

PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

WELCOME TO TODAY'S WORSHIP

SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2018

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Thank you for coming to church today, for choosing to worship God.

You are most welcome in St. John's Church today.

Refreshments are available after the service, please join us.



READINGS

Today

Genesis Ch. 9 VV. 8 – 17.

1 Peter Ch. 3 VV. 18 – 22.

Mark Ch. 1 VV. 9 – 15.

Next Sunday

Genesis Ch. 17 VV. 1 – 7 & VV. 15 – 16.

Romans Ch. 4 VV. 13 – 25.

Mark Ch. 8 VV. 31 – 38.

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COLLECT

*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



PRAYER NOTES

- † The sick of this parish and those people known to us who need His grace: Ray Smith, Irene Foord, Ruth Barclay and Mary Mines.
- † Justice, mercy and grace for migrants. Safety for Christians and peoples of all faiths in danger.
- † Resolution for the peoples of the Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, Nigeria, and peace in Gaza and Turkey.
- † Peace, healing and mercy for the people of Syria.
- † Our mission and ministry in the community.
- † Thanks for our church community and our shared faith.
- † May communities of all faiths bring understanding that you call for love and peace, never hatred.
- † Thanks for those who keep the church clean and beautiful.

WORSHIP IN ST JOHN'S CHURCH

TODAY

8:00 am Said communion using BCP

10:00 am Sung Communion

TUESDAY

9:30 am Said communion

THIS WEEK

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 23rd February, 7pm for a 7:30pm start in St John's School Hall. £12 per person including Fish & Chips. See poster for details.

LENT

DEANERY CONFIRMATION SERVICE

At St. Marys on Easter Eve 31st March at 6pm. If you would like to explore the possibility of being confirmed, please speak to Tony or Graham.

LENT COURSE

7.45pm on Tuesday evenings (20 and 27 February; 13, 20 & 27 March).

At Old Stocks, Hets Orchard. The course is "On the Third Day" written by Bishop John Pritchard. Course booklets for participants cost £3.60.

LENT LUNCHESES

Thursday lunchtimes 1pm

1 March (Old Stocks), 8 March (The Vicarage), 15 March (Maplehurst, Loosley Row), and 22 March (Spring Cottage, Kiln Lane).

EASTER SUNDAY

(1st April) Whiteleaf Cross car park at 6.00 am for 6.10 am

We meet with other local churches for a short 'sunrise service' above Whiteleaf Cross. This is followed by a bacon sandwich and hot drink.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place on the 22nd April 2018, following the 10am service on that morning.

We will be needing PCC members and a Churchwarden for the coming year and it would be good to see as many members of the congregation (and particularly those listed on the Electoral Roll) at that meeting. If you are interested in standing for any of the above positions please speak to Rev Tony or to Pat.

HOME INSURANCE

If you are looking to renew your Home Insurance policy the Ecclesiastical Insurance Company, which is used by the Church, are offering competitive rates and good benefits. To celebrate their 130 years' Anniversary, they are offering £130 to be paid to the Church when any member of the congregation takes out a policy with them.

This is a good opportunity to make money for the Church, whilst benefitting oneself. There is a poster in the porch with details or contact Pat.

