

Prayers for the week

Collect

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

BCP Collect

ALMIGHTY God, who seest 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.

Prayer Following Holy Communion

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The Local and Worldwide Church

In our Diocese we pray for Winterborne Valley
and Milton Abbas, in Milton & Blandford Deanery

Worldwide, we pray for The Anglican Church of Tanzania

In the Mothers' Union Wave of prayer we pray for Wau in South Sudan; Kigeme in Rwanda; Bauchi in Nigeria; St David's in Wales and Mandalay in Myanmar

25th February 2024

2nd Sunday of Lent

The Parish of the Woodford Valley with Archers Gate
& Kings Gate

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Showing love to God through our worship and study; showing love to our communities and God's creation through caring action.

Sunday 25th February 2nd Sunday of Lent

Readings: *Romans 4.13-end Mark 8.31-end*

10.00am Parish Communion All Saints Middle Woodford

4.00pm Service of Hymns and Readings All Saints Woodford

Monday 26th February

7.00pm Lent Course Session 2: Biblical Theme *Exodus and Freedom*

Tuesday 27th February

12.00noon Lent Lunch at Celia Edwards

Wednesday 28th February

9.30am Holy Communion All Saints Middle Woodford

6.00pm Compline St Michael Wilsford

Friday 1st March

2.00pm Lent Course Session 3: Biblical Theme *Exile and Peace*

Saturday 24th February

9.00am Morning Prayers St Andrew Great Durnford

Sunday 3rd March 3rd Sunday of Lent

Readings: *1 Corinthians 1.18-25 John 2.13-22*

8.30am Holy Communion St Andrew Great Durnford

10.00am Parish Communion All Saints Middle Woodford

6.00pm Choral Evensong St Michael Wilsford

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Romans 4.13-end

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.'

¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.

²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,

²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

²² Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.'

²³ Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Mark 8.31-end

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?

³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'