

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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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 54 At The Name of Jesus

70 Be Thou My Vision

572 Praise To The Holiest

Lamb of God—Webbe

342 Jesu Grant Me This, I Pray

332 I, The Lord of Sea And Sky

6.30 pm Evensong

Leader & Preacher: Rev'd Sherine Angus

Psalm 135.1-14

Hymns 409 Lord For The Years

Turn Thy Face From My Sins - Attwood

752 Will You Come And Follow Me

413 Lord Of All Hopefulness

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,

RIP Margaret Gardner

In Memorium Hilda Penney, Philip Hardy, Edith Bass

The week ahead

Weds 28th - 9.30 am - Holy Communion

Thurs 29th - 2.00 pm - Bell Ringing Practice

Services for 3rd March – Lent 3

10.30 am Holy Communion

18.30 pm Evensong

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

PSALM 22.23-end

- ²³ You who fear the Lord, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
²⁴ For he did not despise or abhor
the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me,
but heard when I cried to him
²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.
May your hearts live for ever!
²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord;
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.
²⁸ For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.
²⁹ To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow
down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.
³⁰ Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord,
³¹ and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.

SECOND READING Romans 4.13-end

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

GOSPEL Mark 8.31-end

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

POST COMMUNION

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.