



### HOLIDAY AT HOME 2017

This year's Holiday at Home will be from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> August. Please put the dates in your diary: more information will follow later!



### Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The APCM will be on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 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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**Newsletter for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2017**

### Welcome to St Alban's on Palm Sunday

We start Holy Week on a high, as the crowds proclaim Jesus King and Messiah as He enters Jerusalem. He knew, though they did not, what He was heading towards: **all** Scripture would need to be fulfilled, not just the joyful part about their King coming to them on a colt, but also the sorrowful part about that King dying for them. Let's fortify ourselves with joy as we head towards the valley of sorrow of Good Friday.

### Events this week

<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10.30am 6.30pm</b>	<b>Palm Sunday Monthly Prayer</b>
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>'Fast Food'</b>
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>

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### Events next week

<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Easter Day</b>
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**WEEKLY PRAYER DIARY – Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**SUNDAY:** We come into Holy Week, with Jesus riding in triumph into Jerusalem. We know how this will end, but the truth of His Kingship is still important – as the righteous King, He was coming to do battle on our behalf with sin, death and the devil. Give thanks today for His determination to set His face towards suffering and death.

**MONDAY:** Please pray for our work in care homes, especially remembering the fortnightly service we now take in Richard Cusden House, and also the special services we take at Easter: tonight, Rob is taking the service at Yew Tree Lodge, and Marc will be taking the service tomorrow evening at Mary Holben House.

**TUESDAY:** More detailed prayer requests came from Mpumi and Ginny this week, who are working in the Netherlands (though Ginny is currently in Colombia, and Mpumi is going home to South Africa for a short time). Today, praise God for what He has done for them: Praise God for our Dutch Visas!! Praise God for providing us with a wonderful and hospitable host family. Praise God for a very fruitful vision trip in Netherlands.

**WEDNESDAY:** Today, please pray for the following things for Mpumi and Ginny: For a speedy return back to the Netherlands and back to each other again. For finances for Ginny's return plane tickets. For a flat/apartment in the Netherlands. For a great time back in our countries, opportunities to share our stories and be a blessing for the Nations. **Pray for Transform, we would like to see more people register for the Conference and the Outreach options.**

**THURSDAY:** Today is Maundy Thursday, when we remember the Last Supper, the Passover that Jesus celebrated with His disciples, and to which He gave a whole new meaning. Pray that the Passover supper this evening will give all who attend fresh insight, whether they've come before or not.

**FRIDAY:** Today is Good Friday: please lift up the Good Friday procession of witness in Balham and Tooting, the various services across our churches, that they will attract people to them, and for our Passion Play this evening, that people from outside the churches will come, and see the story of Jesus' passion in a new light.

**SATURDAY:** On this day there is a day of rest, of quiet, between the drama and sorrow of Good Friday, and the wonder and joy of the resurrection. Use this time to reflect on what you have seen and heard in the last few days, and over Lent, and ask the Lord to confirm those things that are most important. Pray that all Christians will be listening to God and being strengthened by Him

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING**

The Diocese of Southwark safeguarding team are coming to run Safeguarding training for Tooting Deanery church members on Saturday morning, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at St Albans Church Streatham Park.

The Diocese recommend that all Church Wardens, PCC members, Sunday School teachers and youth volunteers undertake this training. Also all who have one to one contact with vulnerable adults. The number of places are limited so please sign up on the sheet in the church lounge.

**EASTER 2017**

Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30pm @ St Paul's	Stainer's Crucifixion
Maundy Thursday	6.00pm @ St Alban's	Passover Meal
	7.30pm @ St Paul's	Holy Communion with Foot washing
Good Friday	10.30am @ MLBC	All Age Service
	10.30am @ Salvation Army, Balham	Walk of Witness to Amen Corner
	12.00pm @ St Paul's	Three Hours Stations of the Cross
	2.00pm @ St James'	At the Cross
Easter Sunday	6.00pm @ St Alban's	Passion Play
	6.00am @ The Rec	Sunrise Service followed by Breakfast @ St Paul's
	10.30am in all churches (10am @ St Paul's)	Easter Holy Communion Services