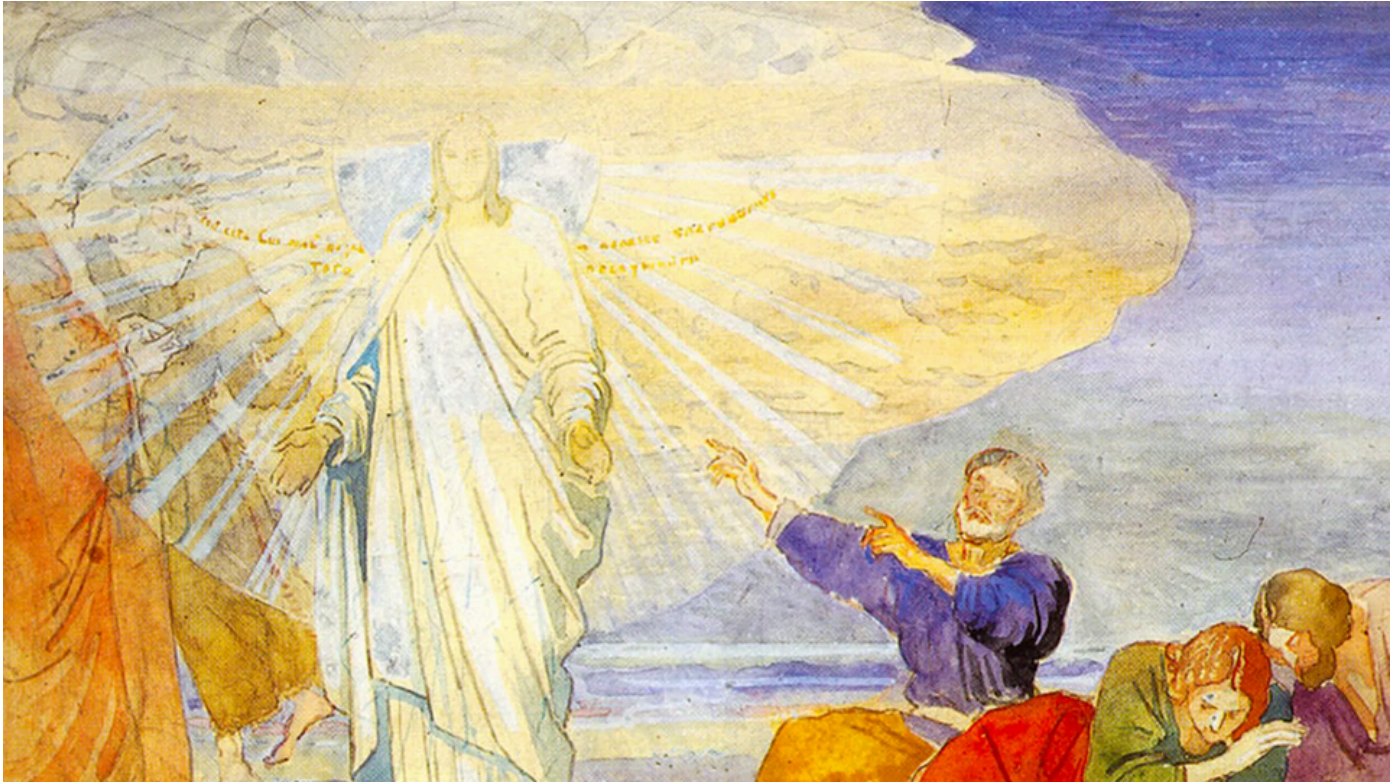




Jesus transfigured on the mountain



Alexander Ivanov

The Sunday next before Lent

Sunday 2nd March

9.30 am

All-Age Sung Eucharist

Please don't take photos or videos during the service unless you have consent.

Please be aware that this service may be live-streamed

Collect for Today

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the
cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer
with him
and be changed into his likeness, from
glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Post Communion Collect

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of
Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his
table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his
power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Amen

Exodus 34: 29 - end

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Luke 9: 28 - 36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah’—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, ‘Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.’ Jesus answered, ‘You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.’ While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

Keith Holloway

We are sad not to have Keith physically with us, but we do give most grateful thanks for his loving witness and for his gentle wisdom, and, for so many, his generous friendship.

At the same time we keep Dorothy and their family in our prayers.

Josie and Pat

Gina

Jason and his Family

Graham

Arthur and Pauline

Colin and Judy

Helen (Muriel's

Granddaughter) and her Family

A family in crisis

We pray for all those who are sick in body, mind or spirit and by name



Joshua Manning

(Grandson of Jo and Derek)

Penny and Mike

Derek and Jo

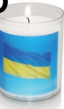
Sheila Vince

Alan

Carole

Sue (Muriel's Niece) and her Family

Lord, send us the gift of peace. We pray for the gift of peace, that hatred may turn to understanding, anger to compassion and horror to hope.



Important collections

Jesus said: "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are my brothers and sisters you did it to me."



1. Babystuff Braintree

0 - 5 clothing and toiletries. See Susan Pedder for more details. Toothbrushes and tooth paste go very quickly



BBC

2. The Wethersfield collection Clothing for men and boys

Please find boxes in the porch for donations

Holy Communion

Wafers will be offered and the common cup. If you feel uncomfortable about sharing the chalice, receiving the bread alone is not a lesser action.

If you would like a Blessing only, please bring your service booklet to the Altar rail. During this time the choir will be singing. Please do wear a mask if that would make you feel more comfortable.

Protocol concerning the dipping of wafers in the wine: The recommendation from the Church is that we should not dip the wafer as a matter of hygiene. If this at all worries you, please do not hesitate to discuss it with a member of the Clergy.

The Coming Week

Morning Prayer There will be Morning Prayer **on Zoom**

Zoom Meeting ID 884 8189 2518 Passcode cj7500



Other sites for personal prayer are available at:

- <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>
- [Pray-as-You-Go App](#) (free)
- [Northumbria Community Prayers](#)
- [Everyday Faith](#) is the new daily devotional app (free) from the Church of England

March 5th Ash Wednesday **7.30pm**

March 9th Sung Eucharist **11.00 am**

First Sunday in Lent

Readings: Deuteronomy 26: 1 - 11; Psalm 91: 1 - 11; Luke 4: 1 - 13

God of Mission,
Who alone brings growth to your
Church, Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning, Wisdom to our
actions, Joy to our worship, And power
to our witness. Help our church to grow
in numbers, In spiritual commitment to
you, And in service to our local
community, Through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.



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