

Church Activities

- 0-5 Club
- Informal Band
- Life groups
- 8th Addiscombe Brownies
- Magdalene Preschool
- Messy Church
- Holiday Club
- Mothers' Union
- Junior Church: Bubbles 5 - 7 year olds
- Good Read Group
- Junior Church: Rabbits 7 - 11 year olds
- Café Creative
- Music Group
- Café Matinée
- Choir
- Junior Church: Inspire 12 upwards
- World Café
- Croydon Churches Floating Shelter (CCFS)

Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

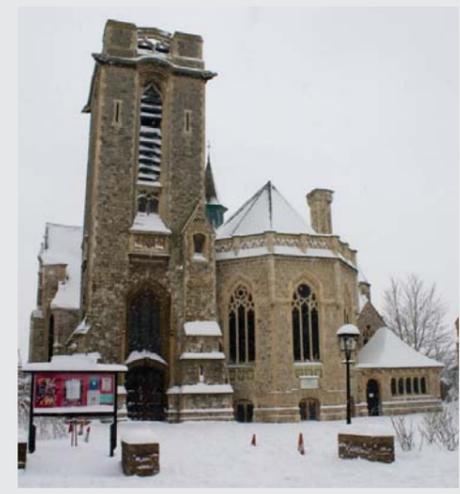
Helping the homeless

Through our involvement with the Croydon Floating Shelter, St Mary's has become increasingly involved in supporting families and individuals who are homeless.

We do this by: having a food donation basket in the church where the food is then taken to local food banks; running the Floating Shelter again in February 2020; delivering Harvest donations to Night Shelter and other local agencies and a small group of people who have been regularly supporting those in bed and breakfast accommodation in West Croydon.

Are you able to offer help with food donations or running the shelter or do you need help yourself?

Please contact the church office for any further details.



Welcome to our Church

Welcome to our new look church magazine. We hope you'll look through it and see what goes on at St Mary's for our local community. We'd love to see you any time; if there's anything we can help you with please contact us. We are available all the time - not just Sundays.

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St Mary Magdalene with St Martin,
Canning Road

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Easter Celebrations 2020

10-12

Good Friday – 10th April
All Age – 9 am
Hour at the Cross Meditation – 2 pm

Service of Light – 11th April - 8 pm

Easter Sunday – 12th April
10.30 am Combined All Age Service with Holy Communion

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Holiday Club 2020

20-24

Our Holiday Club 2020 will be from Monday 20th July – Friday 24th July, 10.00 am – 12.30 pm each day for children currently in Reception – Year 6. Check out our website by Easter to see the theme.

Bereavement

Woodside Bereavement service was established to help residents in the London Borough of Croydon experiencing severe shock or depression, arising from bereavement, loss or divorce.

We provide free support to people through one to one counselling with selected and trained Christian counsellors. We also provide a service for under 18s and the team liaises closely with family members. We visit schools to counsel children. We have also seen some clients with pet bereavement.

A GERAS service is provided for those over the age of 70 years.

Woodside Bereavement Service:
The Listening Ear
The Waterside Centre
26 Avenue Road, South Norwood
London, SE25 4DX
Telephone 020 3256 2009

World Café

Would you like a drink, some cake, a chat?
Come and join us on Wednesdays between 12 and 1 for tea, coffee and homemade cakes. You'll find us in the café area at the back of the church.
Children more than welcome.



Useful Contacts



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What's in a name?

My family name is very ordinary but it has made it to the headlines in the last six months "JOHNSON". Of course it's not me, but there is a slight twinge whenever I see it emblazoned across a paper. How do you feel when your name suddenly comes up in a completely different context?

The season ahead, Christmas, includes the name of God's son 'Christ', meaning saviour.

He was given the name 'Jesus' which means rescuer. So His two names tell us something about Him - Saviour and Rescuer. Jesus comes to step into our situation to enable us to find a way through and to set us free from our debts (or sins) to one another. We read and experience very tough stuff: trafficking, abuse, abandonment, fraud, the list can seem endless. We know our own weakness to put ourselves first even if it means we sometimes hurt others.

Your parish church, St Mary Magdalene, was built for you. Here we want to be one of the channels through which change and transformation takes place. We know that without God and without the work of Jesus, such transformation is very hard to achieve.

There is someone else who shares my family name. He was called Simon, Son of John. He was the friend of Jesus who, at the first sign of trouble, turned his back on Him, denied knowing Him and deserted Him on the day that Jesus was crucified for something He didn't do. Simon, Son of John, was full of remorse for what he had done. When Jesus was raised from the dead He asked "Simon Son



of John, do you love me? Then feed my flock." He transformed Simon Peter's life, forgave him and gave him a significant role in bringing the transforming power of the risen Jesus into people's lives. He renamed Simon as "Peter" which means 'rock'. Jesus knows you and me by name, and invites you to come and follow Him.

This Christmas whatever your name, please come and join us in listening to the stories of the coming of Jesus Christ, bringing His gift of life and freedom. We are ordinary people who love God. Come and join us. Happy Christmas.

With love and blessing
Rev Amanda Johnson
Vicar of St MMM

Sunday Services

1st Service at 9.30 am Morning Worship
2nd Service at 11.00 am Informal Worship

1st Sunday of the month: Service of Healing and Wholeness at 6.30 pm

3rd Sunday of the month: Messy Church at 4.00 pm

4th Sunday of the month: Service of Prayer and Reflection at 6.30 pm

SPAs



Here at St. Mary's we have four Southwark Pastoral Auxiliaries; SPAs for short.

Our two year lay training enables us to deliver Christian pastoral care in a variety of ways in the parish and beyond according to our individual gifting.

Between us we visit the housebound and sick in the parish taking home communion if desired, run the 0-5 toddler group, support the bereaved and run services in Barrington Lodge Nursing Home.

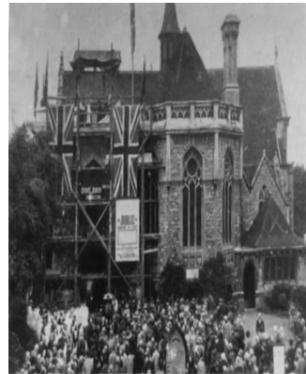
Our Future

Our Church has stood in Canning Road for over 150 years and we want it to continue serving our neighbourhood. However the building now requires extra maintenance and improvement if we are to continue to work with our community to help the poor, lonely and out of work as well as sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

We have already improved the Magdalene Centre lighting, renewed the kitchen and are upgrading the toilets.

Further work will see Church lighting renovation and café developments.

Larger projects will require us to re-roof the church, repair stonework and further renovate the whole Magdalene Centre, providing better facilities. More details will be on the church website in the future.



The tower memorial stone laying ceremony - 31st July 1928.

Struggling with debt? Employment?

Have you heard about CAP - Christians Against Poverty – a nationwide service, recommended by Martin Lewis, to help people who are struggling with debt, life-controlling habits, employment and survival on a low income?

At St Mary's we are in the process of becoming a Job Club centre where we will offer a short course that will give you all the tools you might need to find work; from writing a CV to brushing up on your interview skills and where you will also be able to meet other job seekers.



We can also offer one to one support to help with budgeting. You do not need to be a Christian to receive this support.

There are other centres in the local area you can look up on www.capuk.org or you can ring their Freephone telephone number on 0800 328 0006



Have you ever thought about coming to Messy Church?

This completely informal style of church is for your whole family regardless of age and is based around creativity, hospitality and celebration through a range of activities - crafts, stories, singing, games and food.

We meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month. The dates for the early part of 2020 are 19th January, 16th February, 15th March and 19th April.



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Christingle Service 4.00 pm

A wondrous service for children and adults based around the Christingle candle. Part of this service is by candle light.

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Carols by Candlelight 6.30 pm

Carols interspersed with seven readings telling the true Christmas Story. Mulled wine and mince pies after the service.



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Crib Service 4.30 pm

An hour for all the family to sing a few carols and meet the characters involved in the Christmas story. Part of the service is lit by candles.

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Midnight Communion 11.00 pm

We mark Christmas Day with Holy Communion and carols.

Christmas Wordsearch

Can you find these words in the grid? They go across, down, up or diagonally.

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ANGEL
CHRISTMAS
CRACKER
HOLLY
SANTA
STAR
STOCKING
SNOWMAN
TREE
TURKEY



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Christmas Day

Holy Communion at 9.00 am
A short 30 minute quiet service celebrating the birth of Christ.

All Age at 10.00 am
A service lasting an hour with carols, a focus for children and a short sermon for adults.



Now Showing!

If you are looking for a cinema in Addiscombe, St Mary's Church present Café Matinee on our BIG screen on the 4th Thursday of each month (except December). Doors open at 2.00pm and the film starts at 2.30pm. Come along and watch a popular film in comfortable seats and enjoy free refreshments and cakes on arrival and in the interval. We look forward to seeing you.

Craft for You

Café Creative provides a friendly and encouraging atmosphere for all members of the local community to co-operate on a variety of projects, using mainly embroidery, knitting and crochet.

In addition to several seasonal displays for the church, we regularly work on a selection of baby clothes, blankets, etc. for the maternity departments in two local hospitals.

We meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 2 o 4 pm.

