

The United Benefice of Henley-on-Thames with Remenham

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

Registered Charity

November 18th 2018

The Second Sunday before Advent

Welcome to this ancient Parish Church. If you are a visitor or a new member of the congregation, you will find the order of service in the booklets. The hymns are not announced - they can be found on this sheet. The crèche is available throughout the service for toddlers and parents; Junior Church also takes place in the Chantry House after the Gospel reading. Tea & coffee are served in the Chantry House after the service: please join us and make yourself known.

Entrance Hymn: **466** Thou whose almighty word

The Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

The Resurrection of the Dead

At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

The Responsorial Psalm Psalm 16

The psalmist rejoices in his confidence in God and his compassion and goodness.

R/ Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;

it is you yourself who are my prize.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:

since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R/**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;

even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,

nor let your beloved know decay. **R/**

O Lord, you will show me

the path of life,

the fullness of joy in your presence,

at your right hand happiness for ever. **R/**

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

V/ Stay awake, praying at all times

for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of man.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Gospel Reading: Mark 13:1-8

The Destruction of the Temple Foretold

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Offertory Hymn: 295 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

The Anthem: O for a Closer Walk with God, *Stanford*

O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the lamb!

Return, O holy dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the lamb.

The Final Hymn: 286 From glory to glory advancing

The Organ Voluntary: *Piece Heroique, Franck*

Today's Sung Eucharist:

Sidesmen	Jim Hurst and Rebecca Hindle
Lesson	Kathryn Turner
Intercessions	Terry Grouk
Servers	Sheila Croton and Louis Bell
Acolytes	Peter Fernandez and Sue Hockley
Chalice	Jim Hurst and Gill Aitchison
Coffee	Sarah Bell and Jacqui Pritchard

Please replace the kneelers on your pew before leaving. Thanks!

Today 6.00pm Choral Evensong (SM)

This Week

Mon 19	S Hilda	
Tues 20	S Edmund	
Wed 21	Feria	Mothers Union 2.30pm (CH)
Thurs 22	Feria	Eucharist (CW Trd) 10am (SM) Choir Practice 7.15pm (SM)
		St Nicholas PCC 8.00pm (CH)
Fri 23	Clement, Bishop of Rome	Praying Together 9.30am (CH)
		Funeral of Melvyn Williams 1.45pm (SM)
Sat 24	Feria	Baptism 11.30 (SN)

Morning Prayer will be said at 9am and Evening Prayer usually at 5pm at St Mary's on weekdays

Sunday 25 November ~ Christ The King

8.00am Eucharist (SM) 9.30am Sung Eucharist (SM)
11.15am Holy Communion with Hymns (BCP) (SN)

***Please pray for
The Church:***

*Bermuda (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury)
The Rt Revd Nicholas Dill*

Our Bishops:

*Bishop Andrew confirming at Wellington College and Reading Minster
Bishop Colin confirming at Radley College*

Those to be baptized this week: *Alba Sly*

The sick: *Christopher, Nicola, Travis, Neil, Helen Lucas, Ruth, Christopher, Andrew, Freddie, Kate, Jean, Ray, Kamini, Liz, Maria, Alexa, John Ogden, Jennifer, Stella*

The departed: *Joan Kuipers, Melvyn Williams, Janet Salvage*

Those whose year's minds falls this week: *Dorothy Moring (18), Doris Christmas (22), John Ratings, priest, John Coleman (24)*

Notices for the week beginning 18 November

Fr Jeremy will be at a training course all day on Friday 23 November, so there will be no 12noon Eucharist.

Saturday 1 December is Gift Day. Fr Jeremy will sit near the door of the church from 10am to 5pm, with a stack of gift aid envelopes and standing order forms, giving people the chance to make one-off donations or to move onto giving by standing order. It will also be an opportunity to have a conversation with Fr Jeremy, which isn't always easy on Sunday morning because of time pressures. Any donation is welcome, no matter how small. Fuller information will be provided in the December parish magazine.

This years' Advent Bible Study will begin on Friday 30 November at 10.15, meeting in the Chantry House, and continuing on Fridays 7, 14 and 21 December. These sessions will give us an opportunity to get to know Luke's gospel in more depth, with a particular focus on the gospels for the Sundays of Advent. All are welcome.

There will be a fun morning of Christmas activities with the telling of the Nativity story for children on Saturday 1 December from 10am to 12.30pm in the Chantry House. Please call the parish office if you would like to come.

The prayer list of the sick is to be refreshed. Please contact the parish office if you would like those you have asked to be prayed for to still be included, thank you.

The Henley Food Bank Box can be found by the crèche. Please bring donations on Sunday mornings - toiletry items, tinned veg, tinned fruit, savoury biscuits, tinned meat, long lasting milk, cereal, crisps, biscuits, squash, pasta sauce.

***Parish Office ~ Mon, Tues 9.30am-12.30pm : Wed, Fri, 9.30am-4.30pm
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Saturday is the Rector's day off and Friday is his study day.

Fr Jeremy would appreciate being spared calls on these days except in an emergency.