

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

Sunday 1st March 2020
The First Sunday of 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.

Mass St Anne's Mass *James MacMillan*

Entrance Hymn: **507** Lent Prose

The Opening Prayer

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

The First Sin and Its Punishment

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Adam and Christ

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Psalm: Psalm 32 *Sung by the Choir*

Blessed is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven: and whose sin is covered.
Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin: and in whose spirit there is no guile.
For while I held my tongue: my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.
For thy hand is heavy upon me day and night: and my moisture is like the drought in summer.
I will acknowledge my sin unto thee: and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.
I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord: and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.
For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee, in a time when thou mayest be found: but in the great water-floods they shall not come nigh him.
Thou art a place to hide me in, thou shalt preserve me from trouble: thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.
I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go: and I will guide thee with mine eye.
Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding: whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, lest they fall upon thee.
Great plagues remain for the ungodly: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.
Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord: and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

The Temptation of Jesus

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, He will command his angels concerning you', and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Offertory Hymn: **67** Forty days and forty nights
During which an offertory collection will be taken

The Communion Hymn: **83** Glory be to Jesus

Choir Anthem: Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake *Richard Farrant*

The Final Hymn: **445** Rock of ages

The Organ Voluntary Psalm prelude Set 1, No.1 *Herbert Howells*

Today's Sung Eucharist:

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| Sidesmen | Pauline Lester and George Constantinidi |
| Lessons | Carol Brook-Partridge and Athley Cowling |
| Intercessions | Joan Edwards |
| Servers | Sheila Croton, Norman Topsom and Clare Croton |
| Chalice | Sheila Croton and Sue Hockley |
| Coffee | Jenny Lloyd and Lavinia Southern |

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

This Week

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| Mon 2 | St Mary's PCC Meeting 8pm (CH) |
| Tues 3 | St Mary's Standing Committee Meeting 12noon (Parish Office) Julian Group 7.45pm for 8pm (Forge Cottage, Hart Street) |
| Wed 4 | Babies and Toddlers Session 10.00am (CH) Chiltern Arts Festival: Trio HLK and Dame Evelyn Glennie 7.30pm (SM) |
| Thurs 5 | Eucharist 10am (SM) Choir Practice: Juniors 6.00pm Seniors 8.00pm |
| Fri 6 | Praying Together 9.30am (CH) Inspired to follow 10.15am & 8.00pm (CH) Eucharist 12noon (CH) |
| Sat 7 | Memorial Service for Tim Price 2.00pm (SM) |

*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 8th March ~ The Second Sunday of 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: *The Iglesia Anglicana de Chile*

The Most Revd Héctor (Tito) Zavala Muñoz - Bishop of Santiago & Primate

The sick:

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

The departed: *David Evans*

Those whose year's minds falls this week: *Rose Beckenbach (1),
Dusty Springfield, Phyllis Evis, David Wilson (2), Robert Butler (4), Anne Edwards (7)*

Notices for the week beginning 1st March

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

The Julian Group will meet on Tuesday March 3rd, 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.

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.

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.

***Parish Office ~ Mon, Tues 9.30am-12.30pm : Wed, Fri, 9.30am-4.30pm
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