

# Parish Notices Sunday 3rd March 2019

**Please pray for:**

**Mon:** Andrew Patterson taking assembly at Hawridge & Cholesbury School this morning; Josh Bailey at Diocesan Training; Open the Book assembly at Chartridge School.

**Tuesday:** St Mary's Toddlers this morning; Life Explored this evening in the Parish Lounge; Andrew Patterson taking assembly at Newtown School this morning

**Wed:** St Mary's Toddlers this morning; Josh Bailey preaching at the Ash Wednesday service.

**Thurs:** Ivingswood Bible Club; Toddlers at Emmanuel.

**Fri:** ;SALT and 180 youth groups meeting this evening.

**Sat:** Men's Breakfast at St Mary's Church; Understanding & Teaching the Bible at Emmanuel.

## Understanding & Teaching The Bible

Saturday 9th March 9.15am-12.30pm Emmanuel Church

Interactive morning with Matt Searles ( Director of South Central Ministry Training Course)

Open to all who would like to grow their skills in handling the Bible and sharing it with others- small groups, children's work, one to one, etc

For more information or to book a place contact

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## #ME-TOO?

"How can people from the past help us to navigate today's #MeToo issues?"

St Mary's Church  
Thursday 11th April  
7 for 7.30pm.

Celebrated speaker and author Clare Heath-White will grapple with this disturbing current issue.

All Welcome

## Word Alive

Looking for refreshment and encouragement? Want to forget Brexit and go deeper into the Bible? Why not book a space at **Word Alive** this Easter? There are still a few spaces remaining: go to [www.wordaliveevent.org](http://www.wordaliveevent.org) or speak to Rob Collins (tel.776133) / Peter Hamilton (tel.784816).

## Ash Wednesday

Service at Christ Church  
8pm March 6th.  
Preacher Rev Josh Bailey,  
Associate Minister at St.  
Mary's.

## What is the Electoral Roll?

This weekend, during church services, you will be encouraged to sign up to be on the Electoral Roll. Our Parish's Electoral Roll is the register of its voting members: it's a list of those qualified to attend and to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and to stand for election to the PCC. Church Representation Rules require that every Parochial Church Council (PCC) maintains an Electoral Roll. Note that being on the roll is not the same thing as being a "member" of our Parish, you are that by being a regular attender and considering your church as your spiritual home.

## Who can be on the Electoral Roll?

The only qualifications required are that you are 16 or over, have been baptised and that you have attended your church for at least 6 months.

## Why Join?

Signing up to the Electoral Roll is an important way of confirming your commitment to your church and comes without additional obligations. If you wish, it can enable greater involvement in the life of the church at parish, deanery and diocesan level. It does help the church show its strength and the number on our electoral roll affects our representation on the Deanery Synod

so it's great to sign up.

## What happens next?

Every six years **all** names are required to be removed from our church Roll and we therefore have to prepare a new Roll. If you wish to be on the Roll we need you to complete a simple form. This process has started, and until 3rd April forms will be available at the back of the church after every service for you to complete. It will only take a minute or two to do. So if you wish to be included on the new Roll please be sure to fill one in and pop it into the marked box.

## Easter Experience St Mary's Church Rooms

Good Friday 19th April

9.45-12.30 pm, (parents join the fun at 12pm)

Great fun for children in Reception- Year 6, Easter story, crafts, music, games!

**Children:** Who could you invite?

**Adults:** Could you offer to help?

Please contact Hannah Martin ([children@cheshamchurch.co.uk](mailto:children@cheshamchurch.co.uk), 784574) for more information.

Flyers available from Hannah Martin -registration form on the Parish website

## Regular Parish Services and Events

### Wednesday

8.45am

Holy Communion, St Mary's.

### Friday (term-time)

6.30pm

SALT, a group for 11-14's meets at Emmanuel Church

8.30 pm

One eighty a group for 14-18's meeting at Emmanuel Church

*Details of Sunday Services around the Parish are given on the monthly rota, a copy of which is available in each church*

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