



# Church Life Programme January to Easter 2022



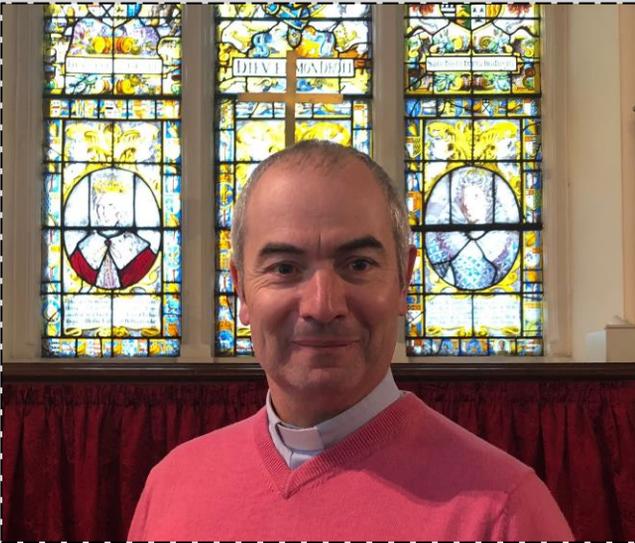
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## Welcome to Winter!

The person of Jesus Christ is at the heart of our faith, but we often take his message and identity for granted. This term, in preaching, study and spiritual growth, we will return again to the central figure of Christian faith, which will culminate in Holy Week and Easter in reflecting on the way in which his death and resurrection shape not just the message of Christianity but the way we are called to live it out today.

You are welcome to take part in as much or as little of our programme as you like: further details will always be on the website or the weekly newsletter, to which you can subscribe on the website.

*Canon Simon Butler, Vicar*



## Alpha Course on Tuesdays

Alpha is a great way to meet and discover more about Jesus Christ and the significance of Christian faith today. It's ideal for enquirers as well as those looking for a refresher in the basics of Christianity. Alpha is based around a weekly meal together, followed by a 20 minute video and a group discussion. It runs over ten weeks or so (beginning on the evening of Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January) and including a Saturday quiet day/retreat. If you want to find out more look out for the sign up brochure, or contact Aaron or Joe who are running the Course.

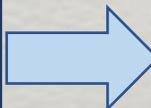
## Family at Church

*This service is growing nicely and there will be services on the first Sunday of February, March and April at 9.30am. Please do invite friends with kids or grandchildren.*

*Aaron has a more detailed programme available.*

## Help out at Alpha

The success of Alpha relies much on people volunteering to help prepare food for those taking part and helping in leading the groups. Offers of help to Joe or Aaron.

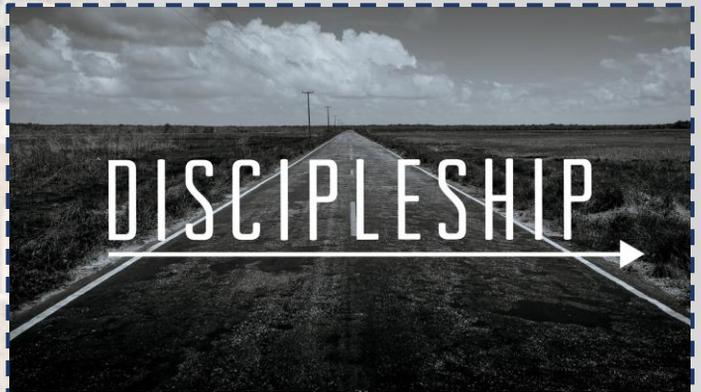




We will be joining in the national celebrations in June, but on Sunday February 6<sup>th</sup> – the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Accession Day – we shall have a special Choral Evensong to mark the moment the Queen ascended to the throne. Please do bring your friends.

## Winter Recitals

These free, short, popular Sunday afternoon concerts will run from 16<sup>th</sup> January until 20<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm. Look out for the programme.

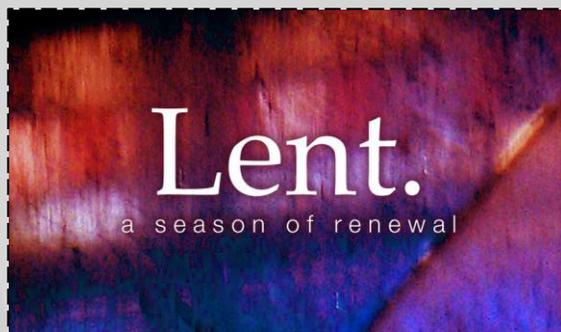


We don't always have the opportunity or take the time to explore our faith in conversation with another Christian. At St Mary's we are reintroducing the **Discipleship Conversation** programme we began a few years ago. Put simply, this is an opportunity for each and every member of our church – and those beyond it who would value it – to have a one-to-one conversation with a member of the clergy team. These proved very popular in the past – the majority of church members took part – and gave those who did a chance to talk about whatever they wanted to about their faith – prayer, doubt, doctrine, ministry, and much more – in a confidential, but structured way. More details soon but you might like to think about what you might talk about given the chance. The clergy will offer some resources to help you prepare in due course.

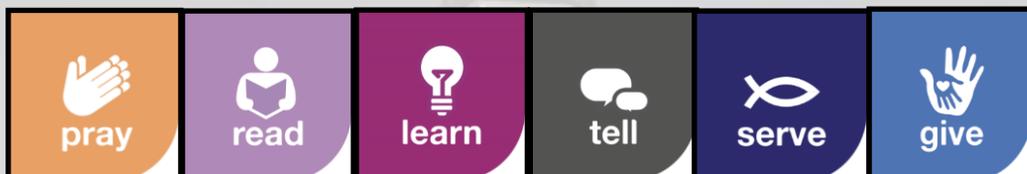
Parish Lunches will also be held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January, Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February and once again before Easter. You can offer to help by getting in touch with Debbie ([dgha@sky.com](mailto:dgha@sky.com))



# Looking Ahead to Lent : Walking with Jesus



The focus of Lent 2022 will be to give us a chance to explore some practical steps we can take to follow Jesus more closely.



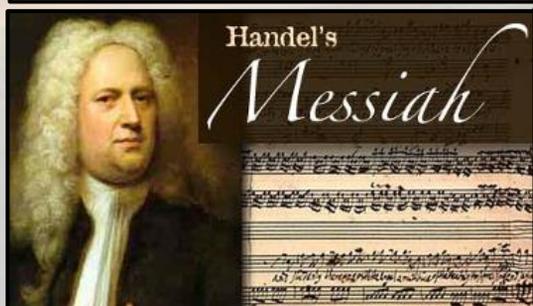
## St Mary's Lent Course: Exploring St Mary's Rule of Life

St Mary's has had a Rule of Life for some time but we've not given it much attention since rolling it out just before the pandemic. This year, in a Lent Course produced locally by our Vicar, we will get the chance to explore the practicalities involved in *Pray, Read, Learn, Tell, Serve, Give*. The current groups – meeting Sunday morning, Tuesday evening and Thursday afternoon – will welcome anyone wishing to join them for the six weeks of this course – and we will probably run a Zoom Group as well, for those who would like to take part that way. More details soon.



## St Mary's Lent Sermons: Owing Your Spiritual Journey

Over the six Sundays of Lent, we will explore the various traditions through which Christians have encountered God and the practical steps we can take to enter into those traditions: contemplative, holiness, social justice, charismatic, evangelical and incarnational streams all contribute to the rich web of Christian spirituality. Using simple videos and short sermons from the spirituality organisation *Renovaré*, we hope you will find challenge and affirmation in your walk with God.



## Handel's *Messiah* Part II

Our choir will perform the second part of Handel's *Messiah* on the evening of Palm Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April. You are welcome to join the choir this term if you would like to take part. Katy: [music@stmarysbattersea.org.uk](mailto:music@stmarysbattersea.org.uk)