

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

The First Sunday of Lent
March 10th 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; Junior Church also takes place in the Chantry House. Tea & coffee are served in the Chantry House after the service: please join us and make yourself known.

Mass: St Anne's Mass *James MacMillan*

Entrance Hymn: **507** The Lent Prose

The Opening Prayer:

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 *First Fruits and Tithes*

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

The Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

But what does it say?

'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart'
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 91:1-10

R/ You are my God in whom I trust

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,
shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold,
my God, in whom I put my trust.' **R/**

For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.
He shall cover you with his wings
and you shall be safe under his feathers;
his faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler. **R/**

You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,
nor of the arrow that flies by day;
of the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday. **R/**

Though a thousand fall at your side
and ten thousand at your right hand,
yet it shall not come near you.
Your eyes have only to behold
to see the reward of the wicked. **R/**

Because you have made the Lord your refuge
and the Most High your stronghold,
There shall no evil happen to you,
neither shall any plague come near your tent. **R/**

The Gospel Reading: Luke 4:1-13

The Temptation of Jesus

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written,

"Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'

Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Offertory Hymn: **67** Forty days and forty nights

A Communion Hymn may be sung: 83 Glory be to Jesus

The Anthem: Lord, for thy tender mercies sake *Richard Farrant*

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake lay not our sins to our charge;
but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives;
to decline from sin, and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in an upright heart before thee this day and evermore.

The Final Hymn: **445** Rock of Ages

The Organ Voluntary: Aberystwyth *David Bednall*

Today's Sung Eucharist:

Sidesmen	Pauline Lester and George Constantinidi
Lessons	Sheila Croton and Anthea Redmond
Intercessions	Alan Tang
Servers	Sheila Croton and Peter Fernandez
Acolytes	Sue Hockley and Clare Croton
Chalice	Jim Hurst and Gill Aitchison
Coffee	Joan Edwards and Diana Coleman

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

Today

12.30pm Interment of ashes (SM) 6pm-7.30pm Youth Club (CH)

This Week

Mon 11	
Tues 12	Eucharist 9.30am (SM) Deanery Chapter Meeting 10.00am (CH)
Wed 13	Aliquando Choir Practice 7.15pm (CH)
Thurs 14	Eucharist (CW Trd) 10am (SM) Lent lunchtime service 12noon (Christ Church) Choir Practice 7.15pm (SM)
Fri 15	Praying Together 9.30am (CH) Bible Study 10.15am (CH) Stations of the Cross 11.00am (SM) Eucharist 12noon (SM) <i>Piano tuning 3.30pm (SM)</i> Lent Reading Group 8.00pm (CH)
Sat 16	Tamesis Chamber Choir Concert 7pm (SM)

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

Sunday March 17 ~ The Second Sunday of Lent

8.00am Eucharist (SM)
 9.30am Sung Eucharist, Junior Church & Creche, Traidcraft Stall (SM)
 11.15am Sung Matins (SN) 4.30pm Choral Evensong (SM) 6pm Youth Club (CH)

Please pray for

The Church: *The Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo*
The Most Revd Zacharie Masimango Katanda - Archbishop of the Congo &
Bishop of Kindu

Our Bishops: *Bishop Colin confirming at Bampton*
Bishop Alan confirming at Milton Keynes; Bishop Andrew confirming at Greyfriars

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

The departed: *John Bedford, Nicola Kaye*

Those whose year's minds falls this week:

*Tom Arnison, Annie Daniells (13), Reginald Daniells, Andy Hurst (14), Ursula Valentine (15),
Joyce Whittington (16)*

Notices for the week beginning 10 March

Fr Jeremy is leading a Lent Reading Group on Fridays 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, summarises the recent work of respected biblical scholars 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.

The Lent lunchtime services at Christ Church, Reading Road, will focus on the unique accounts of Christ's Passion in Luke's Gospel. Thursday March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11. Starting at 12 noon, followed by a simple lunch at 12.30pm. All welcome.

If you would like to give a lily in memory of a loved one to decorate St Mary's at Easter, please give your donation (£3) to Blanche Williams or Sheila Constantinidi.

'All the day through', a musical journey from dawn to dusk with Tamesis Chamber Choir, Saturday 16 March at 7pm at St Mary's. Music to wake you up, keep you going throughout the day and then get you ready for bed! There will be interval refreshments and a wonderful selection of choral music to satisfy every taste. Music for the morning by Macmillan, Rutter, Arvo Pärt, Bob Chilcott and the King's Singers, music for lunchtime and the afternoon by Vaughan Williams and the Kinks, and evening music by Eriks Esenvalds, Eric Whitacre and Will Todd. A little something too from Les Misérables to get your toes tapping. Tickets £12 from tamesischamberchoir.co.uk or 0118 934 3200.

Fr Jeremy will be leading a 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, just over an hour's drive from Walsingham. As space will be limited Fr Jeremy would welcome expressions of interest in joining the pilgrimage.

2019 sees the preparation of a new church electoral roll. 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. Forms can be found at the back of church, to be completed and returned to the parish office please.

***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 the his day off and Friday is his study day. Fr Jeremy would appreciate being spared calls on these days except in an emergency.