

**Collect for The 2nd Sunday before Lent:**

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and forever. **Amen**

**Post Communion prayer:**

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**PRAYER POINTS:**

- For ROPE.
- For all those effected by the virus in China and that it may be contained.
- For the people of Yemen, suffering from severe food shortages.
- For peace and resolution in those countries where there is conflict.
- For our clergy, churchwardens and PCC who do so much for our Church.
- For the elderly, frail and sick and all those who are housebound.
- For all those who work so hard in education as they break for half term.

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

Doug Jack, Ken McMurray, Tony Eccleston, Matteo Bellini, Philippa and Laila King, Suzie Aries, , Frances, Rob and Sally Goodchild, Marion Long, Joseph Fell, Iris Austin, Gordon and Kathleen Plumridge, Norman Edwards, John Hardy, Debby and Jim Cadwallader, The Goodridges, Richard Hayward, Shirley and Eric Watts, Liz and Paul Bracken, Michael Hopkins, Kelly May, Joyce Bapty, Richard Heaney, Alex Lake, Barbara Higgins, Simon Clegg.

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

Mel Rolfe, Gideon, Mary Jefferies, Keith & Judy Brambleby, Barbara Platts, Hazel Boon, Helena Oecken, Jean Moses, Bill & Marge Philips, Jean Coleman, Mary Williams, Angela Eittle and Daphne Baptiste.

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

Tony Mead, Garry Anstead and Bess Craig-Bassey.

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# News

## Sunday February 16th 2020, Second Sunday before Lent

**Dear Friends**

Are you a worrier? Jesus says do not worry about clothing, drink, food or tomorrow. I find this challenging. Most of us worry, at least some of the time. The people who first heard Jesus' words may only have had food for today and no spare clothing. Jesus knew they had reasons to worry. Jesus did not say do not plan or work, but do not worry. I think Jesus would encourage us to do long-term planning to respond to things like climate change, homelessness or to work at peace-making. To care for our planet and its people for the long term means we must act today, rather than become paralysed by worries about the future.

In today's gospel (Matthew 6: 25 - 34, Jesus gives 3 reasons to stop worrying and trust God:

1. Jesus tells us worry is a waste of time. We can't add anything to our life by worrying. That does not mean do not plan for the future, but if we worry about tomorrow, we cannot live in the present and enjoy today.
2. Jesus tells us not to worry because our heavenly Father knows what we need and can be trusted. Birds are fed. They cannot reap or sow, but God provides for them. They still have to work to find their food, but it is there. Flowers are clothed. God knows what you need.
3. Jesus tells us not to worry, because worry stops us doing something more important. "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness". Jesus wants us to focus on doing God's will and co-operating with his work as our number one priority.

God knows our needs before we ask. God knows what worries we have.

Loving heavenly Father, we bring you our worries.

Help us to distinguish between our needs and our desires.

Help us to trust your love and work today for the coming of your kingdom. Amen.

**Nancy Wallace**

## NEWS & NOTICES.

### **18<sup>TH</sup>/19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY HOLIDAY AT HOME HELP NEEDED:**

If anyone can make a cake for the holiday at home days, please contact Gill Wilkinson on [gill.sunfold@googlemail.com](mailto:gill.sunfold@googlemail.com).

**PANCAKE PARTY:** There will be an all age Shrove Tuesday pancake party on 25<sup>th</sup> February. There will be pancake crafts, pancake flipping, races and games for all ages. Pancakes and a sausage supper. 5-7pm in Church. Please let Gill Wilkinson know if you can come, at [gill.sunfold@googlemail.com](mailto:gill.sunfold@googlemail.com).

**PILGRIM'S WAY OPEN EVENING:** There will be an open evening on Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.30pm in the Chapter House about the pilgrimage taking place from May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 14<sup>th</sup>. David is taking part and would love people to join in for any of the route. Please have a look at the display boards in Church.

**CTR LENT COURSE:** An ecumenical Lent study course, using the book 'Saying Yes to Life' by Ruth Valerio. 'What does it mean to be human and a follower of Jesus?' The course will start at 7.30pm in the Chapter House on Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> March and then continue on Tuesday evenings, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**LENT RESOURCES:** On the table by the door there are various Lent resources for sale, including the book 'Saying Yes to Life'. Do have a look.

**CANTILENA COFFEE MORNING:** There will be a free coffee morning on Friday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am in St Mary's. Music by the Cantilena Winds concert band conducted by Michael Pegram.

**CHILTERN ART FESTIVAL:** The opening concert will be at St Mary's on Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7pm. This will be the Septura Brass Septet celebrating the work of female composers. Tickets online at [chilternarts.com/festival](http://chilternarts.com/festival) or phone 01442 920303.

**MEN'S AND LADIES' BREAKFASTS:** The next men's breakfast will be on 14<sup>th</sup> March when Chris McGough will be speaking on 'Ethical Investments'. The ladies' breakfast is on 21<sup>st</sup> March, speaker to be confirmed.

**PRCS:** On March 29<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at St Lawrence's Church, West Wycombe, there will an afternoon tea concert. This will include music by Handel, Vivaldi, Bach and Vaughan Williams.

**ST PETER'S, ILMER:** The next 11am family service at Ilmer will be the 11am Mothering Sunday service. All welcome.

**NEW WINE:** 'I am going to new wine this year, week 2 - Sun 2nd Aug - Sat 8th Aug. If anyone would like join me for a week of worship, great teaching, great youth groups and lots of fun and laughter, that would be great.' Hazel Wynn.

### **Sunday 16th February, Second Sunday before Lent**

**Readings: Genesis 1:1-2, 3, Matthew 6:25-end**

- 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 with children's groups inc breaking of bread

### **What's on in the week beginning Monday 17th February**

- Tues 18<sup>th</sup> 10.00am** Holiday at Home in Church  
**Weds 19<sup>th</sup> 9.00am** Wednesday Prayers in St Mary's  
**10.00am** Holiday at Home in Church  
**10.30am** Holy Communion at St Mary's followed by coffee in Chapter House  
**7.30pm** Alpha course in Church and Chapter House  
**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> 10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House.

**NB: No Praise and Play on Friday as Half Term**

### **Sunday 23rd February, Sunday next before Lent**

**Readings: Exodus 24: 12-end, Matthew 17:1-9**

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's  
**9.30am** Parish Communion followed by coffee  
**11.15am** TGIS with children's groups and Baptism

**DENYS AND BRENDA:** Please remember them in your prayers, as they will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary whilst holidaying in Australia.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** If you can help with the church cleaning and are able to go on the rota, please contact the Office. It would be very much appreciated.

**ALPHA LIBRARY:** We are hoping to establish an Alpha Library so if anyone has any contemporary Alpha books in good condition, please let the Office know.

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