

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

The Third Sunday before Lent  
February 17th 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.*

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**Mass:** Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo *Joseph Haydn*

**Entrance Hymn:** 360 Firmly I believe and truly

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**The First Reading:** Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

**The Second Reading:**

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ - whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

**The Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 1

**R/ For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous.**

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.  
Their delight is in the law of the Lord  
and they meditate on his law day and night. **R/**

Like a tree planted by streams of water  
bearing fruit in due season,  
with leaves that do not wither,  
whatever they do, it shall prosper.  
As for the wicked, it is not so with them;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away. **R/**

Therefore the wicked shall not be able  
to stand in the judgement,  
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.  
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall perish. **R/**

**The Gospel Reading:** Luke 6:17-26

Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

**THE LITURGY OF INITIATION**

**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**The Offertory Hymn:**       **137**   Come down, O Love divine

**The Communion Hymn:**   **305**   Soul of my Saviour

**The Anthem:** Listen sweet dove *Grayston Ives*

Listen sweet dove unto my song  
and spread thy golden wings in me;  
hatching my tender heart so long  
till it get wing and flie away with thee.

Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow  
that the earth did like a heaven appear,  
the starres were coming down to know  
if they might mend their wages and serve here.

The sunne which once did shine alone,  
hung down his head and wisht for night  
when he beheld twelve sunnes for one  
going about the world and giving light.

Lord though we change thou art the same,  
the same sweet God of love and light;  
restore this day for thy great name,  
unto his ancient and miraculous right.

**The Final Hymn:**       **436**   Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

**The Organ Voluntary:** Praeludium in C BuxWV 137 *Dieterich Buxtehude*

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**Today's Sung Eucharist:**

Sidesmen	Michael Christmas and Dorothy Marshall
Lessons	Rosemary Duckett and Richard Fletcher
Intercessions	Alicia Taylor-Sabine, Brian Pritchard and James Herring-McEwen
Servers	Sheila Croton and Norman Topsom
Acolytes	Sue Hockley and Tania Tindall
Chalice	Carol Brook-Partridge and Glen Palethorpe
Coffee	Sheila and George Constantinidi

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

**Today**

4.30pm Choral Evensong (SM)

**This Week**

Mon 18           Bach to Baby 10.30am (SM)  
Tues 19  
Wed 20           Mothers Union 2.30pm (CH) Aliquando Choir Practice 7.15pm (CH)  
Thurs 21         Eucharist (CW Trd) 10.00am (SM) Funeral of Donna Berenger 1.30pm (SM)  
Fri 22           Praying Together 9.30am (CH)  
Sat 23

**Sunday February 24 ~ The Second Sunday before Lent**

8.00am Eucharist (SM) 10.30am Sung Eucharist (SM)  
11.15am Holy Communion with Hymns (SN) 12.45pm Baptism (SM)

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

*The Church of the Province of Central Africa  
The Most Revd Albert Chama - Archbishop of Central Africa & Bishop of Northern Zambia  
Bishop Colin confirming at St Mary's*

***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: Timothy Aspden (17)***

***Those to be baptised today: Sefton Cooper***

***Those to be baptised and confirmed today:***

*James Thomas Herring-McEwen, Jason Paul Cuthbert*

***Those to be confirmed today:***

*Alicia Taylor-Sabine, Brian John Pritchard, Blanche May Tayler*

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**Notices for the week beginning 17 February**

Fr Jeremy will be away this week. Fr John Croton will be celebrating the eucharist on Thursday at 10am and on Sunday 24 February.

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

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.

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

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. s***