

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

The Second Sunday of Lent  
March 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; 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.*

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**Mass:** St Anne's Mass *James MacMillan*

**Entrance Hymn:** 76 Take up thy cross

**The Opening Prayer:**

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.

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**The First Reading:** Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates. Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

**The Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 27

**R/ The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then shall I be afraid?**  
 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?  
 The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid? **R/**  
 When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,  
 came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.  
 Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid,  
 and though there rise up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him. **R/**  
 One thing have I asked of the Lord and that alone I seek:  
 that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,  
 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek his will in his temple. **R/**  
 For in the day of trouble he shall hide me in his shelter;  
 in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me  
 and set me high upon a rock. **R/**  
 And now shall he lift up my head above my enemies round about me;  
 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness;  
 I will sing and make music to the Lord. **R/**  
 Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy upon me and answer me.  
 My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.' Your face, Lord, will I seek. **R/**  
 Hide not your face from me, nor cast your servant away in displeasure.  
 You have been my helper; leave me not, neither forsake me,  
 O God of my salvation.  
 Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up. **R/**  
 Teach me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path,  
 because of those who lie in wait for me.  
 Deliver me not into the will of my adversaries,  
 for false witnesses have risen up against me,  
 and those who breathe out violence. **R/**  
 I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.  
 Wait for the Lord; be strong and he shall comfort your heart;  
 wait patiently for the Lord. **R/**

**The Gospel Reading:** Luke 13:31-end

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**The Offertory Hymn:** **70** Lord Jesus, think on me  
*A Communion Hymn may be sung: 278 Christ be with me*

**The Anthem:** Call to remembrance, O Lord *Richard Farrant*  
 Call to remembrance, O Lord,  
 thy tender mercy and thy loving kindness which hath been ever of old.  
 O remember not the sins and offences of my youth,  
 but according to thy mercy think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

**The Final Hymn:** **453** Stand up!- stand up for Jesus!

**The Organ Voluntary:** Schmüke dich, o liebe Seele *J S Bach BWV 654*

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**Today's Sung Eucharist:**

Sidesmen	Dorothy Marshall and Lavinia Southern
Lessons	Athley Cowling and Richard Fletcher
Intercessions	Carol Brook-Partridge
Servers	Sheila Croton and Norman Topsom
Acolytes	Sue Hockley and Tania Tindall
Chalice	Sheila Croton and Sue Hockley
Coffee	Jan Rowland and Sarah Bell

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

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**Today**

4.30pm Choral Evensong (SM)  
6pm-7.30pm Youth Club (CH)

**This Week**

Mon 18	St Mary's Standing Committee 11.00am (Parish Office)
Tues 19 <i>St Joseph of Nazareth</i>	Eucharist 10.00am (SM)
Wed 20	Mothers union 2.30pm (CH)
Thurs 21	Eucharist (CW Trd) 10.00am (SM) Lent lunchtime service 12noon (Christ Church) Choir Practice 7.15pm (SM)
Fri 22	Praying Together 9.30am (CH) Bible Study 10.15am (CH) Stations of the Cross 11.00am (SM) Eucharist 12noon (SM) Lent Reading Group 8.00pm (CH)
Sat 23	

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

**Sunday March 24 ~ The Third Sunday of Lent**

8.00am Eucharist (SM)  
9.30am Sung Eucharist, Junior Church & Creche (SM)  
11.15am Sung Holy Communion (SN)  
6pm Youth Club (CH)

***Please pray for***

***The Church:***

*The Church of England*

*The Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby - Archbishop of Canterbury*

***Our Bishops:***

*Bishop Steven confirming at St Aldates, Oxford*

*Bishop Colin confirming at Radley College*

***The sick:***

*Nicola, Neil, Helen, Stella, Maria, Jennifer, Henry*

***The departed:***

*Alan Pope*

***Those whose year's minds falls this week:***

*Henry Clark, James Hockley (20), Arnold Lewis, Margaret Lax (21),*

*Jean Henderson, Patrick Coleman (22)*

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**Notices for the week beginning 17 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, are focusing on the unique accounts of Christ's Passion in Luke's Gospel. Thursday March 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.

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.***