



St Mary the Virgin Silchester Occasional News Sheet

Who Cares – NEW DATE for “Building Healthy Relationships with our Children”

1.45 – 3.15 pm Tuesday 20 March at the Cricket Pavilion

A panel chaired by Kathryn Williams (Silchester School Headteacher); including Dr Philip Hiorns & school governor Cynthia Howells. Please spread the word to any families you know.

The following Who Cares will be “Building Healthy Mental Health” 1.45pm Wednesday 18 April at the Cricket Pavilion chaired by Revd Richard Harlow. Dates for “Building a Just Society” and “Bereavement, Ending Well” to be re- arranged.

Respite Care for Hampshire Children – Could you support a family who has a child with disabilities? Hampshire County Council is looking to recruit Carers who could provide regular and ongoing respite care for children with a range of needs. Support could be, for instance, for a few hours every day, or at set times over a number of weekends. Bishop David has asked the churches to consider these needs prayerfully. For more information contact 0300 555 1384 or go to the website hants.gov.uk/specialistrespitecare

New Wine Sat July 28 – Fri Aug 3 2018

St Paul’s are organising for a group of parishioners from the benefice to go to New Wine this summer. It’s a good time to get to know other people in a relaxed atmosphere; to receive in depth teaching; to discover different forms of worship and to have a holiday! To find out more speak with Richard Harlow or contact Steve Mckay at St Paul’s, steveandsarahmckay@yahoo.co.uk

Lent and Easter

Ash Wednesday - Service of Ashing and Communion 7.30pm Wednesday 14 February

“Finding a Way”- Sundays throughout Lent at St Mary the Virgin Church, Silchester 6.00pm to 7.00pm (Tea and cake from 5.45pm)

The Celtic Way - 18 Feb

The Benedictines - 25 Feb

The Desert Fathers - 4 March

St Therese of Lisieux - 11 March

St Francis of Assisi - 18 March

Charismatics - 25 March

Palm Sunday – 25 March 9.30am walk from the village to hot cross buns and drinks at the church before the 11.00am Palm Sunday Service

During Holy Week on Monday 24th, Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th there will be half an hour of meditation on the Biblical Passion Stories 7.30pm; and on Maundy Thursday 27th 7.30pm Holy Communion and Stripping the Altar.

Good Friday 28th – 10.00am ? The Three Crosses by the roadside at the Methodist Chapel; 2.00pm – 3.00pm The Final Hour at the Cross at St Mary Silchester.

Easter Sunday 1st April 10.00am Sung Family Eucharist

Bishop's Commission for Mission (BCM) Programme Streams Available Spring / Summer 2018

BCM is a lay training programme focused on equipping lay people.

Initially there are four BCM streams being developed:

- **Pastoral:** This is for those with a pastoral heart. They will be trained to bring the love of God to people in their homes and other contexts, e.g. care homes, prisons - to live out their vocation to be pastoral in every sphere of life.
- **Worship:** This is for those who have a desire to lead God's people into God's presence. They will be equipped to do so in a variety of contexts (e.g. schools, sheltered housing, messy church), especially among those who currently have little contact with the church. This is not just for musicians but for all who lead worship. Those commissioned will be able to lead non eucharistic services and events.
- **Witness:** This is for those who have a heart to talk about Jesus, and who want to enable their church to be more effective in its mission. They will be equipped to do so in a relevant, confident and contextual way.
- **Discipling:** This is for those who have a passion to help others grow in their faith. We will equip them with tools to help others grow one to one, in small groups and look at how churches might help grow disciples.

Further streams in development are pioneering, children families and youth, and preaching. More details will be made available in due course.

To know more, talk with Rob (or Colin or Em who are already being BCM commissioned).

Opportunities at Silchester

This coming year sees our church and community face a number of challenges and opportunities.

A number of people have, or will be, stepping down having faithfully fulfilled invaluable roles in the church and community, in some cases for many many years. First we need to thank them, but also we need to ask ourselves, or seek out others, to take on their mantels. What do we need?

- We need people to take on the magazine;
- We will need someone next year to take over the chair of the fete;
- We already need a fabric manager;
- And in 2019 we will need at least one new churchwarden
- There are the BCM opportunities outlined above for pastoral care, worship, witnessing and discipling, and some of the other BCM courses when they are launched.

Please consider prayerfully, are any of these for me? To find out more or register an interest, talk to Veronica or Rob.

Revd Rob Young 11 Feb 2018

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