

STMARGARET'S CHURCH DIARY 2019

| Date | Event | Venue |
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| 4 th March | Christianity Explored 7.30pm | Lounge |
| 5 th March | Social Committee 7.00pm | Lounge |
| 6 th March | Ash Wednesday - Lent begins Holy Communion at 11.00am & 7.30pm with Ashes | 11.00am at Abbeyfield 7.30pm Church |
| 9 th March | The Story of Wrexham Anglican Community, a talk by Christopher Robson | Lounge |
| 12 th March | Lunch Club @ 12.30 | Church Hall |
| 13 th March | 'From Now on' A Lent Course Based on 'The Greatest Showman' Starts Tonight 7.30pm | Bethel Church Kenyon Avenue |
| 20 th March | 'From Now on' 7.30pm | Bethel Church Kenyon Avenue |
| 26 th March | Lunch Club @ 12.30 | Church Hall |
| 27 th March | 'From Now on' 7.30pm | Bethel Church Kenyon Avenue |
| 31 st March | Mothering Sunday All Age Family Worship at 9.30am <i>Flowers for mums</i> | Church |
| 5 th April | ABBA Tribute Night | Church Hall |
| 6 th April | Facing an Unfinished Task With George Verver 10.00 - 2.30pm | Capel y Groes |
| 7 th April | St Margaret's AGM during Morning Worship | Church |



ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, GARDEN VILLAGE

Ardal Genhadaeth Wrecsam
Wrexham Mission Area
Eglwys Anglicanaidd Wrecsam:
Escobaeth Llanellwy Eglwys yng Nghymru
Wrexham Anglican Churches: Diocese of St Asaph,
Church in Wales

Regular Weekly Services:

8.15am – Said Communion with sermon
9.30am – First Sunday – All Age Worship with Communion
Second Sunday – Sung Holy Communion
Third Sunday – Morning Prayer
Fourth Sunday – Sung Holy Communion
Fifth Sunday – Joint Service with St Marks, Caia Park
11.00am – Wednesday – Holy Communion

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<http://stmargarets.wrexhamparish.org.uk/>
Sunday sermons posted on each web site are available for a month.
<http://stmargarets.wrexhamparish.org.uk/index.php/walking-group>
<https://www.facebook.com/St-Margarets-Church-Choir>

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Welcome to the March Sousaphone.

Note the key dates for the month and into March. We are approaching that time of year when we review and reassess our life as a church. The Annual Report will be produced along with the accounts and the AGM is fixed for April 7th. In March, we will revisit some of the material of 'Giving in Grace' as we consider how we fund our life as a church; our ministry of pastoral care and outreach as well as the maintenance & improvement of our buildings. *Jonathan*

LENT COURSE 2018

We are offering a joint Lent Course with Bethel Church in Kenyon Avenue again this year. As in previous years, we are using a film-based course called '**From Now On**'. This will explore themes in the popular film '**The Greatest Showman**' and relate them to the bible and our faith. Books will be available for around £6.

The course is run over five sessions between 7.30pm & 9.00pm held in Bethel on Wednesday evenings between the 13th March and 10th April inclusive

Open the Book

Dates for March Open the Book at Wat's Dyke School are below. New recruits are always welcome.

Acton Park Primary School have requested that we would start going into their assemblies which are held about 2:45pm day to be decided. If you would like to join a team for either of the schools please speak to

Rebecca.

Tuesday March 19th: Jonah the Groaner
Practice: Wednesday March 13th

Facing an Unfinished Task 10.00am – 2.30pm @ Capel y Groes Saturday April 6th

If you have any interest in Christian Mission Work in today's world, I commend this day to you. George Verver, now in his eighties, has given his life to seeing Christ's kingdom extended to all nations. He is a passionate and inspirational speaker. Leaflet with further details available in the Lounge

Jonathan



ST MARGARET'S SOUSAPHONE March 2019



Dear All

With Easter being very late this year, the season of Lent does not begin until March 6th. There is always much debate about how we count the 40 days of Lent. If you count all the days from Ash Wednesday until Easter Eve inclusive, there are 46! To bring it down to 40, there is a tradition that you omit the 6 Sundays of Lent. These are days on which you might break your chocolate fast or whatever.

As many of you know, I give up beer for Lent, but I don't think it would be a good idea if I gave up my beer fast every Sunday! Yet it is also true that every Sunday is a remembrance of Christ's resurrection on the first day of the week, so even in Lent, a little extra celebration is in order.

Lent is a traditional time to fast, to give something up, but in Christian teaching, we don't fast for the sake of it or even because we want to lose weight! (although that might be a useful by product!) A fast if, it is to be meaningful, must replace what we give up with something which helps us come closer to God. If you give up lunch one or more days of the week, you might usefully spend the time saved by not eating in prayer or reading a Christian book. It might be that you give up your favourite programme or a hobby activity on Wednesday evenings to join the Lent Group. If you give up chocolate or crisps, you might give the money you would have spent to support needy people. Christian Aid have a scheme called 'Count Your Blessings' in which they remind you each day of Lent of the blessings you have such as the number of taps in your home. You then put a suggested amount aside for each blessing for Christian Aid which mounts up by Easter. www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/count-your-blessings-2019-english-pdf

I hope you all have a good Lent; that however you spend it, you will know and see our Lord a little more clearly and be ready to greet him on Easter morning.

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Every blessing. Jonathan