**Welcome to the Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Bexley**

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**Part of the Bexley Team Ministry**

**SUNDAY 19th MARCH - THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

 ***MOTHERING SUNDAY***

8.30 am BCP Holy Communion

10.00 am Holy Communion (Exodus 2 v1-10 Colossians 3 v12-17 Luke 2 33-35)

11.15 am West end reordering presentation in Lady Chapel

Mon 20th 1.30 pm Wk 5 of Lent Course at St. John Fisher, Thanet Road

Tues 21st 10.30 am Wk 4 of Lent Course at United Reformed Church, Hurst Rd

Wed 22nd 10.00 am Holy Communion at St. Mary’s we welcome Rev’d Mel Jemmett to preside at this service

7.30 pm Wk 4 of Lent Course at St John’s, Parkhill Road

SUNDAY26th MARCH FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

10.00 am Family Service with Andrew Hill

**COLLECT**

God of compassion,

whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,

shared the life of a home in Nazareth,

and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:

strengthen us in our daily living

that in joy and in sorrow

we may know the power of your presence

to bind together and to heal;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**ADDITIONAL COLLECT**

God of love,

passionate and strong,

tender and careful:

watch over us and hold us

all the days of our life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Thank you** for the lovely buffet lunch farewell last Sunday and for the gifts of cards, flowers, cheque and framed photographs. It was a lovely time and we are very grateful for all the love and good wishes. Clive and Chris.

**Maundy Thursday Meal and Service** St Barnabas will be hosting the joint Bexley Team service at 7.00 pm on Maundy Thursday, 6th April with a light meal, followed by Holy Communion. To help us cater for this event, please let me know if you are planning to come, either by email or by text (matthodder10@gmail.com – 07889873125). All are welcome and it would be great if you can invite your friends and neighbours too!(please let us know of any dietary requirements as well!). Rev Matt

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** will take place after the morning services on Sunday 21st May. Please do come to this important meeting in the life of St. Mary’s.

**Confirmation.** There will be a service of confirmation with Bishop Simon on the afternoon of Sunday 3rd December at St John’s, Parkhill Road. Rev’d Edward Barlow will be arranging confirmation classes nearer the time. If you or someone you know is considering confirmation (or adult baptism) please speak with Rev’d Edward Barlow fr.edwardbarlow@gmail.com

**St Mary’s charitable giving.** Some while ago the PCC voted to give 5% of church income to Christian charities. St Mary’s has in the current financial year sent donations to six charities -Mission Aviation Fellowship, Church Mission Society , Christian Aid, WaterAid, Evergreen and Christian Resources in Bexley Schools (CRIBS ).

**Please remember in your prayers-**

Mary Andrews in rehab in Queen Mary’s Hospital.

Those who live alone especially if they are unable to get out.

The need for a new Team Rector and Team Vicar.

Give thanks for those who faithfully serve the church community at St Mary’s.

Pray for the wider world, remembering the people of Ukraine and Russia and all those in authority.