



## **Notices for 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2025**

*A warm welcome to everyone*

*We welcome Reverend Alex Stevens who will take today's 8am BCP service.*

*Today we also welcome & celebrate the Baptism of Alice at 11am.*

### **The Sunday next before Lent**

*Please come into the hall for refreshments after the 09:30 service.*

#### **Collect:**

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness  
and your glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Hymns:**

- 411** Dear Lord and Father of mankind
- 110** Jesu grant me this I pray
- 385** Be thou my guardian and my guide
- 284** Bread of heaven
- 537** O God our help in ages past

Although there is no formal collection during the offertory hymn, please feel free to make a contribution to the work of St. Mary's either in the Treasury box at the back of church, or using the card reader, also at the back of church. Thank you.

## Readings:

### **Exodus 34.29-35**

#### The Shining Face of Moses

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

### **Luke 9.28b-36**

#### The Transfiguration

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah' —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

## **Post-communion prayer:**

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Vacancy News – Peter & Dan**

Three candidates will join us this week, for an informal visit on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>, including an afternoon tour and an early evening social with the PCC. Thank you to those who have agreed to help welcome the candidates and their partners for this visit, which starts promptly at 2pm.

We also welcome Revd Alex Stevens (vicar at Nork) who will host the evening social. This starts at 6:30pm prompt and includes a buffet supper and refreshments. Please liaise with Sara on your support for the catering arrangements.

Formal interviews follow on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> when the panel will consist of Bishop Paul, Archdeacon Martin, Revd Kate Blake (vicar at Banstead), and Peter and Dan as your parish representatives.

**8am SERVICES will be held only once a month** on the first Sunday of each month. Any questions please talk to Dan or Peter.

## Dates for your diary

**Deadline 9<sup>th</sup> March.** This year the **Electoral Roll for St. Mary's** needs to be fully revised and, hence, everyone currently on the Electoral Roll will need to complete a new Electoral Roll form. Electoral Roll forms, and an explanatory letter, are available for everyone on the existing Electoral Roll at the back of Church. **These should be returned by 9th March.** For those who are not on the existing Roll but would wish to be included blank Electoral Roll forms are available at the back of Church. *Kind Regards, Paul Nowak*

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 6:30pm - Confirmation service**

There will be 26 candidates for confirmation, including 3 adult baptisms, from across the Deanery on Sunday 9th March at 6.30pm. Please come and support the 7 candidates from St. Mary's. We are providing the refreshments after the service, and we would be most grateful if you could help by signing the sheet on the table at the back of the Church. We are expecting a large number of people! *Any further inquiries please contact Sara Tomlin.*

### **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Quiz Night**

**Tickets for the quiz night on Saturday 15th March are available from this Sunday.** Tickets cost £10 and include a meal. The quizmaster is Mark Hodge. We would like to hold a raffle at this event, so could you please bring any donated raffle prizes and put them at the back of the Church. Many thanks.

### **The social committee has also planned some dates for our diaries:-**

Homemade Sunday - Sunday 30th March (Mothering Sunday)

Lunch with guest singer Wendy Edwards - Saturday 7th June

Homemade Sunday - Sunday 29th June

Quiz Night on Saturday 25th October

*Enquiries: Sara & Daphne*