

NEWSLETTER

Sunday April 11th. Easter 2



A Prayer for the Duke of Edinburgh

'Well done, thou good and faithful servant: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.' (Matthew 25.21)

God of majesty,
give rest to your servant Philip
who, having served his Queen and Country,
has passed from this life,
full of years yet strong in spirit.
As we give thanks for his life,
as Prince and husband,
as Consort and family man,
we pray that all that he has done
may continue to bear fruit
in the lives of individuals
and the life of this nation,
to your honour and glory,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Statement from the Bishop of Southwark

I am very saddened to hear of the death of His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh. Our thoughts and prayers are firstly for Her Majesty The Queen and the Royal Family in their loss. Prince Philip's life of devoted service to the Crown, to this nation in war and in peace, and to the Commonwealth is a source of encouragement to us all. His enthusiastic support for many charities cannot be underestimated. The legacy of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme will continue to help many young people reach and surpass their potential. May he rest in peace and may we in our prayers give thanks for his life and example.

Christopher Southwark

**How St Mary's is remembering and giving thanks
for the life of
HRH the Duke of Edinburgh**

- There will be a Service of Reflection on the night before the funeral in church at 8pm (more details will follow when we know the date)
- The tenor bell was tolled 99 times yesterday at 6pm
- The flag is being flown at half mast
- Books of Condolence can only be signed 'on-line'.
churchofengland.org.uk
www.royal.uk
- There will not be a special collection however if you would like to make a donation in memory and thanksgiving for the Prince's life you make a donation to one of the many charities he supported or a charity of your own choice.

Parish Notices

We will continue to remember and pray for all those who feel unable to return to church yet. Our Sunday services will continue to be on you tube.

[Benefice of Bletchingley and Nutfield - YouTube](#) (under videos).

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKjwHlZkSxgv0qekIw2Chw>

Don't forget the Bishop's Lent Call. (page 6)

Over the last few weeks there have been articles in the newsletter about the Bishop's Lent Call. Sadly for the first time ever the Bishop failed to raise the money he had hoped for last year because of the pandemic. He is hoping for a lot of support this year. He says, in his letter, *'For many in our communities and Link Dioceses, not having enough to eat is sadly and appallingly now a regular occurrence. I urge you all to pray for those in these situations and to consider prayerfully what you can give to help to support them.'*

You can donate by credit transfer to the church bank account at Natwest Bank.

Bank details: sort code 60-16-09 account number 71583467 reference LENT CALL.

[SUNDAY CLUB](#), Any children are welcome to join us on Zoom- email Katedoody2012@gmail.com for more details or join our Facebook group: St Mary's Sunday Club.

Modern Slavery Webinar (see page 7)

Wellbeing Garden at Bletchingley Village Primary School - how you can help

The school has the benefit of extensive grounds which are put to great use by the school. However, there is an area of around one third of an acre which was the village playground before it was re-built on Grange Meadow and is no longer used. This land was given to the school when it became an academy and is covered in rough grass, brambles etc. It is between the school and the footpath that runs between Coneybury and Town Meadow so access will be from the school or the footpath. There is also a small piece of land by the footpath to be partially cleared so a sign can be erected as the school is largely hidden from the A25 and this will improve the presence of the school locally.

The larger area will be made into a wildflower garden with woodchip paths, shrubs etc. Once it is created maintenance will be low and children can be educated on environmental matters and gardening. Local people will have access from the well-used footpath. Access to the school will normally be locked. The garden will encourage butterflies, bees, birds and insects and be environmentally friendly and an asset for Bletchingley.

The school head, staff and Governors are enthusiastic about this idea and I have contacted the Parish Council, Rose Thorn our County Councillor and our three District Councillors who have all expressed their support. To show your support follow the link below to access the map and click on the thumbs up logo.

<https://bit.ly/31VMX9j>

Easter 2

Services continue to be premiered on You Tube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKjwHIZkSxgvOgekIwx2Chw> (under videos)

The Collect: Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Post Communion Sentence

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen CW

Prayers

God, our Father, open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendour of creation, in the beauty of Church life. Touched by your hand our world is Holy. Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us, to share your blessings with our brothers and sisters and to experience the joy of life in your presence. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

Risen Lord, stand among us and cause us to hear what is written in the Scriptures so that we come to believe that you are the Son of God; and that believing, we may have life in your name. Amen.

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection.

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter.

That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love.

That he may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter.

That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world.

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them.

That, according to his promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day.

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people,

so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection.

Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Prince Philip and the Royal family

Loving God, we pray especially for the repose of the soul of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. We give thanks to God for his long life; for his dedicated service to the nation over so many years in support of Her Majesty The Queen; for his devotion to his family; and for his numerous charitable works. We pray that he may rest in peace and rise in glory:

God of majesty, give rest to your servant Philip who, having served his Queen and Country, has passed from this life, full of years yet strong in spirit. As we give thanks for his life, as Prince and husband, as Consort to the Queen, we pray that all that he has done may continue to bear fruit in the lives of individuals and the life of this nation and the Commonwealth, to your honour and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Compassionate God, as we pray for Prince Philip at this morning's/evening's service, we pray too for Her Majesty The Queen and for all members of the Royal Family at this time. We ask that all who are bereaved may be strengthened by the assurance of Christ's comfort, grace and peace:

Heavenly Father, who in your Son Jesus Christ, have given us a true faith and a sure hope: strengthen Elizabeth our Queen and all members of the Royal Family at this time of bereavement, and help us to live as those who believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting; through the love of your Son, our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Gracious God, as we give thanks for the life and service of Prince Philip, we pray for all who serve this nation, the Commonwealth, and our society in public life. We pray for The Queen in her continuing service to her realms, and for all who hold any kind of authority under her. We pray that all who exercise leadership in this and in all lands may be encouraged by Prince Philip's example of integrity, dedication, resilience, and service:

Heavenly Father, we remember before you all who exercise authority among us and influence public opinion. Grant to them the humility to seek your guidance and the courage to do your will, so that all people may be led to the knowledge of your and to the service of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Daily Readings for the week April 12th to April 17th

Monday, April 12,	Psalm 135;	Daniel 3:1-30;	1 John 2:3-11
Tuesday, April 13,	Psalm 135;	Daniel 6:1-28;	1 John 2:12-17
Wednesday, April 14,	Psalm 135;	Isaiah 26:1-15;	Mark 12:18-27
Thursday, April 15,	Psalm 4;	Daniel 9:1-19;	1 John 2:18-25
Friday, April 16,	Psalm 4;	Daniel 10:2-19;	1 John 2:26-28
Saturday, April 17,	Psalm 4;	Acts 3:1-10;	Luke 22:24-30

If you are unwell, have any problems, would like help

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Lent Call 2021 projects

Projects in Zimbabwe

Initiatives supporting food security, water supplies, and infrastructure in our Link Dioceses of Central Zimbabwe, Matabeleland, Masvingo and Manicaland.

The Diocese of Jerusalem

Helping our new Link Diocese in Jerusalem to support up to 50 vulnerable families to feed themselves.

Projects in the Diocese of Southwark

St Matthew, Redhill Food Bank

Wandsworth Food Bank

Norwood & Brixton Food Bank

Together Southwark: Lunchbox Library

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Modern Slavery

Webinar



**SATURDAY 24TH
APRIL 2021**

9.30–11.45 am

Zoom waiting room opens
9.15am

SPEAKERS:

CAROLYN THOM

Their Voice

ROSS SPANTON

Reigate and Banstead Council

JENNIFER HYDE &

JENNY RAYNER

Reigate Archdeaconry Social
Justice Focus

Chief Superintendent

CLIVE DAVIES &

Detective Constable

BEX DAVIES

Surrey Police

Rt Revd. JONATHAN

CLARK &

Ven. MOIRA ASTIN

Diocese of Southwark

Find out more and how to help fight it

Why can't victims of modern slavery just walk away?

Offenders use debt bondage to control them, enforced through threats of violence and intimidation.

Modern slavery offenders make money directly from the exploitation of vulnerable people. Vulnerable individuals are exploited for their labour, in sex work, and in criminal activity such as drug supply and theft, generating significant sums for offenders.

Find out how we can work together to do something about this crime against humanity happening here in Surrey.

This webinar hopes to bring together people to help raise awareness of the issues we are facing in the Surrey area. We hope that anyone with an interest in finding out more about these issues will join us.

Hosted by Reigate Archdeaconry Social Justice Focus, includes the Deaneries of Reigate, Tandridge and Sutton, within The Diocese of Southwark in the Church of England.

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