NEH 408 NEH 343**  
**Organ Voluntary**

**Collect**

Eternal God,  
whose Son went among the crowds  
and brought healing with his touch:  
help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together,  
and by our lives as they are transformed into the image  
of Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Today's Psalm 112:1-9** (*We respond with the words in bold print*)

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord.

Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who find great delight in his commands.

<sup>2</sup> **Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup> **Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.**

<sup>5</sup> Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever.**

<sup>7</sup> They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> **Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

<sup>9</sup> They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever; their horn will be lifted high in honour.



**'Living in Love and Faith' - Update from Bishop Christopher**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Church of England has been engaged in listening and praying respectfully, and with mutual love, in the area of sexuality. Following the latest meeting of the College of Bishops about this process, the proposals, to General Synod which follow a six-year period of listening, learning and

discernment, will offer the fullest pastoral provision without changing the Church's doctrine of Holy Matrimony. This includes a range of draft prayers known as prayers of love and faith which could be used voluntarily in churches for couples who have marked a significant stage of their relationship such as civil marriage or civil partnership. The Bishop's are commending these materials to General Synod in February for consideration. **The latest press release from the Church of England on 'Living in Love and Faith' can be found at:**

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media-and-news/press-releases/bishops-propose-prayers-thanksgiving-dedication-and-gods-blessing>

### Way of the Spirit Bible Study

Kim Brown currently runs a bible study online on Monday evenings at 7pm and would like to offer the same course in person in church. If you are interested, please contact her.

### Tea at 3 @ St. Edmunds'

Tuesdays @ 3pm for a service of Holy Communion followed by refreshments.

### Midweek Eucharist @ St Mary's

10am each Thursday followed by refreshments.



Are you aged between 8 and 16? 'Chrome' youth club meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month 6pm - 7.30pm. ***We meet again 5<sup>th</sup> February.***

### Craft & Chatter @ St Mary's

Join us as we knit, sew or embroider at 2.30pm on the 2nd Monday of each month. *Refreshments provided. Next Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> February*



### Lent Course 2023

This year's Lent course begins on 2<sup>nd</sup> March and is based on the film 'Rocketman', the Themes will include: Becoming and calling. Relationships and how they shape our identities. The meaning of success and failure. Struggle, upset and forgiveness. Death and resurrection.

If you would like to attend the course which will run on Thursday mornings and Monday evenings, please add your name to the list at the back of church so we know how many books to order.

## We pray for those who are unwell

*Doreen Macan, Rose Burtwell. Margaret Brooker, Kim Brown, Alison Brewster, John O Leary, Brian Barton, Margaret Walker, Ann Clifford.*

## We remember those who have recently died

*June Hurriion, Eve Pearce, Margaret Dickens.*



### **Tuesday**

3pm Eucharist @ St Edmund's

### **Thursday**

10am Midweek Eucharist @ ST M

### **Friday**

#### ***Choir Practice with Barry Williams***

7:10-7:30pm Voice for Life

7:30-8pm Younger-member Choir

8-9pm Full Choir

### **Feb 20<sup>th</sup> Funeral of Eve Pearce**

February 22<sup>nd</sup> **Ash Weds**

March 19<sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday

March 12<sup>th</sup> St James' APCM

March 26<sup>th</sup> St Mary's APCM

April 6<sup>th</sup> Seder Meal

**April 7<sup>th</sup> Good Friday**

## Next Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February

**9:45am** Parish Eucharist @ St Mary's

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