

**Collect for the Fourth Sunday before Lent**

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**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**PRAYER POINTS:**

- For the Charity Hamlin Fistula and all the work it does.
- For all the starving children of Yemen.
- For the people of Venezuela, suffering from extreme hardship, many of whom are fleeing the country.
- For those suffering with mental health issues, particularly children and young people.
- For all firefighters and paramedics.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN IMMEDIATE NEED OF HEALING AND PEACE:**

Stephen Upton, Janet Rand, Sue List, Tony Eccleston, Alan and Iris Austin, Oliver Baillie, Gladys Page, Suzie Aries, Michael Hopkins, Kelly May, Gordon & Kathleen Plumridge, Joyce Bapty, Richard Heaney, Alex Lake, Hazel Sullivan, Philip and Sally Jones, Shirley and Eric Watts and Barbara Higgins.

**WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ASKED TO PRAY FOR:**

Libby, Lisa and Russell Squire, Peter Covell, Ashleigh Nichas, Gideon, Mary Jefferies, Keith & Judy Brambleby, Barbara Platts, Tony Mead, Hazel Boon, Jorge, Peter Braithwaite, Michael George and Helena Oecken.

**WE REMEMBER WITH THANKSGIVING THE LIVES OF:**

Brian Panter, Roger Pierce and Ethelwyn Gregory.

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# News

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019, Fourth Sunday before Lent

Isaiah's description of the seraphs attending to the Lord in the temple in chapter 6 is both strange and compelling. We read that each had six wings; with two they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet and... 'with two they flew'. When I first heard that in my early teens I got a fit of the giggles as it reminded me of the runaway train that came down the track and 'she blew, she blew'.

That is hardly the right approach to be thinking of the awesome image of almighty God! Isaiah uses the language of the faith-filled to speak of God. It is mind blowing for Isaiah: we don't know whether or not he was in the temple but we see that his response is of utter lost-ness but, his senses have been awakened.

How do we find a language to speak of God? I am sure that, in the first instance, we wouldn't use images like those in the Isaiah reading dating back to about 742BC. Which 'world' might we borrow words from? Would we expect God to reveal himself only in 'godly' language? Many would prefer to start with word images from films about the environment or documentaries about human situations or different forms of art.

At present I am reading 'The Calling of a Cuckoo' which the author, David Jenkins, described as 'not quite an autobiography'. In 1984 he was invited to become Bishop of Durham at the difficult time of the miners' strike. His time in Durham was extremely controversial and he was often misunderstood. The thing that seemed most to anger some Christians was that, in their minds, he sought to destroy their faith. However he received more letters of support for this deeper exploration into God than against. He pointed out that a majority of those supportive letters came from people outside the church. He also feared those who want to keep God to themselves, rather than hope that God would open us out to include so many new possibilities in his creation.

Revd Nick Molony

## NEWS & NOTICES

**HOLIDAY AT HOME:** This is on Tues Feb 19<sup>th</sup>/Weds Feb 20<sup>th</sup> and is on a safari theme! More help is needed so if you think you will be able to help with this, please let Gill know on 01844 346145 or [gill.sunfold@googlemail.com](mailto:gill.sunfold@googlemail.com). If you are an older person and would like to come, please contact Gill. It is great fun, there are lots of activities, entertainment, lunch and afternoon tea.

**STUFFED ANIMALS NEEDED:** Large stuffed animals such as lions, tigers, elephants etc. needed for Holiday at Home – see Gill if you can help.

**SPEEN SCHOOL:** are seeking school governors. If you are interested in becoming a school governor at this small infant school please speak to Helen Lidington or Sue Seward for more information or contact the school directly - 01494 488321.

**NEW ELECTORAL ROLL:** Each six years, the Church is required to complete a new Electoral Roll. Therefore, everyone has to fill in a new form. If you wish to be on that roll, please take a form from the stack next to the letter boxes, fill it in and return to the box marked 'Electoral Roll applications'.

**ST MARY'S BOARD GAME NIGHT:** The next one will be on 23<sup>rd</sup> February from 6-8pm.

**TRAINING SESSION ON WELCOMING:** On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm at St Mary's, Michael Harvey, founder of 'Back to Church' Sunday will speak on the culture of invitation. All are welcome to join this training session, which will equip us to go out and invite others to join us. We would like as many people as possible to come along to improve our welcoming and sharing of our faith with others.

**CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX OPENING:** This will be on Weds 27<sup>th</sup> Feb from 9.30am to 12noon in the Chapter House. Coffee and cake will be served.

**PANCAKE PARTY:** This will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 5pm-7pm. Everyone is invited, whatever age. There will be pancakes, a quiz, games and fun for all. If you would like to go, please contact Gill on PR 346145.

**BRING AND SHARE LUNCH:** On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March there will be a bring and share lunch after TGIS, for everyone, especially those new to our Church family.

**LENT COURSE:** There will be a lent course starting on 19<sup>th</sup> March, see flyer.

**BREAKOUT:** This is a CTR children's group for ages 5-7 and 8-11. Held on Friday evenings from 5-6.15pm at Elim Church, the next one is Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. All sorts of fun, songs, bible stories, crafts. More helpers needed and also children. Contact Doline Gadd via the parish office.

**AYLESBURY TOWN CHAPLAINCY:** Would you be interested in helping to run & shape the work of the Chaplaincy? Please contact the Chaplaincy office or speak to one of the existing trustees if you'd like to know more.

## Sunday 10th February, Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Readings: Isaiah 6, 1-8, Luke 5, 1-11.**

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's  
**9.30am** Parish Communion followed by coffee  
**11.15am** TGIS  
**3.00pm** Service at Icknield Court  
**6.00pm** United Service at St Mary's

## What's on in the week beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February

- Mon 11<sup>th</sup>** **3.00pm** Bereavement Drop-in in the Chapter House  
**Weds 13<sup>th</sup>** **9.00am** Wednesday Prayers at St Mary's  
**10.30am** Holy Communion followed by coffee  
**2-3.30pm** Church open for prayer and healing  
**3.30pm-4pm** Evensong  
**7.30pm** Alpha Course at St Mary's  
**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup>** **10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House  
**Fri 15<sup>th</sup>** **2.00pm** Praise and Play in Chapter House  
**7.00pm** Puppet Club in Hall

## Sunday 17th February, Third Sunday of Lent

**Readings: Jeremiah 17: 5-10, Luke 6: 17-26.**

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's  
**9.00am** Holy Communion at St Peter's, Ilmer  
**9.30am** Parish Communion followed by coffee  
**11.15am** TGIS  
**6.00pm** Evensong at St Mary's  
**6.00pm** Later at Methodist Church

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Revds. Steve & Rose Williams 274225; Canon Nick Molony 273895;  
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