

# LOOKING AHEAD

**Daily Office this week at 8am and 5.30pm except Fridays.**

Sun 24 April 10am	Mass for Easter 5
Sun 1 May 10am	Mass for the Dedication of the church
Tues 3 May 5pm	Installation of Archdeacon Liz at the Cathedral
7pm	Welcome for Archdeacon Liz at St Katharine's
Thurs 5 May 7pm	Mass for the Ascension
Sun 8 May 10am	Mass for Easter 7
Tues 10 May 7pm	Common Fund Meeting <i>(see inside for details)</i>
Sat 14 May	Christian Aid Sponsored Walk
Sun 15 May 10am	Mass for Pentecost (All Age) with Baptism
Sun 22 May 10am	Mass for Trinity Sunday
Wed 25 May 2pm	MAP Planning Meeting <i>(the vicarage)</i>
Thurs 26 May 7pm	Mass for Corpus Christ followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Sun 29 May 10am	Mass for Trinity 1
Sun 5 June 10am	Mass for Trinity 2
Wed 8 June 2pm	MAP Planning Meeting <i>(the vicarage)</i>
Sun 12 June 10am	Mass for Trinity 3

## Monthly Church Clean - Dates for 2016

**Saturdays 10-12 noon: 14 May, 11 June, 9 July, 13 August, 10 September, 8 October, 12 November, 10 December**



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

**Next Sunday: Mass for 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
***Celebrating the Dedication of the Church***

**Hymns: 380 186 220 235 music group**

**Acts 16:9-15 Joanna Revelation 21: 10, 22-22:5 Joey**

**Psalm 67 John 14:23-29**

**Intercessions: Julian Chalice: Nikki**

**Sidespeople: Frank & Helen**

*Vicar* Mother Bernadette Hegarty 020 3774 6833

*Churchwarden:* Julian Bream 020 7515 4938

*Churchwarden:* Safia Dimsdale

**DONATIONS gratefully received for our roof fund by cheque payable to St Paul's, Bow common, Gift Aided where possible**



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✠ THE PARISH OF  
ST. PAUL WITH ST. LUKE ✠  
BOW COMMON

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016**



*I give you a new Commandment, that you love one another John 13:34*

## Mass for 5th Sunday of Easter

**Hymns:** 426 432 24 275 music group

**Acts 11:1-18** Mary S **Revelation 21: 1-6** Burnette

**Psalm 148 John 13:31-35**

**Intercessions:** Mary Mc **Chalice:** Safia

**Sidespeople:** Debbie & Mary Mc

### 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, 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  
Simon Gordon Clark

For our link church of **Santa Monica, Maputo** in Mozambique

**April Year's Mind:** Fr. Michael Peet, Henry Marling

**Today we welcome Frances Reynolds from Christian Aid** who will be our guest speaker. The Gospel reading focuses on Jesus commanding us to 'love one another as he has loved us'. We have the opportunity to hear how Christian Aid lives that command in our world and to consider ways in which we can do the same.

**Next Sunday we celebrate the dedication of our church.** As usual we will be lighting the candles around the church and we will be having a 'bring & share' lunch. **This is an important occasion in our community life, so do make a special effort to come.**

### **Mission Action Plan (MAP) Update**

Continuing our commitment to renew our MAP, we will be undertaking a Congregation and a Community questionnaire to find out what you and others think might be God's mission for us in our parish and how we might join in with it. We would really like to talk to everyone in the congregation and as many people as possible in our parish, so that means **we need volunteers!**

**Congregation Questionnaire:** This will be done on a one-to-one basis and will take roughly 30 minutes. If you do volunteer to help us with this, it will give you the opportunity to get to know your neighbour better.

**Community Questionnaire:** we will be sending questionnaires to the schools and all other organisations in our parish. Alongside this on **Saturday 21 May 1-3pm** we will be asking our parishioners their views in a one-to-one street survey. It would be great if we could get as many of you involved with this as possible. It's another opportunity to show the love of God in our parish.

**If you would like more information or if you would like to get involved in helping with planning our MAP, then talk to Hendrika, Debbie or Mthr. Bernadette.**

**Please note: Sidespeople, Readers, Holy Communion Assistants, Intercessors** – A new rota is being prepared **end of May – end of November** – it would be helpful to know when you are away over this period so please sign the form by the at the back of church by the end of this month, indicating when you not available for rota duties.

If you would like to volunteer to be a sidesperson, Holy Communion Assistant, Intercessor or Reader then sign up on the rota and let Mthr. Bernadette know.

**Monthly Clean** – to keep our church clean, we need everyone (who can) to commit to helping with this task. This is our worship space and one of the ways we give thanks to God is to clean his house – our Church.

**There is a rota at the back of church, please sign up for the months you can do.**

## Little Lights Playgroup this Friday 22 April 2016

**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.**

We are still looking for someone to help Laurie lead this playgroup – it would suit a mum, dad, carer of a toddler and/or someone who is free during term time on Friday afternoons. Do ask among your friends.



Our new **Archdeacon Liz Adekunle will be installed in the Cathedral on Tuesday 3 May at 5pm.** Later on in the evening of the same day there will be a welcome evening at **St Katharine's from 7pm.** From that point onwards she will start to engage fully with Stepney.

**It would be terrific if we could turn out to support and welcome Archdeacon Liz at the two events on 3 May. So please sign the form at the back of church if you are planning to come.**

If you can't make the Cathedral, then come along to the evening event at St Katharine's where there will be food and refreshments.

**Rosary Prayer Group** – next meets on **Thursday 28 April at 7pm in the Vicarage.** If you would like to learn to pray the Rosary or if you would like to pray it regularly with others then come along to our monthly prayer group.



### **Common Fund Meeting and an opportunity to meet our new Archdeacon**

We are warmly invited to meet our new Archdeacon, Liz Adekunle, at a Common Fund event for Tower Hamlets deanery on **Tuesday 10 May 2106 at Christ Church, Isle of Dogs.** Christ Church is located on Manchester Road, E14 3BN and is a short walk from Island Gardens DLR station. Buses D3 and D7 also stop close to the church. For a map, please see

<http://www.achurchnearyou.com/christ-church-isle-of-dogs/>

**Refreshments will be served from 7pm and the meeting will start promptly at 7.30pm and finish by 9pm.**

At this event we will give thanks for all that has been achieved over the past year and pray for the mission and ministry of our deanery, Area and diocese in the coming year.

There will be time to give thanks to God together, discuss the financial figures for the coming year and hear more about the part Common Fund plays in supporting our mission and ministry across the diocese.

It is hoped that at least **three PCC members will attend from each parish** and the invitation is open to all members of the congregation.