

## Sharing the love of Jesus with All

### Services and activities

#### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March

- ⇒ 9.30am Sunday Celebration at St Mark's
- ⇒ 11.00am Holy Communion at All Saints'

#### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

- ⇒ 9am Edward Bear Club in the hall at Weston

#### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

- ⇒ 9.30-11am Toddler Group in the hall at St Mark's
- ⇒ 7.30pm Singers at St Mark's Community Choir in St Mark's church

#### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

- ⇒ 9am-3pm Cafe @ All Saints' in the hall at Weston
- ⇒ 9.10am Morning Prayer online via Facebook page\*

#### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

- ⇒ 1.30pm Craft and Chatter meet in the hall at St Mark's
- ⇒ 7pm Night Prayer online via parish Facebook page\*

#### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

- ⇒ 9am-3pm Cafe @ St Mark's in the church hall

#### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March

- ⇒ 9.30am Holy Communion at St Mark's
- ⇒ 11.00am Morning Praise at All Saints'

Sunday services at St Mark's are streamed to

\*<https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsandstmarks>

Service materials can be found on Facebook and on our website: [www.allsaintsandstmarks.com](http://www.allsaintsandstmarks.com)

All Saints' is open every day for private prayer.

St Mark's church is open for private prayer during Friday café hours (9am-3pm)

During the current Vacancy period please use the following means of contact: Tel.: 01270 582585 or Email: [vicar@allsaintsandstmarks.com](mailto:vicar@allsaintsandstmarks.com)

If you would like to have anything included in the Weekly Link, please send to Sharon by midday on Wednesday [sharonmspooner@outlook.com](mailto:sharonmspooner@outlook.com)

### Reflection for 2nd Week of Lent



Bible reading Mark 15: 6-15

The Romans were fond of crucifixion. It was their execution of choice. They liked its precision. It produced the maximum amount of pain and a death struggle of adjustable duration. They had so mastered this technology of killing that they could decide how much it hurt and how long it lasted. The clever bit was the nail through the feet. A body just suspended by the wrists will soon develop agonising cramp. The ribs are drawn upwards and the chest is fixed in position as if the victim has just drawn a large breath, but cannot breathe out. The metabolic rate surges and within an hour or so the victim dies of suffocation. But by nailing the feet the condemned man could buy time by pushing himself up on the nails and by stretching his legs could raise his body a few inches and relieve the tension in his chest and arms. But perching with the full weight of your body on a square nail driven through the middle bones of your feet brings intolerable pain. The victim soon lets his knees sag and is once more hanging from the wrists, and so the cycle repeats itself, over and over again, sometimes for as long as three days. Death comes slowly. And everyone knew about crucifixion. Over a thousand years thousands of people died this way. There were times when the Romans' circus arenas became forests of crosses. Jesus knew what was in store for him.

The Things He Carried by Stephen Cottrell ©

#### Reflect

How does it feel to be overburdened?  
What does it mean to say the cross is a thing of beauty?

#### Prayer for 2nd Week of Lent

Holy God, who was the guilty?  
We stand with Barabbas.  
We stand among those who deserve the punishment.  
But it was your Son who took the sentence.  
How can we repay you for such love? Amen

### SAFEGUARDING

The parish of All Saints' Weston and St Mark's Shavington is committed to making our churches welcoming and safe places for all. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you see or hear anything that you feel concerned about, please do not delay. Share your concerns with Shaan Shepherd, our Parish Safeguarding Officer: 07824 696006 or email:

[safeguardingwestonparish@gmail.com](mailto:safeguardingwestonparish@gmail.com). Alternatively, contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on:

**01928 718834 (option 4)** between the hours of 9am and 4pm, Monday to Friday.

For out-of-hours safeguarding advice, ring our partner organisation Thirtyone:eight on 0303 003 1111.

If there is immediate risk or danger, please contact the police on 999.



**Edward Bear Club**  
NO BOOKING REQUIRED

**MONDAY MORNINGS DURING TERM TIME**  
9AM - 10:30AM

Fun and friendly group for pre-schoolers.  
Breakfast, followed by fun with Edward Bear:

PLAY      STORIES  
SONGS      CRAFTS

PRAYER TIME

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HALL, WESTON  
CONTACT SARA:  
CFW@ALLSAINTSANDSTMARKS.COM

**FULL MARMALADE RANGE NOW AVAILABLE AT OUR CAFES**

- Orange
  - Dark Chunky Orange
  - Lemon
  - Pink Grapefruit
- Also still plenty of stocks of
- Granny's APPLE CHUTNEY



If you can't get to a cafe, give Robert a call on 01270 584922 to place an order

**Can you help at St Mark's on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March?**

Help is needed for setting up for Sunday Celebrations at St. Mark's on 1st March - all the usual helpers seem to be on holiday or unavailable. Suggested time 10.00am Saturday 28th February, (will take about half an hour) and please let Margaret know ASAP if able to help.

**Old Spectacles and Used Postage Stamps**

We collect them – don't throw them away!

Old spectacles help to support ophthalmic clinics in Africa and used postage stamps help to fund charities at home.

Just drop them in the collecting boxes in our churches and halls and we will do the rest – thank you!

**Craft AND Chatter**

Share ideas, meet like-minded crafters and get help with current and future projects. Come along for a cuppa and a chat!



**St Mark's diary dates and help needed**

Saturday March 21st - 10.00 am - church garden working party

Saturday June 13th - Village Festival stall

For more information or to volunteer, please see Roger Bracey or Sheila McAlpine.



Please scan the QR codes to visit the Church website for more information about the churches or the giving pages to make a donation to All Saints' and St Mark's.

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