



Sunday 23rd February 2025

Second before Lent and Stewardship Sunday

10.00 a.m. Church Family Communion with Children's Church

4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church

Collect for Today

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Service Readings

Genesis 2:4b-9 (*p.2*), 15-end; Revelation 4 (*p.245*) and Luke 8:22-25 (*p.65*)

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 Irene Scurfield, Betty Nicholson, Bernard Parke, Una Clark, Christine Evans and David Brookes whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... those who live and work in West Meads, Wilderness Court, Wilderness Road and Windsor Close.

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

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

On 20 January at the Episcopal Church service for the inauguration of Donald Trump in Washington, Episcopal Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde stood in the pulpit and rebuked the new President of the United States of America. She confronted him with the groups of immigrants and minority groups in the states that make up the USA and told him “In the name of our God, I ask you to have mercy on the people in our country who are scared now.”

The next day, Bishop Edgar Budd’s book ‘How We learn to be Brave’ had sold out worldwide on every platform. My copy, ordered that day, only arrived this week.

How do we know what God is telling us to say when we stand up as preachers in church? And when we have worked out what to say, how can we be brave enough to say it? How can we discern between one interpretation of scripture and an entirely different one on the same text? And how can we be brave enough to live out God’s word in our own lives?

God bless,

Julie Shaw

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

Stewardship Sunday Today: Each year, we review our financial donations, giving thanks for everyone's generosity over the past year and looking ahead to the year to come. Andy, our treasurer, has more information in this video <https://youtu.be/l1dNhEPVtBI>. Please do take a few minutes to watch it and prayerfully consider how you can support All Saints financially this year.

Electoral Roll LAST CALL: 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.

Welcome Tea for Newcomers: TODAY, 2.30-3.30pm, we'll be offering 'Tea at the Vicarage', for anyone who has joined All Saints in recent months. 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. This is a very special start to the season of Lent.

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 four 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 24th Women's Bible Study Group, 16 West Meads, 12.30pm
Barnabas Group, 26 Manor Way, 4.00pm
- Wed 26th Media Policy Meeting, Vicarage, 7.30pm
- Thurs 27th Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am
Finance Vision Group, Office, 10.30am
Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8.00pm
- Fri 28th Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 10.00am
Friday Group, Reading Room, 3.00pm
- Sun 2nd Holy Communion, Reading Room, 8.00am, Revd Paul Fenner presiding.
Café-style Altogether Worship, 10.00am
Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm
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Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 24th Ps. 71, Ecclesiastes 7-1:14, John 19:1-16
- Tues 25th Ps. 73, Ecclesiastes 7:15-end, John 19:17-30
- Weds 26th Ps. 77, Ecclesiastes 8, John 19:31-end
- Thurs 27th Ps. 78:1-39, Ecclesiastes 9, John 20:1-10
- Fri 28th Ps. 55, Ecclesiastes 11:1-8, John 20:11-18
- Sat 29th Ps. 76, Ecclesiastes 11:9-end of 12, John 20:19-end
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Service Readings for Sunday 2nd March: next before Lent

Exodus 34:29-end, 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2, and Luke 9:28-36(37-43a)

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