

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
10.00 a.m. Café-style Altogether Worship  
4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church

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**Collect for Today**

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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**Service Readings**

Genesis 12:1-4a (*p.10*), Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 (*p.150*) and John 3:1-17 (*p.90*)

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**Please pray for**

... Dave Barclay, Mark & Jan Knott, Jenny Powell, Mike and Rosemary Woodcock.  
... Julie, Morgan, Carys following the death of Julie's Dad on Monday.  
... Rachel Triggs and family who had Nick's funeral on Friday.  
... the family and friends of David Brookes and Violet Parke whose anniversary of death is at this time.  
... those who live and work in Bannisters Road, Beechcroft Drive, Benbrick Road and Bray Road.  
... the Koens family in Papua New Guinea supporting the work of Bible translation through vehicle maintenance, teaching, missionary care.

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**Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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**Financial Giving**

Donations are welcome at all our services. If you don't give regularly via the Parish Giving Scheme, please put your donation in the bowl, tap the card reader on your way out, or use the QR code on the back of this news-sheet. Thank you.

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## Dear Friends

In the Gospel of John, Jesus has a late-night conversation with a man called Nicodemus and says something that sounds surprising: “You must be born again.” He doesn’t mean we go back and start life over. He means that God can give us a brand-new start on the inside. It’s a bit like a caterpillar. It crawls along leaves all day and you might never guess what it will become. Then, hidden away in a cocoon, something wonderful happens. In time, out comes a butterfly—same creature, but completely changed, able to fly where it once could only inch along. Jesus is saying that God’s love can do that kind of transforming work in us.

When we let Christ love us, forgive us, and teach us, we begin to change too. We may still look the same on the outside, still go to the same school or job, still live in the same house—but inside, something new is growing. We can learn to forgive more quickly, to be kinder, to be braver about doing what is right. Just as a butterfly doesn’t turn back into a caterpillar, we are invited to keep growing into the new life Jesus offers. None of us changes all at once, and that’s OK. With patience, prayer, and plenty of grace, Christ gently reshapes us so that, little by little, we learn to spread our wings.

God bless,

**Julie Shaw**

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## Mission Focus for March: A Rocha International

A Rocha International ([arocha.org](http://arocha.org)) is a global family of conservation organisations including A Rocha UK which is a Christian charity working to protect and restore the natural world and committed to equipping Christians and churches in the UK and worldwide to care for the environment – for God, nature and all People. Recognising the need ‘more than ever’ to act to protect and care for nature today, they have a commitment to Creation Care via a ten-year framework for caring for our planet in a way that honours God and his creation.

## Notices

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**Stewardship:** Following the launch of the stewardship campaign by Revd David Senior last week, please sign up for the Parish Giving Scheme as soon as possible (if you need help please speak to Andy or Eve). Please also continue to pray for the increase in giving that we need.

**Thank you** to Jo Smalley, Katherine Hopwood, Liz Payne and Trish Tye who provided the food for the delicious Lent Lunch that we enjoyed last Sunday. And thank you to those who came and donated so generously to the £145 we can send to the Koens family.

**Morning Prayer:** Please be aware that Morning Prayer is on Zoom only for the time being. If you need the link, please contact Trish in the office.

**Tea, cake and chat with the Guides:** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 3pm-4pm in the church hall. The 1<sup>st</sup> Onslow Village Guides would love to welcome anyone who is retired or just in need of a little company to join them for tea. Please RSVP to Lucy on 01483 302122. Leave your name and number and Lucy will call you back. If you can't make it – you can even have cake delivered – just let Lucy know.

**PCC – new members needed:** At the APCM on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March we will be appointing new members to the PCC. We need a Deanery Synod representative and two PCC members. Please prayerfully consider if you could serve All Saints in this way and talk to Beverly or Trish.

**Mothering Sunday:** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March. We'll be celebrating Mothers at both our 10am and 4pm services, with daffodils for all women present. At 10am, Revd Dr Anna Poulson will be preaching. Anna is the Principal of St Martha's College, the theological college for the Diocese of Guildford.

**Room needed:** Do you have a garden room or home office you are not using? Ellie is looking for somewhere to rent temporarily when she moves out of the vicarage. Ellie and a colleague support children and families who are struggling in their child psychology practice. It would need to be quiet, private and easily accessible. Please talk to Ellie or email [dratkintherapy@gmail.com](mailto:dratkintherapy@gmail.com)

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## Diary for the Coming Week

**Morning prayer Mon, Tues and Weds 9.15am on Zoom.**

**Thurs Holy Communion at 9.30am in the Reading Room.**

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Central Team Meeting, Zoom, 10.00am Women's Bible Study Group, 16 West Meads, 12.30pm Worship Vision Group, Vicarage, 5.30pm
Weds 4 <sup>th</sup>	Men's Coffee Morning, Reading Room, 10.30am Sharing & Learning Group, 5 Elmside, 7.45pm
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8.00pm
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 10.00am Friday Group, 43 Poltimore Road, 3.00pm
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	PCC Meeting, Reading Room, 10.30am
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	Church Family Communion with Children's Church, 10.00am Guides Host Tea, Cake & Chat, Church Hall, 2.30pm-4.30pm Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm

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## Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ps. 32, Genesis 43:16-end, Hebrews 1
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ps. 50, Genesis 44:1-17, Hebrews 2:1-9
Weds 4 <sup>th</sup>	Ps. 35, Genesis 44:18-end, Hebrews 2:10-end
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ps. 34, Genesis 45:1-15, Hebrews 3:1-6
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Ps. 41, Genesis 45:16-end, Hebrews 3:7-end
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	Ps. 25, Genesis 46:1-7,28-end, Hebrews 4:1-13

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## Service Readings for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:1-7, Romans 5:1-11 and John 4:5-42

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