

**Collect for Second Sunday of Lent**

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. **Amen**

**Post Communion prayer:**

Almighty God, you see 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. **Amen**

**PRAYER POINTS:**

- For Christian Aid
- For migrants everywhere, particularly those fleeing Syria and Turkey.
- For the homeless and rough sleepers, particularly in the winter months.
- For all those affected by the flooding, particularly those whose homes have been flooded in the West and North of England.
- For all those effected by the coronavirus epidemic.

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

Ann Trollope, Doug Jack, Gladys Page, 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, Michael Hopkins, Kelly May, Joyce Bapty, Richard Heaney, Alex Lake, Barbara Higgins, Simon Clegg.

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

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

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# News

## Sunday March 8th 2020, Second Sunday of Lent

**Dear Friends**

Some of you may not be aware but I have never considered myself to be a fashion icon or trend setter. I know this might surprise many of you and is a bit hard to believe but sadly I tend to be a little bit like a sheep and always arrive late to the party. Let's just look at my jumper collection for example, some of the older gentlemen in this parish have been wearing a certain branded jumper and I thought, I like the look of them, and therefore purchased a couple for myself. Also, at a recent communications training event they were taking a poll of who uses the social media apps; Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat (of which I am on one). Apparently, the fast-growing users of these platforms are the over 50s, everyone else has moved onto TikTok (what on earth is this??). Trends and fads are interesting concepts and churches always feel the pressure to be relevant and current, whilst holding true to the authority of the Scriptures. It is interesting that the Bible is the best-selling book, year after year since records began, yet people will convince us, that God's word is not trendy or fashionable. The thing with fads and trends is that they come and go (we can be grateful for this, as nobody wants to go back to the shell suit and neon clothing.... No one!) But the beauty of God's word, is that it always remains, it's truth transcends all generations and outlives any fad or tradition. No matter what era we are in, every generation needs to hear the truth of God's word and the message from today's gospel reading John 3:16

**'For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.'**

Whatever you get up to this week, don't let what is current or popular rob you from the truth that God loves you and loves you so much, that he gave up everything for you to know Him. But this is not just for you, it's for everyone, so why not pass on this truth. What could be more fashionable or trendy than that?

**Pat Kerr**

## NEWS & NOTICES.

**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 started last Thursday and will continue on Tuesday evenings, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March. You are welcome to come along to any of the sessions. Led by David.

**LENT:** If anyone still owes money for their Lent books, please let the office have it asap. There is a free app available on the Church of England website to download to your phone, #LiveLent. Reflections and actions to help us make the most of Lent.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** The next men's breakfast will be on 14<sup>th</sup> March at 8.45am when Chris McGough will be speaking on 'Ethical Investments'.

**LADIES' BREAKFAST:** The next Ladies Breakfast will be on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

**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. If you can provide a cake or help serve refreshments on the day, please contact the office.

**MOTHERING SUNDAY:** This is on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March. There will be posies given to all the ladies at all services. St Peter's will also be having a special family service at 11am.

**GIVING AND TAX:** If you would like to support the running of our church, please consider regular giving. Are you or your spouse a tax-payer? If so, the church could gain an **extra 25p per £1** if you agree to "**Gift Aid**" your giving; you still pay the same, but the church reclaims the income tax. For you, the process is very simple. Please pick up one of the little "Giving" leaflets in church or speak to Michael Hoey.

**GIVING:** 'The weekly giving envelopes will be available for collection from church throughout March. With thanks'. Carole.

**PRINCES RISBOROUGH CHORAL SOCIETY:** 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.

**HOLIDAY AT HOME THANK YOU:** 'A huge thanks to everyone who helped in any way with Holiday at Home. Chair movers, cake, sandwich and scone makers, craft makers and helpers, game helpers, makeover and hand massagers, cooks, washer uppers, AV operators, musicians and many, many more behind the scenes. We had a really great two days and couldn't do it without you. Very many thanks to you all.' Gill.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY CHILDRENS ACTIVITY MORNING:** On Thurs April 9<sup>th</sup> from 10am -12.30pm, Children 2-10 years. A fun morning for children with time to learn about the Easter story. Parents can leave their children or stay. £2 a child. Full details from Gill on [gill.sunfold@googlemail.com](mailto:gill.sunfold@googlemail.com)

### Sunday 8th March, Second Sunday of Lent

**Readings: Genesis 12:1-4a, John 3:1-17**

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's  
**9.30am** Parish Communion followed by coffee  
**11.15am** TGIS with children's groups  
**6.00pm** United Service at PR Methodists

### What's on in the week beginning Monday 9th March

- Mon 9<sup>th</sup> 3.00pm** Bereavement Drop-in at the Chapter House  
**Tues 10<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm** Lent course in the Chapter House  
**Weds 11<sup>th</sup> 9.00am** Wednesday Prayers in St Mary's  
**10.30am** Holy Communion at St Mary's followed by coffee  
**7.30pm** Alpha course in Church and Chapter House  
**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> 10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House  
**2.00pm** Praise and Play in the Chapter House

### Sunday 15th March, Third Sunday of Lent

**Readings: Exodus 17: 1-7, John 4: 5-42**

- 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

**JINGLERS CONCERT:** There will be a concert by the Jingers on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm in St Mary's. Performances by the Jingers, plus hymns and poems. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

**HELEN AND DOUGLAS HOUSE FUNDRAISING:** 'Easter cards and a quiz are available from the shop in Duke Street. Thank you for your support.' Frances.

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