



The Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday 16th March

9.30 am

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 God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of
Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen

Post Communion Collect

**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

Genesis 15: 1 - 12

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, ‘Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.’ But Abram said, ‘O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?’ And Abram said, ‘You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.’ But the word of the Lord came to him, ‘This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.’ He brought him outside and said, ‘Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’ And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, ‘I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.’ But he said, ‘O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?’ He said to him, ‘Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.’ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

Psalm 27

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? ◆
The Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?

Please find the complete Psalm in the Psalter

Luke 13: 31 - end

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, ‘Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.’ He said to them, ‘Go and tell that fox for me, “Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.”

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.””

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



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

Dorothy
Alan
Carole
Joshua Manning (Grandson
of Jo and Derek)
Penny and Mike
Derek and Jo
Sheila Vince
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.

*We hold in our hearts the dangerous uncertainties of the Ukrainian situation;
and the utter desolation of the Palestinian people.*



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."



BBC

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

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 (revised)

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 23rd Sung Eucharist **11.00 am**

Third Sunday in Lent

Readings: Isaiah 55: 1 - 9; Psalm 63: 1 - 9; Luke 13: 1 - 9

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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