

Sunday, 9th March, 2025, Lent 1



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A community together in faith.

Sunday Link

Connecting a community

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Services this week:

Sunday March 9th at 9:30am Church
Tuesday March 11th at 11am in Church

Hymn Board

Procession:	93 When Jesus came to Jordan
Gradual:	416 Father hear the prayer we offer
Office:	96 Jesus lover of my soul
Communion:	Plainsong
Anthem:	Lord for they tender mercy's sake
Recessional:	95 Forty days and forty nights

Please remember in your prayers this week:

Lauren, Janice Pinnock, Jean Rochester, Christopher Munns, Barry Ireland, Amy Su Armitage, Velma Munns, Dave Cheney, Peter Fisher, Janet Maclean, Nina Beetson, Oliver Grigg, Bob Haseldine, Sarina and Tracey Hawkes.

For the recently departed: - Ivan Titmus

Those whose years Mind occurs at this time:- Ronald Walter Smith, Alice Elizabeth Smith.

Notices

Beetle and Bingo

Thanks to all those who helped with this event your help was much appreciated. Thank you to the events team for all they donated. Also, to those who supported this social event, a good time was had by all with over £350 being raised for church funds.

What is coming up

Summer Fete and Crowning the May Queen. Saturday 17th May in the Churchyard. Volunteers needed please speak to a Churchwarden or Events Group.

Easter Flowers :-The box for donations for Easter flowers will be by the South door.

A very happy special 70th birthday to Carole Mitchell on Monday 10th March and Father Peter on his 90th March 11th from us all.

675 year anniversary celebrations

Over the next few months, we are encouraging you to "share your story". Whether its photos of a wedding, a christening or from one our many events, email them to finedonchurchmagazine@gmail.com or speak to your churchwardens Colin and Julie. They can be of you, your friends or your ancestors. The photos and stories will form part of a display at our history open day later in the year.

Lent and Easter services

A detailed guide will be available to provide information on all service types and times for Lent and Easter from next week, this will be emailed out via the contact list, paper copies are available for those who require a hard copy.

AGM

The Annual General Parish Meeting will know be held on April 6th at 11am in Church.

Fundraising opportunity The Benefactor Group via 'Movement for good' This provides charities to be nominated by individuals to be entered into various draws that the Benefactor Group run providing grants from £1000 - £5000. The more people who nominate us the more chance we have of winning. A separate guidance sheet is available. See Colin for more information

Floodlight Sponsorship

David and Mary Wilson: To celebrate the 70th birthday of their friend Carole Mitchell on 10th March.

Carole and Paul : In memory of Ronald Walter Smith on the 17th Anniversary of his death on March 10th, 2008.

Carole and Paul Mitchell : In memory of Alice Elizabeth Smith on the 10th anniversary of her death on March 16th, 2015.

Pop Up Shop

Mother's Day and Easter cads available by donations. Cute knitted hens with Cadbury Cream Eggs, £2,00 (thanks to Julia). Beautifully made bag for raffle, £1.00 a square.

Lighting in Church.

If you have been in church, you will have noticed the wonderful new lights. Many thanks to all those who donated to this cause, we were able to cover the cost of the new chandeliers as well as the cost of installation through everyone's generosity. May need sunglasses.

Open Church Stewards

During Holy Week, we are opening the church between 10am – 2pm, a few slots are left if you would like to volunteer for a couple of hours, refreshments will be available for stewards and any visitors, see Churchwardens or the notice on the notice board.

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Collect:- Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Old Testament:- A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses spoke to the people, saying: Deuteronomy. When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 1 So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. 1 Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm :- Response to Psalm 91:- Be with me, O Lord, in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, abides under the shadow of the Almighty. He shall say to the Lord, 'You are my refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust.'

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Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation, There shall no evil happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

R

For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. They shall bear you in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

R

You shall tread upon the lion and adder; you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet. Because

he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name.

R

He shall call upon me and I will answer him; I am with him in trouble, I will rescue him and bring him to honour. 16 With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

R

.New testament A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

What does scripture say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you," and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Post Communion Prayer:- Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen