

The United Benefice of Henley-on-Thames with Remenham
THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN
Registered Charity

The Second Sunday before Lent
February 24th 2019

*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. Tea & coffee are served in the Chantry House after the service: please join us and make yourself known.
We welcome Fr John Croton to St Mary's this morning while Fr Jeremy is away.*

Entrance Hymn: 394 Let all the world in every corner sing

The Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-end

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

The Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 65

R/ Happy are they whom you choose to dwell in your courts.

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;
to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.
To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins;
when our misdeeds prevail against us,
you will purge them away.

R/

Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there.
We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house,
even of your holy temple.

R/

With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness,
 O God of our salvation,
 O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.
 In your strength you set fast the mountains
 and are girded about with might. **R/**

You still the raging of the seas, the roaring of their waves
 and the clamour of the peoples.
 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
 tremble at your marvels;
 the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise. **R/**

You visit the earth and water it;
 you make it very plenteous.
 The river of God is full of water;
 you prepare grain for your people,
 for so you provide for the earth. **R/**

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
 you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.
 You crown the year with your goodness,
 and your paths overflow with plenty. **R/**

May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness
 and the hills be girded with joy.
 May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep
 and the valleys stand so thick with corn
 that they shall laugh and sing. **R/**

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
 V/ The word of the Lord endures for ever.
 The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Gospel Reading: Luke 8:22-25

Jesus Calms a Storm

One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Offertory Hymn: 456 Teach me, my God and King

The Final Hymn: 391 King of glory, King of peace

The Organ Voluntary: Aria *Flor Peeters*

Today's Sung Eucharist:

Sidesmen	Clive and Inez Hemsley
Lesson	Dave Croton
Intercessions	David Dew
Servers	Sheila Croton and Peter Fernandez
Acolytes	Louis Bell and Sue Hockley
Chalice	Gill Aitchison and Sue Hockley
Coffee	Pam Cole and Pauline Lester

Please replace the kneelers on your pew before leaving. Thank you!

Today 12.45pm Baptism (SM)

This Week

Mon 25

Tues 26

Wed 27

Thurs 28

Fri 1 S David

George Herbert

Eucharist (CW Trd) 10am (SM) Choir Practice 7.15pm (CH)

Praying Together 9.30am (CH) Bible Study 10.15am (CH)

Eucharist 12noon (SM)

World Day of Prayer Service 1.30pm (Christ Church Reading Rd)

Lent Reading Group 8.00pm (CH)

Sat 2

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

Sunday March 3 ~ The Sunday next before Lent

8.00am Eucharist (SM)

8.35am Parish Breakfast (CH)

9.30am Sung Eucharist, Junior Church & Creche (SM)

11.15am Sung Matins (SN)

12.15pm Baptism (SN)

6pm-7.30pm Youth Club (CH)

Please pray for

The Church: *The Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America*
The Rt Revd Julio Murray Thompson - Primate of IARCA & Bishop of Panama

Our Bishops: *Bishop Colin confirming at St Mary's, Banbury;*
Bishop Andrew confirming at Finchampstead

The sick: *Nicola, Neil, Helen, Stella, Maria, Jennifer, Henry, Barbara, Colin*

The departed: *Donna Berenger, John Ogden, Vera Collins*

Those whose year's minds falls this week: *Adeline Sharp, Elizabeth Martin (24), Mary Ann Coleman, Michael Hamer (25), Elizabeth Griffin (27), Rose Beckenbach (1), David Wilson, Dusty Springfield, Phyllis Evis (2)*

Those to be baptised today: *Ivy May Di Rosa*

Notices for the week beginning 24 February

John Ogden's funeral is to be held on Wednesday 27 February at 2.15pm at the Caversham Heights Methodist Church.

This year's World Day of Prayer service will take place at Christ Church Reading Road on Friday March 1 at 1.30pm.

Fr Jeremy will be leading a Lent Reading Group starting on Friday 1 March at 8pm in the Chantry House. Our Lent Book: *The Catholic Jesus: Knowing Christ through the Church he founded*, by the Revd Dr Thomas Plant. "Mary gave birth to a boy, not a book. Jesus never wrote a word, because he was God's Word. It is only through the Church which Jesus founded that God breathed the words of the Bible, and so it is only through the Church that we can really come to learn who Jesus is." A priest in the Church of England and a doctor of Cambridge University, Fr Thomas Plant summarises the recent work of respected biblical scholars in a short and readable form, to help Catholic Christians understand and defend the authentic tradition of Jesus which the Church has faithfully guarded and proclaimed through the centuries. If anyone has trouble tracking down a copy, please let Fr Jeremy know and he will place an order for you.

Fr Jeremy will be leading a parish pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, from Tuesday 27 to Friday 30 August. It will include an optional day visit to the Shrine of Julian of Norwich, which, as one would expect, is in Norwich, just over an hour's drive from Walsingham. Further information will follow, but as space will be limited Fr Jeremy would welcome early expressions of interest in joining the pilgrimage.

2019 sees the preparation of a new church electoral roll. This takes place once in every six years. All who wish to have their names entered on the new roll, whether their names are entered on the present roll or not, are requested to apply for enrolment. Application forms can be found at the back of church, to be completed and returned to the parish office please.

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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Fr Jeremy is always happy to talk to parishioners about any subject, please call the parish office to make an appointment. Saturday is his day off and Friday is his study day.

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