

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

Sunday 23rd February 2020
The Sunday next 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:

234 (tune 2) Christ, whose glory fills the skies

The Opening Prayer

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; 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: Exodus 24:12-end

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 2

R/ Happy are all who take their refuge in him.

Why are the nations in tumult,
and why do the peoples devise a vain plot?
The kings of the earth rise up, and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord and against his anointed:
'Let us break their bonds asunder
and cast away their cords from us.'

R/

He who dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn;
the Lord shall have them in derision.
Then shall he speak to them in his wrath
and terrify them in his fury:
'Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.'

R/

I will proclaim the decree of the Lord;
he said to me: 'You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.
'Ask of me and I will give you the nations for your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
'You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'

R/

Now therefore be wise, O kings;
be prudent, you judges of the earth.
Serve the Lord with fear, and with trembling kiss his feet,
lest he be angry and you perish from the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Happy are all they who take refuge in him. **R/**

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

The Transfiguration

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Offertory Hymn: **178** 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
During which an offertory collection will be taken

The Communion Hymn: **308** Thee we adore

The Final Hymn: **440** Praise to the Lord

The Organ Voluntary Elegiac romance *John Ireland*

Today's Sung Eucharist:

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| Sidesmen | Clive and Inez Hemsley |
| Lesson | Athley Cowling |
| Intercessions | Alan Tang |
| Servers | Sheila Croton, Joe Croton and Sue Hockley |
| Chalice | Jim Hurst and Sue Hockley |
| Coffee | Sheila and George Constantinidi |

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

This Week

Mon 24
Tues 25 Said Eucharist 7.30pm (CH) Parish Giving Scheme Talk 8.00pm (CH)
Ash Wednesday Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes 10.00am (CH)
Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes 8.00pm (SM)
Thurs 27 Eucharist 10am (SM) Choir Practice: Juniors 6.00pm Seniors 8.00pm
Fri 28 Praying Together 9.30am (CH) Inspired to follow 10.15am (CH)
Eucharist 12noon (CH) Inspired to follow 8.00pm (CH)

Sat 29

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 1st March ~ The First Sunday of Lent

8.00am Eucharist (SM)
8.35am Parish Breakfast (CH)
9.30am Sung Eucharist, Junior Church and Creche (SM)
11.15am Sung Matins (BCP) (SN)

Please pray for

The church:

*The Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America
The Right Revd Julio Murray Thompson - Primate of IARCA & Bishop of Panama
Bishop Tom Wright confirming at Oriel College, Oxford*

The sick:

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

Those whose year's minds falls this week:

*Adeline Sharp, Elizabeth Martin (24), Mary Ann Coleman, Michael Hamer (25),
Elizabeth Griffin (27)*

Notices for the week beginning 23rd February

Fr Jeremy is on holiday today and we welcome Canon Brian Shenton to St Mary's and St Nicholas. 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. 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.

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.

Inspired to Follow, looking at the Bible with the help of great paintings continues on Friday 28th February at 10.15am, repeated at 8pm, in the Chantry House. The study continues on 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th March.

The Julian Group will meet on Tuesday March 3, 7.45pm for 8pm at Forge Cottage, Hart Street. All welcome. There will be no meeting in April.

On Friday 6 March people will gather to celebrate the World Day of Prayer service prepared by the women of Zimbabwe. The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 170 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world, through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas, before finishing in American Samoa more than 36 hours later. The service in Henley will take place at Holy Trinity Church at 1.30pm. All are welcome. For further information visit wwdp.org.uk

There will be the usual Churches Together in Henley Lent services held in Christ Church on Thursdays: March 5, 12, 19, and 26, and April 2 from 12noon to 12.30pm, followed by a simple lunch. The theme will be Matthew's account of the Passion and Crucifixion.

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.

St Mary's Church, Wargrave is looking to appoint two part time workers to help with Administration and Communication. To find out more visit their website www.wargravechurch.org.uk then look up Help Needed under About Us.

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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.