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**09.30 Eucharist**

**St Mary’s, Church End**

Today’s readings in the Lectionary: Year B

2n Sunday before Lent (pp 441–444)

**Introit hymn 237**

First reading Proverbs 8:1, 22-31

Second reading Colossians 1:15-20

**Gradual hymn 342**

Gospel Reading John 1:1-14

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**Communion hymn 297**

**Final hymn 408**

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**St Mary’s, Church End**

**Office hymn 397**

**Psalm** **65**

First reading Genesis 2:4b-25

Second reading Luke 8:22-35

**Final hymn 466**

**Coffee at *The Greyhound***

It has been good to see a range of people dropping in for coffee at The Greyhound this month. ***The next dates for 2024 are: 15th & 29th February, 14th and 28th March.***

**Junior Choir & Youth Group**

*The* ***Youth Group*** meets on ***Monday evenings at Christ Church 17.00-19.00*** andthe ***Junior Choir*** meets on ***Tuesday evenings*** from ***18.30-19.15.*** The ***Junior Choir*** will be singing at St Mary’s ***today*** and on ***Mothering Sunday*** (10th March) there will be a ***joint service at St Mary’s*** led by the Youth Group and with Junior Choir.

**Middlesex N&E Ringers ADM**

On ***Saturday, 17th February*** we will be hosting the Middlesex N&E ringers ADM with ringing from 14.30, a service at 15.30 and tea followed by meeting from 16.00 – followed by more ringing! ***Please contact Fiona Clode if you are able to assist with the tea* –** ***providing refreshments and hosting*** (her email is: [fiona.clode@gmail.com](mailto:fiona.clode@gmail.com)).

**Office Hours: Vicar’s PA**

Annelie’s office hours are: ***09.30-13.30 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.*** The parish email address is: [hendonparish@gmail.com](mailto:hendonparish@gmail.com).

**Morning Prayer**

We are encouraging people to join us for morning prayer on ***Tuesdays at 09.00***. All are welcome at this short service of readings, prayers and song.

**Weekday Open Church**

Open Church on ***Tuesdays and Thursdays*** at St Mary’s resumes as usual (12.00-14.00).

**Saturday Open Church**

Thank you to everyone who made yesterday’s *Open Church* a success – the next date is Saturday, 2nd March. Details to follow!

**Pancake Day**

**Open Church Pancakes** on Tuesday 13th February from 12.00-14.00. Enjoy some freshly made pancakes.

**Ash Wednesday**

***Ash Wednesday is on 14th February*** – there will be services at ***St Mary’s and Christ Church at 19.30.***

**Foodbank**

We continue to collect food/household items for ***Colindale food bank***. Demand continues to increase – thank you for your generosity. Our local food bank has seen an unprecedented surge in demand. They URGENTLY need – items can be left in collection boxes in either church:

• Coffee

• Jams/spreads

• Pasta sauce and pasta

• Rice pudding

• Shower gel/shampoo

• Tinned fruit – e.g. peaches/pears

• Tinned fish, meat and vegetables

**Volunteers**

We are looking for ***volunteers*** to assist with various aspects of our life together – in offering ***welcome and contributing to worship*** e.g. welcomers, readers, intercessors and servers. You will get ***support and training***.

**New Bishop of Edmonton**

Just before Christmas it was announced that the ***Rev’d Canon Dr Anderson Jeremiah is the Bishop of Edmonton designate***. The service of consecration will take place on 25th April – and there will be a service of welcome too. ***Meanwhile, please pray for him, his wife Rebecca and their children Sundiya and Amali.***

**Lent: book and study groups**

We will be using the Archbishop of Canterbury’s Lent Book – ***Tarry Awhile by Selina Stone*** (£9.95 via Church House Bookshop online). There will be one ***study group based on “Tarry Awhile”*** on ***Thursday evenings at 19.30 at Christ Church*** (led by Andrew and Martina); and on ***Saturday mornings at 10.30 at St Mary’s*** (led by Julie). Refreshments provided.

**Lent walks**

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The response to Psalm ***104*** is:

***Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,***

***and renew the face of the earth.***

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