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We have been asked to pray for:

Karen Lonsdale Ken Morgan
 Matthew Keens Camilla Hext
 Luke Bertrand Norman Browne
 Constanza Burkett Guerrero

(and for your private prayers)

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| Daniel Mens | Olivia Thomson | Beverley Major |
| Hannah Searle | Simone Smith | Muriel Small |
| Ben Jordan | Stella Cullen | Derek Aidoo |
| Robyn Wallis | Mavis Weare | Mary Harris |
| Cherie Grove | Penny Lee | Janet Riggs-Long |
| Daphne Austin | Chris Shepherd | Fred Mills |
| Susan Kearton | Gwen Settle | Andrew Johnson |
| Hannah McWann | Ghani | Edia Brown |
| Taylor Mitchell- | Henry | Charles Gibson |
| Henry Fergusson | | |

Giving thanks for the safe arrival of Max Schulkes

RIP:

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| 14 th March | Annie Jenkins |
| 8 th March | Marian Gittens |
| 25 th February | John Millen |

Year's Mind:

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| 2 nd April | Godfrey James Walton |
| | Henry Morisy |
| 4 th April | André Claude Davies |
| 5 th April | Walter Albert Want |
| 6 th April | Edward Thomas Higdon |

Sunday 31 March MOTHERING SUNDAY

8:00 Eucharist
 President: *Rev'd Canon Anna Norman-Walker*
 10:00 All Age Eucharist
 Preacher: *Rev'd Eileen Turner*
 16:30 Songs of Praise (with Tea)
 Leader: *Rev'd Canon Anna Norman-Walker*

Monday 1 April

10:30 Toddler Church
 11:30 – 14:00 Church Open
 12 noon Morning Prayer
 13:30 Mindful Movement

Tuesday 2 April

11:30 – 14:00 Church Open
 12 noon Morning Prayer
 19:30 Bell Ringing Practice

Wednesday 3 April

11:30 – 14:00 Church Open
 12 noon Eucharist
 Presiding: *Rev'd Eileen Turner*
 20:00 Choir Practice

Thursday 4 April

11:30 – 14:00 Church Open
 12 noon Morning Prayer
 19:00 Lent Course (Study starts 19:30)

Friday 5 April

19:30 Parish Party

Saturday 6 April

10:00 Clergy Office Hour
 11:00 First Communion Club

Sunday 7 April LENT 5

8:00 Eucharist
 President: *Rev'd Neil Dawson*
 10:00 Parish Eucharist
 Preacher: *Rev'd Canon Anna Norman-Walker*
 11:30 Annual General Meeting (with lunch)
 17:00 Choir Practice
 18:30 Choral Evensong
 Preacher: *Rev'd Lisa Wright*

Notices

NOTICE OF FUNERAL – MARIAN GITTENS RIP

Marian's funeral will be on Tuesday 9th April 11am at St Leonard's.

There will be a burial at the London Road Cemetery at 2pm (Mitcham) followed by a reception at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Acre Lane Brixton.

All Marian's friends are warmly welcome to attend.

PARTY TIME! FRIDAY APRIL 5TH 7.30 – 10.00 IN TRATTORIA LEONARDO (CHURCH) ON ST VINCENT'S DAY

We are catering for 60+ people ... please be prompt so as not to miss the first scene of our "An Italian Job" Murder Mystery. Drinks of both kinds on arrival, and then available throughout the evening for a donation. We promise all kinds of pleasing surprises. We can arrange lifts home for those for whom this is important – speak to Margaret Kesterton (8764 7706). A list is in the narthex for you to say whether you are coming – if you've overlooked signing the list... don't worry – we'd be delighted to make room! Don't be shy, it will be a great night! No charge but donations to Christian Aid. Oh... on Saturday morning from 10.00 a.m. angels will be needed to help clear-up!

MINDFUL MOVEMENT TOMORROW!

Oona's series of Mindful Movement for seniors is in full swing on Mondays until 8th April, but it is not too late to join in! Starts at 1.30 in church followed by tea and coffee. No need to book, just turn up for a warm welcome and moderately energetic and thoughtful workout.

APCM MEETING *NEXT SUNDAY*****

Our 2019 **Annual General Meeting** will be held this year on **Sunday 7th April** after the morning Eucharist. After coffee and before a 'bring and share' lunch. Reports available TODAY!

CALLING ALL SIDESPEOPLE OF ST LEONARDS

At our Annual Parochial Meeting next Sunday one of the tasks is to elect our sidespeople. This gives the occasion for three things:

1. To give our thanks to those who welcome us into church each Sunday, handout service sheets, take the collection and guide us into position at the Eucharist (they do a few other things as well!)
2. To enable existing sides people to step down
3. To enable new faces to join the ranks of Sunday welcomers. It's a great way of getting to know people and getting a bit more involved in life at St Leonard's.

For those interested in 2. and 3. above have a word with Ann Morisy (churchwarden)

As for point 1... you can say thank you to our sidespeople anytime you wish!

SONGS OF PRAISE FOR MOTHERING TODAY AT 4.30PM

Instead of our usual evensong we shall be celebrating Mothering Sunday with a 'Songs of Praise' service at 4.30pm followed by a tea.

5 women will share what 'Mothering' has meant for them, we shall sing their favourites Hymns and hear why they are important to them.

Our singing will be led by the Choir and will include both an Anthem and a Psalm.

All are warmly welcome.

GUIDES LENT FORK SUPPER

Our wonderful Guides are hosting this year's Lent fork Supper on a Disney theme!

We have 8 places for St Leonard's folk and we need to fill them.

Donations on the night are for the Bishops Lent appeal.

Wednesday 3rd April

Signup sheet on the notice board (first come first served!)

STILL SEARCHING FOR OUR NEW CHURCHWARDEN

Tim is stepping down as Churchwarden on 7th April. Sue and Phil Heeley will be taking on a new Deputy Warden role (together) taking care of our building day-to-day. This reduces the Wardens role and makes it a less time demanding role. If you would like to find out more about the revised role please ask Tim (07740 854168) or the Rector for further details.

CALL FOR COFFEE AND TEA SERVER

Another appeal for someone to volunteer to serve coffee and tea after the service on the 4th Sunday.

One of our newest recruits unfortunately cannot continue because of other commitments, so if there is anyone who feels this is something they would love to do once a month please

contact, Sue Gibson on 02086779462 or

susanjudithgibson@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our warmest congratulations to Rev'd Lisa Wright who will be among those who will receive Maundy Money from The Queen on Maundy Thursday this year.

Richly deserved Lisa!

MOTHERING SUNDAY FLOWERS.

Mothering Sunday falls each year on the 4th Sunday of Lent. As the date of Easter varies the actual date Mothering Sunday is celebrated varies too. Before the reformation it was important for people to return to their 'Mother' church, the one where they were baptised at least once a year and this was the chosen time. The practice then developed into servants being given the day off, not only to visit their 'Mother' Church but also their Mother. As they walked along the lanes they would pick primroses, violets and other wild flowers to take with them as gifts, another custom was to bring a simnel cake to their Mother which would be eaten at Easter.

In St. Leonard's Church each year by way of celebrating Mothering Sunday everyone in the congregation is given a bouquet of flowers.

MEMBERS WANTED FOR THE PCC AND DEANERY SYNOD - THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT!

We have vacancies for the PCC and Deanery Synod. The PCC oversees the life of St Leonard's and the Deanery Synod is an important part of the governance of the Diocese of Southwark and the Church of England. We need nominations for these important roles in readiness for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting which will be held next Sunday. It would be excellent if those new or newish to St Leonard's would consider this way of contributing to the life of our church. There are forms to fill in. These are in the narthex and can be given to Ann Morisy (churchwarden) or Liz Ridout (PCC Secretary). Please get on board for this – don't hold back!

LENT AT ST LEONARD'S

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT BAPTISM AS AN ADULT?

Email the rector for more information:

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THE LENT COURSE:

**FINDING CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES ON A
CONTEMPORARY ISSUE: FAIRNESS BETWEEN THE
GENERATIONS** Thursday 7pm Supper. 7:30pm Course

DAYTIME LENT COURSE Following 12 Noon Eucharist on
Wednesdays for 1 hour