

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

“We are going up to Jerusalem,” he said, “and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise.”

Mark 10 vv33-34

OUR CHURCH

Sunday's services here and elsewhere. Pray for our own family members and their particular needs. Thank God for the blessing of Marc Lloyd and his family. Pray for our forthcoming Church activities, our Lay Reader, Jeremy Cooke, our Church Wardens, Jennifer and Jonathan, members of the PCC, and all who exercise leadership.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Please pray for the families, children, and young people of the parish. Sunday Club, Little Warblers Toddlers Group (meets every Tuesday), Warblers (after school club at Punnetts Town School) and The Club With No Name (our club for 10-15 year-olds).

OUR PEOPLE WHO NEED OUR SUPPORT

Those for whom life is particularly challenging right now and really need our prayers: the family & friends of Colette Turton, Clive Cook, Penny Howell, Shirley & Simon Turner and family, Jo Cleverley, Pamela Sharp, Don Cornford, Sandra Barker, Rosie Paice, Stephanie Howell, the family & friends of David Reynolds, Matthew Sharples & family, Jill Barham and Karen Polley. Let's also remember those who provide so much care for them.

MISSION SUPPORT FOR FEBRUARY: CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY WORLDWIDE

CSW continues its humanitarian work supporting persecuted people throughout the world. Its website sets it out succinctly when it says, "Working for religious freedom through advocacy and human rights, in the pursuit of justice". The past year has seen the ill treatment of many ethnic and religious minorities, some of which have hit the media's attention. Perhaps the most obvious of these is the expulsion of the Rohingya people from Burma. When things like this happen you can be sure that CSW is there, advocating for justice to the Governments and Parliaments of the world.

CSW's website and their prayer diary have many examples of worldwide injustice. Here are just a few of them:

- Eritrea has been deemed by the UN to have been committing crimes against humanity since 1991. A recent example is the refusal of the right to education for children from two permitted religious groups.
- Iran has been handing down excessively harsh sentences to Christians for everyday activities, like celebrating Christmas, having a picnic or attending a wedding.
- Cuban pastors tell CSW that government harassment is on the increase. Every Sunday the 'Ladies in White' a group founded by the relatives of jailed dissidents, hold a silent, peaceful protest march, for which they are harassed and beaten by the authorities.
- Nigeria and Sudan both face huge threats from Islamist extremists; the Sudanese government in particular wants the whole country to be 100% Islamic and is using a variety of tactics to suppress other faiths.

As CSW acts on behalf of these people, we can join with them in prayer, using words in the Prayer Diary:



Warbleton Parish Church

We offer you a very warm welcome to our church where Jesus Christ has been worshipped since the 13th century. If you are a visitor or a newcomer please make yourself known to us. We invite everybody to join us in the Church Rooms for coffee and fellowship after the service. Unstaffed crèche facilities are available in the Vestry at the back of church where there's a box of toys and you are able to hear the service. During the service an offering for God's work here and further afield is received, during a hymn. If you are a guest or visitor please don't feel obliged to give. Many regular members give by Standing Order. If you would like to make a donation today and you are a tax payer, please consider using the Gift Aid envelope in the pew.

Sunday February 18th 2018

11.00am Morning Worship & Sunday Club

**Isaiah 52 v13 - 53 v12 (Page 740)
Mark 10 vv32 - 52 (Page 1015)**

COLLECT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday 19th February – Morning Prayer – 9.00am – 9.20am, at Osborne House.

Monday 19th February – Bellringing Practice – 7.00pm at Dallington Church.

Tuesday 20th February – Little Warblers Toddlers Group – 10.00am-11.30am in the Church Rooms. Toys, fun, games, conversation, Bible story, songs & refreshments. Please ask Yvonne (01435 830421) for details.

Tuesday 20th February – Ladies' Bible Study Group – Meet again, 2.00pm at Wayside.

Tuesday 20th February - The Club with No Name – The Club meets again with the following schedule - 11-14 year olds 7.00-8.30pm and 15 year olds and over, 8.00-9.30pm

Wednesday 21st February - WarbleArt - Meets in the Church Rooms 10.00 – 12.00am to develop, support and share skills in an informal setting. There will be no meeting on 14th February. This is open to all. Contact Gail Welford 01435 812514.

Wednesday 21st February – Chaps Who Lunch – Meet again at the Merry Harrier, Cowbeech, at the usual time of 12.30. Please let Viv know if you think you can make it.

Wednesday 21st February – WarbleSingers - Meet again at 7.30pm in the Church Rooms. Further date in February is 28th. Contact Gail Welford 01435 812514.

Wednesday 21st February - Wednesday 21st March - Lent Course - Praying with the Apostle Paul – 7.30pm – 9.00pm, Osborne House, Rushlake Green

Thursday 22nd February - Coffee & Company – Coffee will be served as normal in the Osborne House Community Rooms - 10.00am - 12.00.

Sunday 25th February – Holy Communion & Sunday Club - Commencing at 11.00am.

LATER THIS MONTH AND IN THE MONTHS AHEAD

Tuesday 27th February The funeral of Lucy Long - In the Church at 12.00pm

MARCH

Friday 2nd March - Women's World Day of Prayer – Commencing at 2.00pm at Warbleton Church. We very much look forward to hosting the Women's World Day of Prayer at St. Mary's this year. Do join with us, and with thousands of Christian women around the world as we pray together and worship, all using the same service. The service will last about an hour and toys will be available for small children. There will be tea afterwards in the Church Rooms, for those who can stay a little longer.

Saturday 3rd March - Men's and Ladies Breakfasts - At White Birch Farm at 8.30am Speakers will be John and Poppy Spens.

Tuesday 6th March – Prayer First – Prayer is vital in our Church Community. Join us at 8.00pm at the Rectory for a time of prayer for our parish, its ministry and its people.

Sunday 11th March - Mothering Sunday Service – The annual service celebrating mothers and all women commences at 11.00am. The service will be followed by wine and canapes in the Church Rooms.

Saturday 17th March – Spring Churchyard Clear Up – Commencing at 10.00am. Twice a year we have a clear up of the churchyard.. An opportunity to get some exercise in the fresh air in good company, the plan is to clear the winter debris, and effect repairs to the handrail up the front path. In case of bad weather we can do some indoor cleaning. There will be a light lunch together in the Church Rooms afterwards. Contact David Cleverley for further details.

Saturday 17th March - Church Dinner - To be held in the Dunn Village Hall, Rushlake Green 7.00 for 7.15pm. Cost £12.50, bring your own drinks. Come and hear Dr Chris Sinkinson of Moorlands Bible College talk on “Digging up the Evidence” how archaeology confirms the truth of the Bible. To book please contact Jennifer Gill on 01323 833001 or jennifergill@uwclub.net

Friday 23rd March - Memorial Service for Colette Turton - In the Church at 2.00pm followed by refreshments in the Church Rooms.

LATER IN 2018

Tuesday 5th June - Open Garden – Coffee Morning - Jonathan and Trisha Gray, owners of Glydes Farm, Ashburnham, Battle, TN33 9PB, have kindly offered Ken and Jill a day to see their lovely gardens and have a coffee morning. They hope you might be able to join them, unless you live in Scotland or New Zealand! They won't be having our usual auction but there are properties whose owners have offered them to auction a week in them in aid of the Trust. Casa de Ken, Villa Martin, Costa Blanca South, in Spain, for 2 people. Airton Cottage, Skipton, BD23 4AE, Yorkshire, for two people. The following day Jonathan and Trisha will keep their garden open in aid of the Friends of Eastbourne Hospital.

Thursday 21st June - Church Coach Trip - We are planning a coach trip to Wintershall in Surrey to see the renowned play “The Life of Christ”. The play starts at 10.00am and finishes at 3.30pm. Watch as hundreds of actors bring the story of Jesus to life in an open-air epic production set in stunning Surrey countryside. Put the date in your diary now. The 49 seater coach is booked. The coach will leave Bodle Street Green car park at 7.15am. The cost will be £30 which includes travel and entry to Wintershall for the play. Enquiries to Jennifer (01323 833001)

OTHER NOTICES

SARAH BRADBURY – SOME SAD NEWS

The Church has been informed by Tom that sadly Sarah has passed away. Please remember Sarah's family and friends in your prayers.

COLETTE TURTON - SOME SAD NEWS

Last week the Church received this message from Colette's daughter;

'This is just to let you know that mum (Colette) passed away this afternoon. This was a little unexpected, but she did have a respiratory infection. I was with her, and she went very quickly and peacefully, and was extremely brave. Thank you so much for all your kindness to her over the years. Could you ask for a prayer to be said on her behalf in Church.'

Please remember Colette's family and friends in your prayers.

CHECK OUT THE CHURCH WEBSITE

To find out more about your Church and what's going on visit warbletonchurch.org.uk

ELECTORAL ROLL

If you are not on the Electoral Roll and would like to be added or if you know of someone who is not on the Roll but attends Church regularly, please let Steve Clark (Electoral Roll Officer) know and he will assist.

If you are unsure whether you are on the Electoral Roll, you can ask Steve to check for you.

The main benefit of being on the Roll is that you can vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and have a say in how the Church is run.