

Seeing

I've recently taken up sketching again. I did A level art at school and the last time I did any serious drawing was about 40 years ago.

I'm on sabbatical in April-June and one of the things that I want to do is to scratch that particular itch, to pick up pencil and sketching pad and to renew that skillset - bring back the muscle memory...see what 40 years has done to the way I see things.

So I've got a pad, I've got a box of pencils (6B-4H!) and I've had a go over my last couple of days off. The results are varied but perhaps I'm my own harshest critic!

The thing I love about sketching is that it uses a completely different part of my brain from other things that I do and it forces me to put other things out of my mind. You can't dwell on the pressures of Church meetings if you're desperately trying to get a line right.

It also forces me to look at things really carefully. As I try to get back into drawing I'm largely drawing things that I see. Nothing abstract (at least not at the moment). The discipline of looking at things really carefully is useful to me. It helps me to see things in a way I hadn't done before. There are often details that I had missed. Sometimes I end up seeing the whole subject completely differently than the way I had imagined.

It's useful to see things with different eyes. Janet and I went to the display of the works of Holbein recently at the Queen's gallery in London. Pencil portraits of people from 500 years ago that are so fresh, so vivid you could almost imagine the person sat in the room right in front of you.

As we move through Lent and prepare ourselves for the impact of Easter, and the mystery and glory of what we encounter there, I am aware of this glorious opportunity to look more closely. To see the world differently. I want to spend

some time asking God to see the world through the divine lens. I want to see things the way God sees them...to pay attention to a new vision...a new way of looking. I want to see things in a way I hadn't seen before.

May God grant us all the time, desire and wisdom to do just that in these precious days.

Paul Glass

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Events this week

Thursday 29th February	Morning Prayer at St Mary's at 8.30am Pam Palmer's Funeral at St Mary's from 12pm
Friday 1st March	Vivace Chorus Concert Duruflé Requiem at Holy Trinity from 7.30pm Vigil for Peace at St Mary's from 9pm
Saturday 2nd March	Lent Quiet Day at St Mary's from 9am Saturday Coffee with the Hear Here Clinic at Holy Trinity Church from 10am Guildford Chamber Choir at Holy Trinity from 7.30pm
Monday 4th March	Morning Prayer at St Mary's at 8.30am Holy Trinity Church closed to visitors
Tuesday 5th March	Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity at 8.30am Lunch Club 12.30 in the Trinity Centre Free RGS Lunchtime Farmers Market Recital at Holy Trinity
Wednesday 6th March	Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity at 8.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity 10am Chit Chat at St Mary's at 9.30am
Thursday 7th March	Parish Office Closed Lent Reflections 12.30 at St Mary's

Please visit www.htsmguildford.org/calendar for more events

Notices

Preparation for First Communion: We will be running a course to prepare for First Communion on Saturday 27 April from 9-1pm in Holy Trinity, with the children being admitted to their First Communion the following morning in the 10am service. We prepare children from age 7 up, an important step in their spiritual journey. If your child would like to take their First Communion this spring, or you have any questions, please email Pippa at youth@holytrinityguildford.org.uk

Mothering Sunday: The 10am Service next Sunday will be a non-Eucharistic service for Mothering Sunday: the Church keeps this day as 'Mothering Sunday' and not the secular equivalent ('Mothers' Day'). It will be a lively service of gratitude in the middle of Lent. For those who find this moment difficult, the Evening Service will be a celebration of the Eucharist for Refreshment Sunday.

Lent 1-2-1s: Simon is almost fully booked for the 1-2-1s but will be able to continue having these meetings well beyond Easter Day. Just drop him an email or have a word.

Guildford Diocese Theology Hub Lecture at St Mary's 14 March 2024 7.30pm
David Wilkinson, Professor in the Department of Theology and Religion at the University of Durham, will explore the relationship between science and religion in the 21st century as part of Theology Hub, a community for theologians and the theologically curious. Tickets are available online.

Holy Week Seder Meal: There will be a special Seder Supper on the Monday of Holy Week in Holy Trinity, organised by Stephen Marriott. Ben Cahill-Nicholls will be reflecting on his own Jewish heritage during the meal and Simon Butler will offer thoughts on the Last Supper in the light of its Passover origins. Booking details soon.

Rainbow Service: The next of our bi-annual services with a focus on LGBT+ members, their friends and allies will be on Wednesday 20th March at 7pm at St Mary's. The theme: Hope Amidst the Chaos; the speaker: Simon Butler; the music...Les Misérables!

New Archdeacon: Our new Archdeacon, Catharine Mabuza, will take up her ministry at a special service in Guildford Cathedral at 6pm on Sunday 17th March. All welcome.

Diary Date: The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at noon (i.e. after both churches' morning services) on Sunday 14th April in the Trinity Centre. Simon is keen to encourage some new members to stand for the Church Council at that meeting, especially from among newer and younger church members of our churches.

Daily Prayer in Lent: You are welcome to join us for **Morning Prayer**, at St Mary's on Mondays & Thursdays, at Holy Trinity on Tuesday and Wednesdays, or online, Monday – Thursday at 8.30am. You can login via the Parish Website homepage.

Pam Palmer: The Funeral of Pam Palmer will take place at St Mary's at 12 noon on Thursday. All are invited to attend to give thanks for Pam's life and share memories of her. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Please note, parking will not be available in the Churchyard.

This week's services

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<p>HOLY TRINITY</p> <p>10am Sung Eucharist <u>Sermon by Rod Pierce</u> Exodus 20.1-17 1 Corinthians 1.18-25 John 2.13-22</p> <p>6pm Choral Evensong <u>Sermon by Brian Roberts</u> Exodus 5.1-6.1 Philippians 3.4b-14</p>	<p>ST MARY'S</p> <p>8am BCP Holy Communion <u>Led by Simon Butler</u> 1 Corinthians 1.18-25 John 2.13-22</p> <p>10.30am Sung Communion Led by Simon Butler</p> <p><u>Daily Morning Prayer</u> (Monday - Thursday) 8.30am - click to join online</p>

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