



**Messy Church is happening  
On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May  
From 3.30pm  
Do let others know!**

**COME AND JOIN IN THE  
BIG BREKKIE ON  
SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY,  
FROM 8.30am TO 11.00am  
TO RAISE FUNDS FOR  
REFUGEES.**



**CURRY AND QUIZ NIGHT AT MLBC**

There is a curry and quiz night at MLBC on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm. Tickets: £8 for adults, £4 for children

**TRY PRAYING**

We are joining in prayer with churches around the country, and across the world, for the period between Ascension and Pentecost (25<sup>th</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June), in conjunction with the 'Try Praying' initiative. Here, we will be holding extra times of prayer, and the church will be open more for private prayer, on 30<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June. If you can help by being there, and praying, please let Marc know.

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

**Newsletter for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2017**

**Welcome to St Alban's on the fifth Sunday of Easter  
There's a lot going on in the coming weeks –  
opportunities to engage with one another, with our  
local community, and with God. These are all aspects  
of our mission, which we've stated as 'To know  
Christ, love people, serve the community'. As we  
reflect on how God's calling us to do those things now,  
let's not miss the opportunities that are before us to  
engage with these aspects of God's mission.**

**Events this week**

<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>10.30am 6.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion Monthly Prayer</b>
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>3.30pm</b>	<b>Messy Church</b>
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>8.30am - 11.00am</b>	<b>'Big Brekkie'</b>

**Events next week**

<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>10.30am 1.00pm</b>	<b>Morning Worship 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday lunch</b>
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### WEEKLY PRAYER DIARY – Week beginning 14th May 2017

**SUNDAY:** Remember Resonate and DC, and all the different children's groups which meet on a Sunday, as well as the main services. Paul will be leading Resonate today – please pray for him, and for all who are leading groups which help our children and young people to draw closer to God.

**MONDAY:** This evening there is a meeting sponsored by the diocese of Southwark, looking at what we can do to help refugees. Please pray for these meetings, as different groups get together to share stories and seek ways to help one another in helping refugees. Pray that the church will be at the forefront of helping refugees.

**TUESDAY:** Tomorrow Bishop Richard will be speaking to the Tooting deanery chapter, and to the new synod in the evening, with a focus on the environment. Ask that the Lord will help the whole church to seek His way forward on this important topic, and to lead the way in the proper care of His world.

**WEDNESDAY:** Please pray for Mike Overall's family and friends, as his funeral is today. Pray especially for Christine, his wife, and for David and Rachel, his children – ask that He will comfort them, and that they will know His presence very close to them, and be able to give thanks to Him for Mike's life.

**THURSDAY:** It is only 3 weeks until the General Election! Please continue to pray for the outcome, and for the choices that every voter will be facing: pray that people will decide that it is worth voting, and will carefully consider the choice they make. Pray too for candidates as they seek to make their views known: ask that all voices will be heard, so that people can make an informed choice. Ask that a government will be formed which reflects God's will, for an opposition which can effectively hold the government to account, and for a Parliament that will seek for the good of all people in our nation, and beyond.

**FRIDAY:** It is Messy Church today: please pray for the team, that they will have God's life, love and energy in them, and shining from them; and that children and carers alike will be blessed by coming into St Alban's, and having a time with God, and with each other.

**SATURDAY:** It's the Big Brekkie today! Please ask that people from the local community will come along, enjoy a sociable breakfast, and donate to help refugees. May it be another way that we draw people towards God, as they see that our concern for the needs of others, and our hospitality towards them, is driven by Him.

## Yes you can!

Supporting Refugees & Asylum Seekers in the Diocese of Southwark

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 7pm – 9.15pm  
The Oasis Centre, 75 Westminster Bridge Road,  
London SW1 7HS  
Contact [JPICAdmin@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:JPICAdmin@southwark.anglican.org) for further details

### DEANERY SYNOD – INVITATION TO ALL!!

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, St Mary's, Summerstown**

7pm - Inaugural service followed by refreshments  
8pm – Talk by Bishop Richard – 'The Environment – why should Christians care?' followed by discussion

### Lay Conference

*Hearts on Fire: Being Confident Followers of Jesus Today*

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

Bishop Richard is inviting all members of congregations in the Kingston Episcopal Area to this lay conference, starting at 9.15am and ending at 2pm, at St Cecilia's school, Sutherland Grove, SW18 5JR. It is for anyone interested in deepening their own Christian life and supporting the work of their church.

The price is £15 each or £10 each for members of groups of 5 or more. Tickets include a hot buffet lunch.

The full programme can be found on the online booking website <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hearts-on-fire-being-confident-followers-of-jesus-today-tickets-33143624473> or phone 020 8545 2443 or email [romana.nelson@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:romana.nelson@southwark.anglican.org).