

# LOOKING AHEAD

**Daily Office weekdays at 8am and 5.30pm except Fridays**

Please note: there will be no Daily Office on Wednesday 24 February 2016

Sunday morning prayer: 9.15 am

**Sun 21 February 10am**

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**Thurs 25 February 7pm**

**Sun 28 February 10am**

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**Sun 6 March 10am (All Age)**

**Sun 13 March 10am**

**Sun 13 March**

**Sun 13 March**

**Wed 16 March 6.45pm**

**Sun 20 March 10am**

**Sun 20 March**

**Sun 27 March 10am**

**Sun 3 April 10am**

**Mon 4 April 7pm**

**Sat 9 April 12.00 noon**

**Sun 10 April 10am**

**Sun 10 April**

**Mass for Lent 2**

**Electoral Roll Revision begins**

**Monthly Rosary Prayer Group** (in the vicarage)

**Mass for Lent 3**

**Last date for Reports for APCM**

**Mass for Mothering Sunday**

**Mass for Passiontide**

**Electoral Roll Revision ends**

**Prayer Walk**

**PCC (last before APCM) which will receive reports**

**Palm Sunday**

**New Electoral Roll displayed**

**Mass for Easter Day**

**Mass for Easter 2**

**Mass for the Annunciation**

**Mass in Thanksgiving for the life of Ken Leech**

**Mass for Easter 3**

**APCM after Mass**

## Monthly Church Clean - Dates for 2016

**Saturdays:** tba, 19 March, 15 April,

14 May, 11 June, 9 July, 13 Aug, 10 Sept, 8 Oct, 12 Nov, 10 Dec



# THIS IS THE GATE OF HEAVEN

Winner of 'The UK's Best Modern Churches' award November 2013

**Next Sunday: Mass for 3rd Sunday in Lent**

**Hymns: 188 522 399 467** music group

**Isaiah 55:1-9 Mary S 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Burnette**

**Psalm 63 Luke 13:1-9**

**Intercessions: Mary McK Chalice: May**

**Sidespeople: Debbie & May**

*Vicar* Mother Bernadette Hegarty 020 3774 6833

*Churchwarden:* Julian Bream 020 7515 4938

*Churchwarden:* Safia Dimsdale

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BOW COMMON  
February 21<sup>st</sup> 2016



*'How often have I desired to gather your children together...and you were not willing'* Luke 13:34

## Mass for 2nd Sunday in Lent

**Hymns:** 145 366 442 mg 154 music group

**Genesis 15:1-12** Safia **Philippians 3:17-4:1** Isabel

**Psalm 27** **Luke 13:31-35**

**Intercessions:** Burnette **Chalice:** Frank

**Sidespeople:** Ayo/Kathy & Hendrika

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Edmond Brien, William Jarvis, Naomi Harris, Esther Christian,  
Margaret Lind-Smith, Anthony Ali; Margaret Diss,  
John Christian, Rachel Christian, Jackie Lelkes, Jim Mulhern,  
Jane Daniels, Isobel Coates, Ray Williams, Charlie Berry  
Dawn Smith, Constance Cole-Wilson, Nojahan Hamid,  
Mark Emmerson, Jeanette Chilcott, Iyabo Kadiri, Jane Keefe,  
Sharni Josephine, Cresta Adcock, Jim Moore. Audrey Mameli,  
John Rowe, Sheena McMain, Blesie Smith, Fr. Duncan Ross.

For our link church of **Santa Monica, Maputo** in Mozambique  
**February's Year's Mind:** Ralph Beyer, Rose Finn-Kelcey, Arthur John McKenzie

### **Second Sunday of Lent**

Welcome to our worship today as **we gather round the central altar once more** to celebrate **the Mass**. Continuing the tradition of previous years I've asked three members of the congregation to kindly share something of their faith journey with us in the sermon slot during Lent. **This week we welcome Burnette.**

**Fr Duncan** has asked me to thank you for your card and your prayers. As you know he recently had an operation on his foot. He is making steady progress, but would appreciate your prayers over the coming weeks as he continues to recover.

### **APCM – Sunday 10 April 2016 after the service**

**Reports, Reports, Reports – One Week to Go!** Just a gentle reminder that we have arrived at that time of the year where we begin to prepare for our APCM. I will need the following reports: Church Wardens, PCC Secretary, Fabric, SPBC, Finance/Accounts, Sunday School, Deanery Synod, Tuesday Sale by next **Sunday 28 February at the very latest.**

**Formal Revision of the Electoral Roll begins today.** A copy is on the noticeboard in the Hall. If you are not already on our electoral roll, please see Hendrika (our Electoral Roll Officer). A copy with addresses is in the Sacristy – do check that we have your correct address. **Revision of the Electoral Roll will end on Sunday 13 March 2016. The new Electoral Roll will be published on Sunday 20 March.**

### **Little Lights Playgroup**

**Don't** forget to let your family, friends and neighbours know that **Little Lights** runs **every Friday during term time 1.30-3.00pm in our church hall.**



**Rosary Prayer Group, 7pm in the Vicarage this Thursday 25 February 2016**

### **Lent 2016**

**Lent Boxes** - These are still available at the back of Church, so if you haven't picked one up, it's not too late to do so. All monies will be donated to our sister church in Mozambique and to our Diocesan Lent Appeal.

**Prayers around the Cross** - Julian is leading this Lent devotion of music, singing and contemplation on **Fridays at 6.30pm in church.**

**Lent Course** – Pilgrimage is the theme of our lent course and we began last week by exploring what it means to set out on a spiritual journey sharing experiences past and present. The course will continue until after Easter so it's not too late to join - just come to the Vicarage at **7pm** on Tuesdays.

**Lent Pilgrimage to Coventry Cathedral – Saturday 12 March** (details to follow)

**Parish Prayer Walk - Sunday 14 March after Mass**

**A special message for our parents and children** – we all look forward so much to the Sunday School presentations and I know Toni and Tiny are planning something special for our **Mothering Sunday Service on Sunday 6 March**. So - **we need all our children at Sunday School every Sunday during Lent**.

**Lent Hunger Lunch today** – don't forget to join us for soup and a roll. Please give generously as donations will go to the Diocesan Lent appeal which this year is helping Christian refugees from Syria and Iraq.

**Archdeacon's Parish Visitation went really well – thank you to all who helped make it so!**

**Parish Prayer Walk**

Over the past couple of weeks a few people have asked me to explain a little more about what is involved in a prayer walk so I thought I would structure my explanations around the questions I've been asked.

**What is a Prayer Walk?**

Prayer Walking is simply praying in the very places we expect God to bring his answers. It is asking God to give "insight onsite!" As we pray, we may find that God opens our eyes and prepares our heart to see the parish from his perspective.

**Why are we doing a Walk?**

As we are renewing our Mission Action Plan, it is good to walk the parish boundaries together to discover what God is already doing in the parish and how God might like us to join in. With our eyes, hearts and minds open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit we will discover new things about ourselves and our parish.

**What parts of the Parish are we going to walk?**

Normally on Parish Prayer Walks you walk the boundaries of the parish. In fact it's an ancient tradition that goes back to the 5<sup>th</sup> Century in this country and is known as 'beating the bounds'. A group of old and young members of the community would walk the boundaries of the parish, usually led by the parish priest and church officials, to share the knowledge of where they lay, and to pray for protection and blessings for the land and all who lived there.

**How long will it take?**

At this moment I'm not sure how long it will take, but Debbie and I are planning to undertake the walk on Monday so I will be able to let you know the route and length of time it will take by next Sunday. I thought we might stop at three points and pray quietly whatever God puts in our hearts. I am happy to offer soup and a roll at the vicarage afterwards so we can share our experiences.

With every blessing

Mthr. Bernadette