

The United Benefice of Henley-on-Thames with Remenham

**THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN**

*Registered Charity*

**Sunday 16th February 2020**

**The Second Sunday Before Lent**

*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.*

---

**Entrance Hymn:**                      **377**    Immortal, invisible

**The Opening Prayer**

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever.                      **Amen**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**The First Reading:** Genesis 1:1-2:3

*Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night - and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and

wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

**The Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 136:1-9,23-26

<b>R/</b>	<b>For his mercy endures for ever.</b>	
	Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious,	<b>R/</b>
	Give thanks to the God of gods,	<b>R/</b>
	Give thanks to the Lord of lords,	<b>R/</b>
	Who alone does great wonders,	<b>R/</b>
	Who by wisdom made the heavens,	<b>R/</b>
	Who laid out the earth upon the waters,	<b>R/</b>
	Who made the great lights,	<b>R/</b>
	The sun to rule the day,	<b>R/</b>
	The moon and the stars to govern the night,	<b>R/</b>
	Who remembered us when we were in trouble,	<b>R/</b>
	And delivered us from our enemies,	<b>R/</b>
	Who gives food to all creatures,	<b>R/</b>
	Give thanks to the God of heaven,	<b>R/</b>

**The Gospel Reading:** Matthew 6:25-end

*Do Not Worry*

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**The Offertory Hymn:**       **359**   Fight the good fight  
*During which an offertory collection will be taken*

**The Communion Hymn:**   **457**   The King of love my Shepherd is

**The Choir Anthem:**       Thou knowest Lord the secrets of our hearts *Henry*

**The Final Hymn:**         **333**   All my hope on God is founded

**The Organ Voluntary**     Paeon *Herbert Howells*

\*\*\*\*\*

**Today's Sung Eucharist:**

Sidesmen	Michael Christmas and Dorothy Marshall
Lesson	Norman Pope
Intercessions	Sue Hockley
Servers	Sheila Croton and Norman Topsom
Acolytes	Sue Hockley and Clare Croton
Chalice	Carol Brook-Partridge and Sheila Croton
Coffee	Sarah Bell and Jacqui Pritchard

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

\*\*\*\*\*

**Today** 12.45pm Baptism (SM) 4.30pm Choral Evensong (SM)

**This Week**

Mon 17	Bach to Baby 10.30am (SM)
Tues 18	
Wed 19	Aliquando Choir Practice 7.15pm (CH)
Thurs 20	Eucharist 10am (SM)
Fri 21	Praying Together 9.30am (CH)
Sat 22	

*Morning Prayer will be said at 9am and Evening Prayer usually at 5pm at St Mary's on weekdays  
Please note that because of the failure of our boiler most weekday services at St Mary's will be held in  
the Chantry House until the Spring.*

**Sunday 23rd February ~ The Sunday next before Lent**

8.00am Eucharist (SM) 9.30am Sung Eucharist, Junior Church and Creche (SM)  
11.15am Holy Communion with Hymns (BCP) (SN)

\*\*\*\*\*

***Please pray for  
The church:***

*Church of the Province of Central Africa (Botswana, Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe)  
Archbishop Albert Chama, the Bishop of Northern Zambia and Primate  
The Diocesan Safeguarding team, for continued integrity, wisdom and resilience.*

***The sick:***

*Nicola, Neil, Helen, Stella, Maria, Richard, Duncan, Robert, Caroline, Teresa*

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

*Ena Hastie (16), Timothy Aspden (17)*

***Those to be baptized today:***

*George Davies*

\*\*\*\*\*

### **Notices for the week beginning 16th February**

Fr Jeremy is on holiday this week. Canon Brian Shenton will celebrate the eucharist on Thursday at 10am at St Mary's and take the services at St Mary's and St Nicholas next Sunday.

Ash Wednesday is on February 26th and there will be two United Benefice services at St Mary's; Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes (BCP) at 10am and Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes 8pm.

The Benefice Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Monday 24th

August to Thursday 27th August. Please let Fr Jeremy know if you are interested in attending.

Julie Jones, Diocese Generous Giving Advisor will be coming to talk to the PCC and all members of the congregation regarding the Parish Giving Scheme on Tuesday 25th February in the Chantry House.

There will be a said Eucharist prior to this meeting.

Bishop Colin will be Confirming at St Mary's on Tuesday 8th September at 6pm. This will be his last official visit to the benefice as Bishop of

Dorchester.

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***

***tel: 577340 email: office.hwr@btinternet.com rector.hwr@btinternet.com***

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