

WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND IN OUR PRAYERS:

Vivienne Bell, Joyce Powell, Elsie Smith, Ann Bordess, Claire Froud, Colin Thompson, Nathaniel, Pete Henderson, Ann Harrison, Marion Neville, Harry Hindess, Eileen Smith, Ashley Powell.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY BECOME ILL:

Graham Walton, Maureen Palmer, Gillian Butler, Jennie Willis, Pat Watson, Judith Harrison, Linda Astley, Mary Gunn, Colin Graham, Margaret Rigby.

WE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

Margaret Boak, Betty Ramshaw, Doris Hawkes.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH FALLS AT THIS TIME:

Sheila Derrick, Robert Wilson, Sarh Jane Charlton, Christopher Naylor, Dorothy Fraser, Irene Connolly, Joan Ramshaw, Joan Self, Anne Dowsey.

CHURCH DIARY THIS WEEK

Tuesday 24 February

9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion in church
7.00pm Quiz night (online)

Wednesday 25 February

6.00pm Community Support Group
7.00pm Lent Course

Thursday 26 February

7.30pm Choir Practice

Saturday 28 February

2.30pm Church on the Hill

Sunday 29 February 2026 – Second Sunday of Lent

10.00am Holy Communion in church and with choir

Bible Readings for next Sunday:

Old Testament Reading **Genesis 12.1-4a**
New Testament Reading **Romans 4.1-5, 13-17**
Gospel Reading **John 3.1-17**

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First Sunday of Lent

SUNDAY **08.00am Holy Communion** in church
 10.00am Holy Communion in church and with choir

TUESDAY **10.00am Holy Communion** in church

COLLECT

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer, that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

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.
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." ' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they

were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Roman 5.12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4.1-11

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Blessed are those who have endured temptation, they have stood the test and will receive the crown of life.

All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' '

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' '

Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' '

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' ' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

NOTICES THIS WEEK

Lent Course

Throughout the Lent season, we will be studying The Creeds together. Please join us in church at 7pm on Wednesday evenings until 25th March (incorporating the Iona Service on 1st March) as we explore the central tenets of our faith.

Easter services

Saturday 28th March 2.30pm – Easteringle Service for families

Sunday 29th March 10am - Palm Sunday Sung Eucharist

Holy week services

Monday 30th March 7pm – Eucharist

Tuesday 31st March 7pm – Service at St Michael and All Angels, Sulgrave

Wednesday 1st April 7pm – Iona Lent service with anointing

Thursday 2nd April 7pm – Maundy Thursday Eucharist with Stripping of the Altar

Friday 3rd April 2pm – Good Friday service around the Cross

Easter Day services

5.30am - Dawn Service followed with breakfast

8am - Easter Day Eucharist

10am - Easter Day Sung Eucharist

Thank You

I would like to thank you all for your prayers and support during my recent illness, It's so good to be back with you all. Val Judson.

Tubs to Pubs

Thanks to those who donated a total of 36 empty sweetie tubs. They will be recycled for garden furniture, and the proceeds go to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Easter Raffle

We are proposing to have our customary "Easter Chocolate Raffle" again this year and would be most grateful for the donation of prizes for the event. The proceeds will of course go to much needed Church Funds.

Foodbank Sunday

Next week is Foodbank Sunday. As always, all donations are gratefully received but we are in particular need of cereal, dried pasta 'n' sauce, packet noodles, tinned cold meat and carrier bags. Thank you.

The Sunday service will begin at 10am. If you would like to join us online, please email office.htcw@gmail.com to be included in our circulation list. If you would like to join the service by phone, please dial 0131 460 1196. The meeting ID number is 867 7785 7955 followed by # (hash). The password is 560674, followed by # (hash).

Quiz/Games Night – Tuesdays at 7pm

All are very welcome to join in, just click on the link in this month's email, or if you are joining by phone, please dial 0131 460 1196 the meeting ID is 816 6944 2141 followed by # (hash) and the password is 558340 followed by # (hash) and remember to press *6 to talk to us.