

**The Welcoming Benefice of All Saints Churches of Clifton and Southill**  
**MARCH 18<sup>th</sup> 2018      Fifth Sunday of Lent**



Our Clergy and Lay Team	Our Churchwardens:
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**Services Today**

09:00	Southill Holy Communion	Rev Paul
10:30	Clifton Holy Communion and Baptism	Rev Caren
18:30	Clifton Evensong	Rev Caren

Evensong readings: Psalm 34:1-10, Exodus 7:8-24, Romans 5:12-end

**Services and Meetings this week**

19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Clifton Craft and Chat	
	20:00	Prayer Group:116 Shefford Road	
20 <sup>th</sup>	14:00	Mothers' Union: Easter Island Patricia Yates	
	14:30	Southill Parish Teas	
	19:30	Last Lent Course at The Rectory	
	19:30	Deanery Synod in Church	
21 <sup>st</sup>	10:00	Clifton Holy Communion	Rev Caren
	11:15	Wren Park Holy Communion	Rev Caren
	16:00	Young Ringers' Practice	
	19:30	Centering Prayer	Rev Lesley

**Services Next Sunday 25th March Palm Sunday**

08:00	Clifton Holy Communion	Rev Caren
09:00	Southill Holy Communion BCP	Rev Caren/Robin
10:30	Donkey-led procession: Golden Lion into Church for HC	Rev Caren/Robin
18:30	Clifton Devotional Service for Holy Week led by the Choir	Rev Caren

**Future Services and Meetings – March and April**

26 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Clifton Craft and Chat	
	20:00	Compline/Reflection	Kathy
27 <sup>th</sup>	09:15	School Service (non-HC)	Rev Caren
	14:30	Southill Parish Teas	
	20:00	Compline/Reflection	Ryan
28 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Clifton Holy Communion	Rev Caren
	13:00	Navigation at Broom	
	14:00	CCS Tea and Chat	
	16:00	Young Ringers' Practice	
	20:00	Compline/Reflection	Ruth
29 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Maundy Thursday at St Albans	
	20:00	Tenebrae Service in Church	Rev Caren
30 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Clifton Messy Easter	Robin
	14:00	Watch at the Cross	Rev Caren
1 <sup>st</sup> Apr		<b>Easter Sunday</b>	
	08:00	Southill Holy Communion BCP	Rev Caren
	09:00	Southill Holy Communion	Rev Caren/Robin
	10:30	Clifton Holy Communion and Baptism	Rev Caren/Robin
	18:30	Clifton Evensong	Robert John

Evensong readings: Psalm 105, Ezekiel 37:1-14, Luke 24:13-35

**Parish Notices**

**Rectors' Thanks**

Thank you to Suzanne for the Mothering Sunday flowers and to the Coffee Rota team and everyone else who helped to make everyone welcome at the All Age Worship for Mothering Sunday.

Also my thanks to the Friends' Team for a wonderful Mothers' Day tea in the Church Hall. Cakes, scones, teas and friendly chat made a wonderful afternoon. Rev Caren

**Palm Sunday: 25th March**

Begins with a procession at 10.30am from The Golden Lion to the church with a donkey! Service will resume in church at 10.45am with Communion.

**“Lift High the Cross” on Palm Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> March**

The Choir will lead the worship in this devotional service, starting at 6:30pm. In addition to traditional congregational hymns and readings for Holy Week, they will sing anthems and settings by Arthur Somervell and David Halls, amongst others. Please come and worship with us on this special day at the beginning of Holy Week.

**Clifton Easter Flowers**

If you would like to donate a Lily in memory of a loved one, please sign the list at rear of church and pass money to me, Rector or Warden. Also, please remember to bring a flower to decorate the cross on Easter Sunday morning. Suzanne Stapleton 01462 811929

**Showtime with Kieran Sutcliffe and Special Guests**

7pm on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April (doors open at 6.30pm) All Saints Church, Southill. A must for fans of Michael Ball, Alfie Boe and Russell Watson as Kieran is one of the most sought-after tenors around the world and he'll be joined by some very special guests. These are children from both Clifton and Southill schools and an adult choir will also be joining Kieran for one number. All the profits go to both churches. Tickets are selling fast so call Terry Sullivan, 01462 817491, to get yours.

**Good Friday Messy Easter Activities 30<sup>th</sup> March**

**URGENTLY NEEDED:** the large sides from cereal boxes. Please give to either Pat Wisby or Suzanne Stapleton. Thank you.

**Spring Walk and Lunch – 21<sup>st</sup> April**

The walk will start at Southill Church at 10am, returning to the Church for a Ploughman's lunch. There will be a break for tea / coffee at Old Warden.

**Deanery Walk and Supper– 29<sup>th</sup> April**

There will be a light supper at the church hall at 5pm, followed by talk and short worship at 6pm in the church. The speaker will be Rev Paula Venables.

### Collect for today

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

### Hebrews 5:5-10

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.'

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

### John 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

### Please remember in your prayers:

Please pray for all who are ill or infirm including Chris Sisley, Colin Warner, Colleen Leeson, Frank Hall, Gladys Dawson, Margaret Carrier, Nancy Watmough, Patricia and Denis Paul, Peter Hodges, Ray Davie, Roy Edmondson, Ruth Grummitt, Win Massey and the residents of Wren Park.

Also, please pray for Bishop Richard who is on study leave.

We also give thanks for the life of Violet Percival who died recently. She will be laid to rest in the Garden of Remembrance on 12<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am. Our prayers are with her family as they grieve her passing. May she rest in peace.

### Parish Notices contd.

#### **Quiet Day at the Providence Baptist Church, Clifton**

10:30 – 3:30pm on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018. The speaker is the Rev John Harper and the day starts with coffee at 10am. Please bring your own packed lunch.

#### **Confirmation Classes**

New classes will start after Easter so please speak with Rev Caren if you are interested. The Confirmation Service will be held at St Peter's, Arlesey on September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

#### **Clifton Philosophy Forum**

Our next meeting is on Monday 26 March at 7.30pm at 30 New Road. The subject is "Consciousness"

### **Advance Notices, Clifton**

Easter Day: 1<sup>st</sup> April 6.30pm Sung Evensong  
Friends' Garage Sales around the Village: 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> April  
Orpheus Choir 6.30pm in church (£10): May 12<sup>th</sup>  
World Environment Day: 5<sup>th</sup> June  
Green Sunday Plant & Produce Sale in Church: 10<sup>th</sup> June  
Friends' Afternoon Tea and Games: 21<sup>st</sup> July

### **Pew Sheet**

Please notify any changes or updates for future notices to Pat Wisby by Wednesday  
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