

Sunday, 16th March, 2025, Lent 2



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Sunday Link

Connecting a community

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Services this week:

Sunday March 16th at 9:30am Church
Tuesday March 18th at 11am in Church

Hymn Board

Procession: 6 New every morning
Gradual: 582 Take up they Cross, the Saviour said.
Office: 470 sheet
Communion: Plainsong
Anthem: Turn thy face from my sins
Recessional: 627 Ye servants if God

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, and Tracey Hawkes.

For the recently departed: - Ivan Titmus

Those whose years Mind occurs at this time:- Alice Elizabeth Smith, Muriel Dorothy Carroll

Notices

A warm welcome to Fr Stan who will be taking todays service. Next weeks service will be taken by Revd Haydon Spenceley, for accessibility reasons communion will be taken at the low alter.

The Prayer Course

Throughout lent we are looking at The Prayer Course (<https://prayercourse.org/home/>) in groups meeting on Tuesday from 2pm or Thursday from 7pm at the Vicarage - do join us.

Father Peter

A very happy special birthday to Father Peter on his 90th March 11th from us all. Fr Peter invites you to celebrate with cake and wine or coffee at the end of today's service.

Floodlight Sponsorship

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

Summer Fete and Crowning the May Queen. Saturday 17th May in the Churchyard. Volunteers needed please speak to a Churchwarden, Jane, Christine Chapman or Events Group member. Volunteers wanted to make cakes for Church Fete, donations for a plant stall, someone for a Children Stall.

Call for all former May Queens and May King for a Photo shoot on May 17th at midday.

Beer and Hymns Sat 14th June

Part of the History Weekend

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

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.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Parish Meeting will now 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

Offers to make cakes for Christian Aid Coffee morning held at the Chapel Saturday May 10th

Volunteers See Julie or Jane
Pop Up Shop

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

WANTED

The Family Fun Day team are looking for donation of Traditional LEGO. So if you have or know anyone who may wish to pass on and donate to the Family Fun Day then please contact churchwarden Julie.

What is coming up

Family funday next Sunday, 23rd March

in the mission room 2-4pm'

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:- Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, Genesis for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm :- Response to Psalm 27 The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid? When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

R

Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid; And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

R

One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

R

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

R

Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me; Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

R

Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me. You speak in my heart and say, 'Seek my face.' Your face, Lord, will I seek. Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

R

You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

R

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

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved

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Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

Post Communion Prayer:- Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may

happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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