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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

18th February 2024

HYMNS

Introit 379

Gradual Psalm Antiphon (Ps 51) *Have mercy on us, Lord, for we have sinned.*

Offertory 190

Communion 150

Recessional 343



COLLECT

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR OUR PRAYERS: Fintan, Mary, Ian, Molly, Vanessa

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED: Sarah Crabtree

PARISH WEEKEND AWAY

Aylesford Priory is booked from **Friday 17—Sunday 19 May**. If you'd like to come, please give Richard a £20 deposit by **Sunday 18 February**.



LENT 2024

Our Lent book this year will be 'God Forsaken' by Stephen Cottrell. Lent groups will be on 12 noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 19:00, beginning on **20 February**. Lent meals will take place on both days, please sign the list in the foyer if you're able to bring any of the items listed there.



HOLY WEEK STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week, **25 & 26 March**, we will have our usual Stations reflections. If you would like to help with one or more of these reflections, please sign the list in the foyer.



SPRING GARDEN WORKING PARTY

This will be on **Saturday 23 March**, 10:00—12:00. Keep the date free if you can!

ST CHRISTOPHER'S FUNDRAISER IN MEMORY OF SUNHILD WALKER-KIER

At 19:00 on **Tuesday 20 February** there will be a fundraising concert for St Christopher's hospice in memory of Sunny. Please see the poster on the notice board for more details



LENT GROUPS

Our Lent groups will be meeting in church at 12:00 on **Tuesdays: 20 & 27 February 5, 12 & 19 March**, 19:30 on the following **Thursdays: 22 & 29 February, 7, 14 & 21 March**.



KNIT & NATTER

We won't be meeting during the Lent as there will be Lent groups on Tuesdays (you're welcome to come!). The next meeting will be **Tuesday 9 April** so please put that into your diary.



FILM FOR THOUGHT

Is postponed until **Monday 29 April!** The film we will be discussing is 'The Scarlet and the Black', available on Amazon or on YouTube: <https://shorturl.at/cewV6> Plenty of time to watch!

LENT & EASTER SERVICES

Wednesday 14 February

Church: 12:00 & 19:30 - **Ash Wednesday**

Sunday 24 March

Church: 10:00 - **Palm Sunday**

Monday 25 March

Church: 19:30 - **Stations of the Cross**

Tuesday 26 March

Church: 19:30 - **Stations of the Cross**

Wednesday 27 March

Church: 12:00 & 19:30 - **Agape Meal**

Thursday 28 March

Church: 19:30 - **Eucharist, Stripping of the church followed by Vigil until midnight**

Friday 29 March

Church: 10:00 - 11:30 - **Children's workshop**

Church: 12:00 - 15:00 - **Meditation & prayer at the Foot of the Cross**

Sunday 31 March

Church: 05:30 - **Vigil, Dawn liturgy & breakfast**

Church: 10:00 - **Family Communion with chocolate!**

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 19 February

Church: 18:45 - Meditation group

Studio: 19:00 - 20:30 - Guides

Tuesday 20 February

Church: 09:30 - Morning prayer

Church: 10:30 - Eucharist

Church: 12:00 - **Lent Group**

Hall: 18:00-19:30 - Brownies

Studio: 18:00-19:30 - Rangers

Wednesday 21 February

Hall: 18:00 - Cubs, 20:00 - Scouts

Studio: 19:30-20:30 - Yoga class

Thursday 22 February

Church: 19:00 - **Lent Group**

Saturday 17 February

Church: 09:30 - Morning Prayer

Studio: 11:00-12:00 - Yoga class

Sunday 18 February

Church: 10:00 - Parish Eucharist

Studio: 14:00 - 17:00 - Outside group

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 27 February

Church: 12:00 - **Lent Group**

Wednesday 28 February

Church: 13:00 - **Lunch Club**

Thursday 29 February

Church: 19:30 - **Lent Group**

Tuesday 5 March

Church: 12:00 - **Lent Group**

Thursday 7 March

Church: 19:30 - **Lent Group**

OT: Genesis 9:8—17

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ ‘As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.’ ¹² God said, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.’ ¹⁷ God said to Noah, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.’

GOSPEL: Mark 1:9—15

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’ ¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. ¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.’

