



18th February 2024
1st Sunday of Lent

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Have Your Say!

The electoral roll, the church's register of electors, will be revised on 25th February. No action is required if you are already on the roll. To have your name added, please complete a form from the table at the back of the church and return it to one of the churchwardens before next Sunday. A copy of the current roll is also on the table.

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| TODAY | |
| 6.00 pm | Evening Worship |

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 19th February Matthew 25: 31– 46
11.00 am Holy Communion, Kingsgate
7.00 pm Choir practice

Tue 20th February Matthew 6: 7 – 15
6.00 pm Stations of the Cross

Wed 21st February Luke 11: 29 – 32
12.00 noon Holy Communion

Thu 22nd February Matthew 7: 7 – 12

Fri 23rd February Matthew 5: 20 – 26
10.30 am Coffee morning

Sat 24th February Matthew 5: 43 – 48

Next Sunday: 25th February
Second Sunday of Lent

Mark 8: 31 – 38

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist



10.00 am Music

Entrance hymn 173

Offertory hymn 502

Recessional hymn 240

Music Setting: Mass of St Thomas (by David Thorne)

Forty Days and Forty Nights

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High!

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

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.

First Reading: Genesis 9: 8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, 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. 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.' 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: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, 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. 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.' 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.'

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3: 18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. 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. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

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.

