



Welcome to St Alban's on the fifth Sunday of Lent

We start heading towards Jerusalem at this stage of our journey through Lent, with Jesus, as He sets His face towards the cross. It may be around this time that you're finding whatever discipline you've chosen for Lent particularly difficult. Let's continue to follow Jesus, and listen to Him afresh as He teaches His disciples important truths in this time of trial.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The APCM will be on Sunday 30th April, and will take place within the service, as last year. If you want to attend, and vote at, the meeting, you will need to be on the church electoral roll. We would like to have another churchwarden to support Alison, and there is always a need for new PCC members. If you would like to know more about what this means, please ask Marc, or another member of the PCC.

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Fair trade goods are available in the church lounge on
Wednesdays and Thursdays 10-11.30am

Events this week

Sunday 2nd April	10.30am 6.30pm	All-age worship First Sunday
Tuesday 4th April	6.30pm	'Fast Food'
Wednesday 5th April	2.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion Lent course

Events next week

Sunday 9th April	10.30am 6.30pm	Palm Sunday Monthly Prayer
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WEEKLY PRAYER DIARY – Week beginning 2nd April 2017

SUNDAY: As we enter 'Passiontide', ask the Lord to help you, and the whole church, to see the familiar story afresh, with Jesus' eyes, and with the help of His Spirit.

MONDAY: Jesus is on a journey towards Jerusalem over these days. He continues to teach, heal and reach out to those on the margins of society. Ask the Lord to help us to continue to keep on doing the things He wants us to do, even when the future doesn't look appealing, or we're going through tough times.

TUESDAY: Today in Open Doors 'Fast Food' resources on the persecuted church, we're invited to think of and pray for Christians in Central Asia, particularly Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, and Kazakhstan. Pray for believers in these countries, who often have to meet in secret, and who can be targeted by both government forces, and local opposition. Pray that they may be able to meet in safety, and continue to grow in numbers as people are intrigued by their lifestyle.

WEDNESDAY: Please remember the work of Mpumi Maweni, and his wife Ginny, who both work for Operation Mobilisation. Mpumi heads up the Transform teams in Europe, seeking to equip people in evangelism. Mpumi and Ginny visited St Alban's 2 years ago. Pray that God would keep leading them both, as they seek to lead and equip others.

THURSDAY: We have also heard about Andrew White's work in the Middle East over the years, and although he has had to step down from the board of the Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East due to ill health, their work continues, and is needed more than ever. Please pray for the relief work they are carrying out in Iraq, to help the displaced people from Mosul with basic necessities.

FRIDAY: Mark and Rosalie Balfour have asked for prayer as they continue to settle in Guatemala: for Rosalie's health, for healing and release from migraines; for continued good relationships with the teachers and other students at our Spanish school; always that we stay close to Jesus and listen to him; for safe journeys as we hope to pick up our car next week.

SATURDAY: As we come to Palm Sunday, reflect on who is truly King, despite appearances then, and now. Reflect on the kind of king Jesus came to be. Pray that we, as His subjects and servants, will display the qualities which are true to Him.

We are sad to report that Margaret Finlay passed away at St George's hospital last Saturday. There will be a coroner's inquest, and we will let you know details of the funeral in due course.

YOUTH MINISTRY NOTICES

Romania - we have raised £5800 so far: that's over 70%. We have a car boot sale on the 29th April, if you would like to donate to this please contact Sam Talbot.

Youth Ministry - We are still in need of volunteers if you could spare 1.5 hours every month on a Sunday or once a term. please contact Sam Talbot

All Age Service at MLBC - Sam is leading the next all age service @ MLBC on 2nd April afterwards we will be having a cake sale to raise some money, if you would like to bake a cake please get in touch with Sam Talbot, if not get yourself over to MLBC after the service.

FIRST SUNDAY



'Pilgrims Progress'

Reflections from the Holy Land

Sunday 2nd April, 6.30pm @ St Alban's

