

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

Sunday 9th February 2020
The Third 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: **232** Awake, my soul, and with the sun

The Opening Prayer

Almighty God who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practised righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgements,
they delight to draw near to God.

'Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?'

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day,
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,

and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

The Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 112: 1-9

R / Blessed are those who fear the Lord.
Alleluia, Blessed are those who fear the Lord
and have great delight in his commandments.
Their descendants will be mighty in the land,
a generation of the faithful that will be blest. **R/**

Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness endures for ever.
Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
gracious and full of compassion are the righteous. **R/**

It goes well with those who are generous in lending
and order their affairs with justice,
for they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance. **R/**

They will not be afraid of any evil tidings;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.
Their heart is sustained and will not fear,
until they see the downfall of their foes. **R/**

They have given freely to the poor;
their righteousness stands fast for ever;
their head will be exalted with honour. **R/**

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus said to the crowds, 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

'Do not think I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'

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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Offertory Hymn: **433** O worship the King
During which an offertory collection will be taken

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

The Choir Anthem: Teach me, O Lord *Thomas Attwood*

The Final Hymn: **235** Forth in thy name

The Organ Voluntary *Adagio Frederick Bridge*

Today's Sung Eucharist:

Sidesmen	Athley Cowling and Lavinia Southern
Lessons	Louis Bell
Intercessions	Terry Grouk
Servers	Sheila Croton, Louis Bell,
Acolytes	Clare Croton and Peter Fernandez
Chalice	Sheila Croton and Gill Aitchison
Coffee	Pauline Lester and Jan Rowland

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

This Week

Mon 10	
Tues 11	
Wed 12	Babies and Toddlers Session 10.00am BATS Eucharist 11.00am (SM)
Thurs 13	Eucharist 10.00am (SM) Memorial Service for Julia Barry 2.30pm (SM) Choir Practice: Juniors 6.00pm Seniors 8.00pm
Fri 14	Praying Together 9.30am (CH) Inspired to Follow 10.15am (CH) Eucharist 12noon (SM)
Sat 15	Gift Day

*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 16th February ~ The Second Sunday before Lent

8.00am Eucharist (SM) 9.30am Sung Eucharist, Junior Church and Creche (SM)
11.15am |Sung Matins (BCP) (SN) 4.30pm Choral Evensong (SM)

Please pray for

The church:

The Anglican Church of Canada

The Most Revd Linda Nicholls - Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada

Bishop Alan confirming at Wycombe Abbey School

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

The departed: *Julia Barry*

Those whose year's minds falls this week:

Betsy Griffiths, Sidney Lumley (9), Rene Orton (11), Vera Collins (14), Willie Heath, Muriel Pritchard, May Fletcher (15)

Notices for the week beginning 9th February

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. The third Inspired to Follow of this term will take place in the Chantry House on Friday 14th February at 10.15am and repeated at 8pm. Fr Jeremy will be holding another Gift Day in St Mary's on Saturday 15th February from 9am to 5pm. Please feel free to pop in and have a chat and make a donation. All contributions this year will be in aid of the choir fund. 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
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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 Monday morning. Friday is
his study day. Fr Jeremy would
appreciate being spared calls on these days except in an emergency.***

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