

NOTICES

Thank you: thank you all so much to everyone who contributed to Seamus' Welcome Service. So many people were involved in the preparation for days (and weeks!) before and we were all so thankful that it was such a wonderful occasion. Thank you to those who organised the whole event (all those emails!), printed labels, prepared the church on Monday, decorated the church, made cakes, acted as sidesmen, played an active part in the actual service, served refreshments, washed up and put everything away (something that continued on Tuesday morning) and came and celebrated with us. What a wonderful parish event!

New services! Please note the two new weekly services starting this week:

Friday Communion Service at 12.30pm - starting Friday, 7th February

In the Lady Chapel. Feel free to bring your lunchtime sandwiches.

Evening service on Sundays at 5pm - starting Sunday, 9th February

In either the Lady Chapel or the Ken Chapel. The third Sunday of the month will be an Evensong service.

Come and Sing Evensong (with tea and cake)

Sunday 16th February: You are all invited to come to this service and take part in the singing. We will be singing hymn versions of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, and a simple Anthem. There will be a short music rehearsal at 4.00pm with a tea & cake interval before the service at 5.00pm. All voices welcome!

Bellringing on Saturday 22nd February: The Society of Roving Ringers (Bellringing Cyclists) have requested to ring here 9:30am to 10:30am.

DIARY DATES

Wed 19 Feb	7pm PCC Meeting (BC)
Thurs 20 Feb	2-4pm Craft & Cake (BC)
Mon 24 Feb	7pm St. John's 'Wives Group': Women in Fellowship
Tues 25 Feb	11am Julian Meeting

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SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2025

Fourth before Lent

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

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Meeting ID: 831 2557 3638 Passcode: HBd1u8

9.00am Service at St Mary's

9.45am Holy Communion

5.00pm Benediction & Evening Prayer

Wednesday 12 February

7pm 'Dream Big' project at Holy Trinity church

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Friday 14 February

12.30pm Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

with Blessing of Valentine gifts

6.30pm Choir Practice

SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2025

Third before Lent

8.00am Service at Christ Church

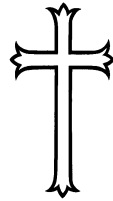
8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

9.45am Holy Communion

5.00pm Evensong

(Music rehearsal at 4.00pm - see Notices for details)

Fourth before Lent (Year C)



COLLECT

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6.1-8 [9-end]

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'[And he said, 'Go and say to this people: "Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand." Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed.'

Then I said, 'How long, O Lord?' And he said: 'Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; until the Lord sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. Even if a tenth part remains in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled.' The holy seed is its stump.]

This is the word of the LORD, **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING: Romans 5.1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the

glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the word of the LORD, **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL READING: Luke 5.1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.

But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the LORD. **Praise to you, O Christ**