

Sunday 16th February 2025

Third before Lent

8.00 a.m. BCP Communion

10.00 a.m. Morning Worship

4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church

Collect for Today

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Service Readings

Jeremiah 17:5-10 (*p.730*), 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 (*p.173*) and Luke 6:17-26 (*p.61*)

Please pray for

... Carole Bookham, Anne Bradbeer, Andrea Fairbairn, Yvonne Jesson, Mark Knott, Llew Parry (Alison's Dad), June Simmonds (Lara's Mum) and Roger Young.

... the family and friends of Arthur Harris and Rosalind Gardner whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... those who live and work in Thorn Bank and Vicarage Gate.

... the Koens family in Papua New Guinea supporting the work of Bible translation through vehicle maintenance, teaching, missionary care.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Financial Giving

We take a collection during our services. If you don't give regularly by standing order or the envelope scheme, please put your donation in the bag, tap the card reader on your way out, or use the QR code on the back of this news-sheet. Thank you.

Dear Friends

Very many thanks for the kind invitation to join you at All Saints this morning: I am very much looking forward to it!

The focus of the sermon will be the tricky passage of the Sermon on the Plain, as it is known in Luke's gospel. Without giving away too many spoilers, I think the focus will be on how the Lord is not looking for superstars in his church, but people like us who know their need of his help.

I'm delighted to say I will have two friends with me, Steph and Andy (this last you know well!) who will say something about their experience of training as leaders in various ways for God's church.

Thank you for having me, and I very much look forward to meeting you on Sunday morning.

John Valentine

Mission Focus for February: A Rocha 'Caring for God's Earth'. Arocha.org.uk

A Rocha UK works to protect and restore the natural world, and is committed to equipping Christians and churches in the UK to care for the environment. A Rocha UK is part of a network of Christian organisations present in over 20 countries. A Rocha UK is best known for running the "Eco Church" scheme and its education work. All Saints' Church (having gained Bronze and Silver Awards) is working towards Gold! In addition, the 'Wild Christian' programme engages individuals regarding what they can do personally to take practical action and enjoy and care for nature. For more information please read the article in February's church magazine

Notices

Welcome to Revd Dr John Valentine who joins us at our 10am service this morning. John is the Dean of Local Ministry Programme at the diocese and will be talking to us about his work.

Men's Wellbeing Social: Tuesday 18th February at Martyn Whiteman's home (6 Scillonian Road). Food and drink provided and donations always welcome. We meet from 7:30pm-10pm. All men over 18 very welcome so please contact Andy Wells if you would like to come along (familywells@mac.com, 07411 985218).

Electoral Roll: Many of you have filled your electoral roll form. If you haven't done so yet, please do – the easiest way is online at https://bit.ly/as_er or pickup a form at the back of church.

Hear Here Clinic: Our hearing clinic is restarting again tomorrow from 2-3pm in the Reading Room. No need to book, just drop in for free hearing aid maintenance, battery changes and advice. The clinic will now be in operation on every third Monday of the month.

Board Games Afternoon: Saturday 22nd February, 2-4pm in church. Back by popular demand, our board games afternoon! There will be games suitable for young and old, plus a play area for the smallest ones. Also, homemade cakes and tea/coffee for sale. Under 18s to be accompanied by an adult. Everyone welcome!

Welcome Tea for Newcomers: On Sunday 23rd February, 2.30-3.30pm, we'll be offering 'Tea at the Vicarage', for anyone who has joined All Saints in recent months. The event will be hosted by the Pastoral Team, and offers an opportunity to meet others who are relatively new to All Saints, to ask questions, and to find out more about what goes on in our church. If you'd like to come, please let Beverly know.

Pancake Party: on Shrove Tuesday 4th March, 5-7pm. We'll be serving pancakes and offering games for the children. If you'd like to cook pancakes, provide toppings or be willing to help with serving or clearing up afterwards, please let Beverly know.

Ash Wednesday Joint Service: 5th March, 8pm at St Mary's Church, Quarry Street. The Venerable Catharine Mabuza, Archdeacon of Surrey will be preaching at this very special service.

Lent Lunch: Why not stay after church on Sunday 9th March to enjoy a soup lunch together? Donations will be taken for the Koens family.

Lent Course 2025: Our Lent course will start on Wednesday 12th March 7.30pm. This year we'll be meeting in person at the Vicarage for 5 Wednesday evenings in a row. We will also be offering the course within the Friday Group (3pm alternative weeks starting on 14th March). We will be studying the Archbishop's Lent Book for 2025, 'Wild Bright Hope'. If you'd like to come, please purchase a copy of the book and let Trish know.

APCM: This year we'll be holding our APCM on Sunday 16th March at 11.15am in church. We're still seeking a new churchwarden and up to five new PCC members. Please let Beverly know if you'd like to serve All Saints by taking on one of these roles.

Carolyn & Peter: We'll be holding a leaving service, followed by tea, at 4pm on Sunday 23rd March. Please put this date in your diary. If you'd like to make cakes for this, please let Trish know.

Diary for the Coming Week

Morning prayer Mon, Tues and Weds 9.15am in the Reading Room and Zoom. Thurs Holy Communion at 9.30am in the Reading Room.

- Mon 17th Pastoral Team Meeting, Vicarage, 10.00am
Hear Here Clinic, 2.00pm-3.00pm, Reading Room
- Tues 18th Men's Wellbeing Social, 7.30pm, 6 Scillonian Road
- Wed 19th Dray Court Service, 2.30pm
Sharing & Learning Group, 7.45pm, 2 Beechcroft Drive
- Thurs 20th Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am
Men's Group "Exploring the Way", 6 Scillonian Road, 7.30pm
Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8.00pm
- Sat 22nd Orchard Volunteer Morning, 10.30am-1.00pm
Board Games Afternoon, Church, 2.00pm-4.00pm
- Sun 23rd *Stewardship Sunday*
Church Family Communion with Children's Church, 10.00am
Welcome Tea for Newcomers, Vicarage, 2.30pm
Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 17th Ps. 44, Ecclesiastes 1, John 17:1-5
- Tues 18th Ps. 48, Ecclesiastes 2, John 17:6-19
- Weds 19th Ps. 119:57-80, Ecclesiastes 3:1-15, John 17:20-end
- Thurs 20th Ps. 57, Ecclesiastes 3:16-end of 4, John 18:1-11
- Fri 21st Ps. 51, Ecclesiastes 5, John 18:12-27
- Sat 22nd Ps. 68, Ecclesiastes 6, John 18:28-end

Service Readings for Sunday 23rd February: 2nd before Lent

Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-end; Revelation 4 and Luke 8:22-25

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