

# St. Mary the Virgin, Westwood

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## NEWSLETTER

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## The Rector writes.....

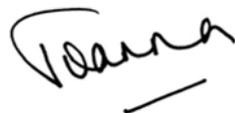
Spring awaits us as the days lengthen and the flowers begin to bloom, giving us every reason here in Westwood to thank God for his goodness. And so what better way to launch these two months of March and April than by celebrating 'Fairtrade Fortnight'! The Fairtrade Foundation, from very humble origins not so long ago in 1992, has done remarkable work both locally and globally in supporting small farmers and producers – *and their local communities* – across the world and raising awareness back home. After all, we are probably all now familiar with this blue and green logo from our supermarket shopping if nothing else.



St Mary the Virgin Church has now resolved to become a 'Fairtrade Church' to show our commitment to God's creation. And so this will include our teaching and worship, the catering supplies we use, and also special events such as the 'Fairtrade Coffee Morning with Bring & Buy in aid of The Kadugli Diocese, Sudan' – so do come and join us at the Parish Rooms on Saturday, 2 March from 11am as we enjoy each other's company, some Fairtrade refreshments and find a bargain or two!

And so amidst the national and international political turmoil which will inevitably engulf us in March or April, turning our minds outwards to the lives and the needs of our global neighbours can only be a healthy and appropriate thing to do. Just as turning our minds to the spiritual certainties of Lent, Holy Week and Easter will be a healthy and appropriate thing to do. As we remember before God, ponder and reflect the Christian faith which is our gift, there for the taking. As we ponder the challenging time in the wilderness which Jesus spent at the very start of his ministry – where he wrestled, as do we, with all the temptations of this world – and then the rest of his short ministry, the humility, the love, the compassion, the leaning towards the poor and outcast. A ministry which was to lead to a cheap betrayal, and yet an agonising death on the cross out of love for the world, which was to set free that world he loved so much once and for all. And then we ponder the resurrection which we shall celebrate on 21 April, where he overcame the power of death and gave us that sense of abundant life which is ours today. Perhaps *this year*, that shared remembrance of events which took place so long ago, and yet which continue to shape lives today, will seem all the more poignant?

With my very best wishes and every blessing



# **NEWS AND EVENTS - MARCH AND APRIL 2019**



**Bring & Buy Morning**

**Saturday, 2 March at 11am  
Westwood Parish Rooms**

Please bring unwanted gifts, products, books to our sale to raise funds for victims of war and climate change in the unhappy country of Sudan and enjoy refreshments made with fairly traded products from all over the world.

Contact: Bill Ross on  
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**FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING WITH BRING & BUY FOR THE KADUGLI DIOCESE, SUDAN** – come and join us at the Parish Rooms on **Saturday, 2 March** from 11am. This will enable us to support such a very needy part of our world, and become a Fairtrade Church.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** – there will be a Holy Communion Service with the imposition of ashes at 10am on Wednesday, 6 March.



**ST MARY THE VIRGIN ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM), Sunday, 17 March, 1.30pm at the Parish Rooms, and after a shared**

**lunch.** All are very welcome to join us, as we elect our new PCC members and officers, reflect on the past year and look forward to the one which is to come.

**MONKTON CHAMBER CHOIR CONCERT AT ST MARY, WINGFIELD – Friday, 22 March at 7pm.** Do go and enjoy the warm hospitality of St Mary's with the talented young musicians of Monkton Combe School. Contact David Robinson on 769018 or [david.robinson@paultonsstreet.com](mailto:david.robinson@paultonsstreet.com) for more details.



**MOTHERING SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE – Sunday, 31 March at 11.15am.** This is a service of thanksgiving for all mothers, their care and concern for us, and for the love that they give us – as we remember especially the joy and the pain of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Please do join us, collect a posy, and enjoy our very own and talented young musicians!

**WESTWOOD PARISH ROOMS** – The Parish Room's popular monthly community lunches are drawing to a close! It's a great chance to meet people of all ages from across the Parish and enjoy some lovely homemade soup and a roll for only £2.00! Last lunch of the season: 12.30-2pm on Tuesday, 26 March. And do remember the Parish Rooms are available at competitive prices and can be booked for a variety of events or activities, so contact Belinda Lawrie to find out more about prices and availability: [westwoodparishrooms@gmail.com](mailto:westwoodparishrooms@gmail.com) Tel 868371

## **March and April events at Holy Trinity**



**THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** - Lent Lunches will be served at Holy Trinity, for 6 Wednesdays, starting with Ash Wednesday, 12 noon – 1.45 pm. Lunch will be soup, a bread roll and tea/ coffee with biscuit – all for £4.50. All proceeds to The Children's Society.

**MESSY CHURCH AT HOLY TRINITY** – a church for all ages, adults and families together, monthly on a Sunday afternoon. Free (but donations welcome!) and open to all: 17 March, 4pm (no April session). Session ends with a shared meal. For further information contact [marlene.haffenden@googlemail.com](mailto:marlene.haffenden@googlemail.com)

**TRINITY CAFÉ** - For people with memory problems, their families and carers and anyone who would enjoy some good company. Free refreshments & cake. Next Cafés? Thursday, 21 March & 25 April, 11am-1pm at Holy Trinity Church. Supported by the Health Centre, Alzheimer’s Support and the Area Board.



## **CHURCH SERVICES at 11.15am**

For Holy Week and Easter Services see below

<b>MARCH</b>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Calendar</i>	<i>Readings</i>
<i>Family</i>	3	Sunday next before Lent	Luke 9. 28-36
<i>Holy Communion</i>	10	Lent 1	Deuteronomy 26. 1-1 Romans 10. 8b-13 Luke 4. 1-13
<i>Mattins (BCP)</i>	17	Lent 2	<i>Psalm 27</i> Philippians 3. 17 – 4.1 Luke 13. 31-end
<i>Holy Communion</i>	24	Lent 3	Isaiah 55. 1-9 1 Corinthians 10. 1-13 Luke 13. 1-9
<i>Family</i>	31	<b>MOTHERING SUNDAY</b>	Exodus 2. 1-10 John 9. 25b-27
<b>APRIL</b>			
<i>Family</i>	7	Lent 5	John 12. 1-8
<i>Holy Communion</i>	14	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	<i>Luke 19. 28-40</i> Phil. 2. 5-11 Dramatised Reading of the Passion
<i>Liturgy of Good Friday</i>	19	<b>GOOD FRIDAY 2pm</b>	Hebrews 4. 14-16; 5. 7-9 John 18 & 19
<i>Family Holy Communion</i>	21	<b>EASTER DAY</b>	Acts 10. 34-43 Luke 24. 1-12
<i>Holy Communion</i>	28	Easter 2	Acts 5. 27-32 Revelation 1. 4-8 John 20. 19-end