

Notices

As we are now in **Lent**, please take some time to consider how this time of contemplation and prayer can deepen your relationship with God. Lent is the perfect time to try something new, to challenge yourself to learn more about God and to take time to experience familiar stories in different ways. Perhaps you've never attended any of the extra services during this special time. Why not think about coming along on Ash Wednesday or to the Holy Week services? Maybe you're unsure where to start and how to use this time of reflection. Then maybe joining a **Lent Group** and journeying alongside others to learn more about God would be helpful. This year we will be running 2 Lent groups in church: Wednesday morning at 10.30, beginning on the 21st February we shall be following on from the Advent course 'A cry from the manger' to 'The Cry from the Cross'. Taking time to reflect on the readings as we accompany Jesus to the cross. Thursday evening at 7pm, beginning on the 22nd February will follow a course written by Sherine, this is a more structured course and called 'Journeying Through Lent'. Both courses are suitable for those who have done many courses before, or those wanting to try something new. They are not dependent on knowledge or knowing the 'right' answers, but a time to explore together. If you are not able to attend every week, then the session can be done at home.

Planning has begun for this year's **Flower Festival and Festivities** weekend, which will take place from 24th – 27th May. Christine Penney will be organising the Flower Festival part of the event and Gill Graper will be coordinating a range of other events, activities and fund raising ideas. There will be plenty of opportunities for everyone to contribute to this major festival in the church's calendar. Over the following weeks there will be further information about what is being organised, but please speak to Christine or Gill if you have any questions or ideas to offer.

Please note: This church has a hearing loop installed.
Please place any donations to the church in plate on the way into church.

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All Saints Church, Holbeach 18th February 2024 Lent 1



We are an inspiring and inclusive place of worship at the heart of the community. We hope and pray that you will find this place a blessing to you, a place of worship, a place to encounter God, a place of community and above all, a place of welcome.

Gluten free wafers available on request.

Do join us for refreshments after the 10.30 service.

Today

10.30 am Holy Communion

Leader & Preacher: Rev'd Sherine Angus

Hymns 190 Forty Days and Forty Nights
574 Purify My Heart
483 O For A Closer Walk With God
How Deep The Fathers Love
622 Sweet Sacrament Divine
379 Lead Us Heavenly Father

6.30 pm Evensong

Leader & Preacher: Rev'd Sherine Angus

Psalm 119 v.17-32
Hymns 190 Forty Days and Forty Nights
Give Ear Unto Me - Marcello
428 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
43 As Now The Suns Declining Rays

For your Prayers

Sick Ruth, Raymond & Anastasia Winter, Michael Bland, Matti Corrado, Sarah Abiss, Julie, Val Arnold, Roger Qusted, Betty Goodman, Harry Pollard, Rosemary Carter, Martine de Carnys, Ann Onyett, Margaret Gardner

RIP

In Memorium William Parker

The week ahead

Weds 21st - 9.30 am - Holy Communion
Thurs 22nd - 2.00 pm - Bell Ringing Practice

Services for 25th February – Lent 2

10.30 am Holy Communion
18.30 pm Evensong

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Genesis 9.8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

PSALM 25.1-9

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
2 O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.
3 Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
4 Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.
5 Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.
6 Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,

for your goodness' sake, O Lord!
8 Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
9 He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 3.18-end

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

GOSPEL Mark 1.9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

POST COMMUNION

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.