

Welcome

All Saints' Church
Second Sunday of Lent
Weekly Bulletin: 8th March 2020

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Information for visitors

A loop system is provided in this church (switch to 'T' position). Toilets are in the church hall. Large print hymn books are also available. If you have a difficulty participating in any of the church activities because of your disability, please let the Rector or churchwardens know. Gift aid envelopes are available from the back of church. *Please ask sidespeople on duty if you need any help.*

In Church today (8th March): 11am Family Communion

First reading: Genesis 12.1-4a read by Anne Stafford

Gospel reading: John 3.1-17

Hymns at the 11am service:

- Nº. 182 Fill thou my life;
Nº. 715 The King of love my shepherd is;
Nº. 585 Oft in danger, oft in woe;
Nº. 777 To God be the glory!

The Sidespersons today are: Margaret Liptrot & Dawn McLachlan
The Elements will be taken to the altar by:
Ann Dale & Kathleen Bird
Flowers: Lent

Weekly notices

Forthcoming services:

Wednesday March 11th 10am Holy Communion (followed by coffee in the church hall)

Sunday March 15th 11am Family Communion

Worship Group – meets Friday 13th at 2pm at the vicarage.

Next film night – 7pm Friday 3rd April showing *Exodus: Gods and Kings*. The defiant leader Moses rises up against Egyptian Pharaoh Ramses II, setting six hundred thousand slaves on a monumental journey of escape from Egypt and its terrifying cycle of deadly plagues. Cert 12A / 2h 30mins (see March magazine for detail). Bring a friend!

Shrove Tuesday Hot Pot supper – many, many thanks to all involved. A wonderful evening with good food and entertainment – thank you 😊

Leprosy Mission boxes – we are currently collecting the boxes in for emptying. If anyone has one at home – please do bring it in to church. And many thanks for your kind donations to this worthwhile cause 😊

PCC meeting – on Thursday 12th March at 7.30pm. Agendas now available.

Birthdays listed in the magazine – a reminder that if you would like your birthday to appear in the magazine and on this notice sheet, you need to have filled in a GDPR form. Please speak to John Flatt.

Letter from Bishop Paul – please see copies of Bishop Paul's letter at the back of church concerning Coronavirus (especially with regard to communion). His letter is also in the March magazine.

Trip hazard – we have been advised to display trip hazard signs in church due to the uneven nature of our block floor. For the time being, we strongly recommend that you avoid sitting in the back few rows where the problem is most severe.

Collect

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.

Reading from Genesis 12.1-4a

The Call of Abram

Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Gospel Reading: John 3.1-17

Nicodemus visits Jesus

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' ³ Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' ⁵ Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you

hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Post Communion

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.



Recently

departed: Stephen Garton

The Sick:

Don Ashton, Hannah & Barry Rathbone-Ledsom, Grace Christie, Audrey Hulme, Alison Flatt, Amanda Parker, Jimmy Baird, Jean Sherlock, Catherine Dale, Ronald Anders, Paul Loughlin, John Stafford, George Myers, Vicki Flatt, Jenny Kenyon, John Ledsom, George Ledsom, Suzanne Ledsom, Ben Stafford, Eileen Prince, Graham Singleton, Ellie Rae, Juanita Webb, James Southern, Randall Webb, Emma Bond, Jean Cowap, Gerda Dennison, Gareth Lyon, Harry Ledsom & Dorothy Markland.

Birthdays:

Beryl Chatfield (1st), Margaret Robinson (2nd), Stuart Cooper (6th), Dawn McLachlan (8th).