

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

The Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ Mothering Sunday
March 31st 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: 285 For the beauty of the earth

The Opening Prayer:

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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: Exodus 2:1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

The Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

The Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 34:11-20

R/ O taste and see, O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.

Come, my children, and listen to me;

I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Who is there who delights in life

and longs for days to enjoy good things?

R/

Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.
Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.

R/

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous
and his ears are open to their cry.
The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth. **R/**

The righteous cry and the Lord hears them
and delivers them out of all their troubles.
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and will save those who are crushed in spirit. **R/**

Many are the troubles of the righteous;
from them all will the Lord deliver them.
He keeps all their bones,
so that not one of them is broken. **R/**

The Gospel Reading: Luke 2:33-35

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Offertory Hymn: **185** Sing we of the blessed Mother

A Communion Hymn may be sung: **282** Faithful Shepherd

The Anthem: The Lord bless you and keep you *John Rutter*

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make His face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you,
and give you peace. Amen.

The Final Hymn: **186** Tell out, my soul

The Organ Voluntary: Salut d'amour *Edward Elgar*

Today's Sung Eucharist:

Sidesmen	Michael Christmas and Richard Fletcher
Lessons	Louis Bell and Jill Edwards
Intercessions	Terry Grouk
Servers	Sheila Croton and Norman Topsom
Acolytes	Sue Hockley and Tania Tindall
Chalice	Carol Brook-Partridge and Gill Aitchison
Coffee	Pam Cole and Pauline Lester

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

Today 6pm-7.30pm Youth Club (CH)

Sunday April 7 ~ The Fifth Sunday of Lent

8.00am Eucharist (SM)
8.35am Parish Breakfast (CH)
9.30am Sung Eucharist, Junior Church & Creche (SM)
11.15am Sung Matins (SN) 6pm Youth Club (CH)

This Week

Mon 1
Tues 2
Wed 3 Aliquando Choir Practice 7.15pm (CH)
Thurs 4 Eucharist 10.00am (SM)
Lent lunchtime service 12noon (Christ Church) Choir Practice 7.15pm (SM)
Fri 5 Praying Together 9.30am (CH)
Stations of the Cross 11.00am (SM)
Lent Reading Group 8.00pm (CH)
Sat 6 Children's Easter workshop 10am - 12.30pm (CH)

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

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

*The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean
The Most Revd James Richard Wong Yin Song - Archbishop, Province of Indian Ocean & Bishop of the
Seychelles*

Our Bishops:

Bishop Alan confirming at Stowe School, Buckingham

The sick:

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

Those whose year's minds falls this week:

*Mary Slater (31), Alan Pyburn, priest (2), Anne Turner, William Coleman (4),
Norman Pring (5), Vernon Scott, priest (6)*

Notices for the week beginning 31 March

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.

Children's Easter Workshop: join the Junior Church Team for a morning of fun activities, Bible study and refreshments on Saturday 6 April, 10am – 12.30pm. Children of all ages welcome.

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.

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

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.

All who wish to have their names entered on the new electoral roll, whether they 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 returned to the parish office please.

'Creating a Garden for Chelsea Flower Show' illustrated talk in Remenham Parish Hall on Friday 12 April, 7.30pm for 8.00pm. Tickets £10 to include a complimentary drink. Patricia Thirion and Janet Honour will describe the joys and challenges of exhibiting at Chelsea using mainly their 'Christian before Dior' garden as a typical example to explain what is involved. Please contact Pat Sly on 577925.

***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.***