



## A WORD FROM REV ROB POWELL

I recently announced, with great sadness, that after almost twelve very happy years in Furzedown, God is moving Claire, Beth and I to pastures new. I have been appointed as the new Vicar of Christ Church Orpington in Rochester Diocese. Our final service at St James will be on **Sunday 29th June** and I will be inducted to the new parish on **Wednesday 23rd July**. Change is never easy for any of us and at the moment we are full of mixed emotions – excitement at the future God has for us as a family and for you as a church with the prospect of a new Rector, and deep sadness at the thought of leaving a place and a people we love so dearly.

There will be much to do and say in the next three months, so I invite you to join us in praying for God's grace and wisdom as we all prepare for God's future. With much love,

Rob, Claire and Beth xx



## ELECTORAL ROLL

The Church Electoral Roll is the official membership list of the church and provides certain privileges to those whose names are on it, such as standing for office or voting at the Annual Meeting (APCM). Every six years we have to scrap the current roll and start again, and 2025 is the year!

So, if you would like to have your name included on the new Electoral Roll, please collect an application form from Glynis on the Information Desk and hand it back to her once completed.

The deadline for applications is **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May**. Please speak to Glynis if you have any questions.

### **TURKEY 2025**

Rob is leading a trip to Turkey from 16-23 September 2025 to visit the ancient sites of the seven churches of Revelation plus a few places associated



with the ministry of Paul. Why not join us for this great adventure and have your ears and eyes opened to God's life-changing word. To see the e-brochure and booking form see here -

www.maranatha.co.uk/7Churches2025RevRob.pdf or ask Rob for a paper version.

Although bookings can be taken until June, it would be helpful for Rob to know as soon as possible if you are intending to come – this will help Rob in planning and preparing for the trip. Thank you.

# APCM ELECTIONS

At our annual APCM on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May we will be electing people to various roles, as follows:

#### PCC (Church Council)

- 4 members for a 3 year term
- 2 members for a 2 year term
- 1 member for a 1 year term

#### **Church Wardens**

2 wardens for a 1 year term

[NB Kirk Douglas is willing to stand again, but John Talbot will be standing down]

Candidates must be members of the new electoral roll and be nominated and seconded. Forms are available from the information desk or the church office.

### THE BRIDGE

You can read the latest edition of the diocesan paper here - <u>https://southwark.anglican.org/newsevents/news/the-bridge-newspaper/</u>

## FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

The next meeting will take place on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30pm.** We look forward to seeing you then.

## EASTER OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office will be closed for Easter from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April and reopen at 9am on Wednesday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Happy Easter everyone!

WHAT'S ON			HELP NEEDED AT THE WELL
Date	Time	Event	As Beth will be leaving St James at the end of June we are looking for new volunteers to help out at The Well, our weekly café on Tuesday mornings. If you are interested in getting involved in this valuable ministry to our community, please speak to Beth. <b>HOLY WEEK &amp; EASTER</b> There is a lot going on across the Furzedown Churches for Holy Week and Easter, as follows: <u>Maundy Thursday/Good Friday</u> <b>6.00pm</b> : Holy Communion with Foot Washing @ St Paul's <b>7.00pm</b> : Passover Meal @ St Alban's. <b>10pm-6am</b> : 'Watch & Pray' Vigil @ St Alban's or join in from home for as long as you like. <b>6am-10am</b> : Big Breakfast Giveaway on the corner of Thrale Road/Mitcham Lane. <b>10.30am-1.30pm</b> : Stations of the Cross – An Artistic Journey @ MLBC – drop in whenever you like. <b>1.00-2.00pm</b> : At the Cross Reflections @ St James
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	9.00am	The Well Cafe In the Church Centre	
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	1.30pm	Friendship Circle In the Church Centre	
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00pm	Friends of the Heart Foundation of Jamaica Annual Concert In Church and Centre	
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am	Holy Communion with Children's Groups In Church and Centre	
GIVING AT ST JAMES We will be taking up an offering in today's service, but there are other ways of giving to the ministry and mission of St James. If you wish to donate by card, the <b>Contactless</b> <b>Giving</b> unit is available on the Information Desk. You can also make a donation online by visiting <u>Online</u> <u>Giving to St James PCC</u> . For further information about ways to give please pick up an ' <b>Investing in the Vision'</b> leaflet from the Information Desk or speak to Alan Burrows. You can also sign up to the Parish Giving Scheme which is managed by Southwark Diocese who collect your donation, and any Gift Aid, and forward it onto St James' without cost. <b>Gift Aid:</b> if you are UK taxpayer, you can increase your donation at no further cost to you just by completing a simple form (available from the office). Thank you for your faithful and generous support <b>C</b>			<ul> <li>1.30-3.00pm: Stations of the Cross (Traditional) @ St Paul's</li> <li>3.30-5.00pm: Good News, Bad News Vox Pops AD33 @ St Alban's</li> <li>5.00-6.00pm: 'Man of Sorrows' Musical Meditation @ St Alban's</li> <li>Holy Saturday</li> <li>10.30am-4.30pm: Stations of the Cross – An Artistic Journey @ MLBC – drop in whenever you like.</li> <li>Easter Sunday</li> <li>6.00am: Sunrise Service in St Paul's Memorial Garden</li> <li>10.30am: All Age Easter Communion</li> </ul>

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