

Welcome to All Saints



Sunday 14th February 2021

WELCOME TO THIS CHURCH AND OUR SERVICES

At present the church is closed. Services can be followed online on our Facebook page

We hope you will feel at home
and part of our Church Family as we worship God together

THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

10.00am EUCHARIST (CW)

Readings: 2 Kings 2: 1-12 Mark 9: 2-9

THE COLLECT FOR THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT: 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 forever. **Amen.**

ASH WEDNESDAY

8.00pm

Readings: Isaiah 58: 1-12 2 Corinthians 5: 20b – 6: 10 Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21

THE COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY: Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Thursday 18th February 2021

10.00am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

Readings: Deuteronomy 30: 15-end Luke 9: 22-25

THE COLLECT: O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

2 Kings 2.1-12

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of

prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Mark 9.2–9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Wednesday's Readings

Isaiah 58.1–12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

2 Corinthians 5.20b – 6.10

So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Matthew 6.1–6, 16–21

'Beware of practising your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. 'So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 'And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 'And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Thursday's Readings

Deuteronomy 30.15–end

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Luke 9.22–25

Saying, 'The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.' Then he said to them all, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves?

We pray for

Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Canada

Diocese: Tunbridge Wells Deanery. The Rev Douglas Wren, Area Dean; Dr Mike Lawes, Lay Chair.

The Parish: As Lent begins, prepare our hearts and minds to reflect upon the temptation of Jesus for 40 days and nights and what that means for us; for income to meet our financial commitments this year; Erith & Thamesmead CAP Debt Centre and those struggling with debt and financial problems; those living in this parish and especially those living in Boevey Path and Bonham Close.

Our Country/The World: We pray for the Coronavirus situation through the world and the procedures being taken to try to halt its spread, help us to be responsible in the things we do; a safer environment for our children, free from the threat of knives and guns; for all whose lives have been touched by tragedy, whether by accident or a deliberate act; the Christian Church and the spread of the Gospel of Christ

For healing and wholeness: Bill Fraser, Caroline Ward, Alice White, Christine Bennett, Kath Davidson, Frances Swan, Ann Walters, Alma Parks, Paul Abdul, Beresford Gough.

Those who have died: Barbara Bulley, Revd Peter Allen, Eunice Dives, Doreen White. We pray for all who mourn.

God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.

In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light; through him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Church of England Coronavirus) liturgy and prayer resources

CHARITY BOWL - February - Diabetes UK

They are the leading funder of Diabetes research to understand the causes and bring life – changing breakthroughs of prevention, care, and treatment. Indeed, a cure is now becoming more and more urgent as Diabetes is the UK's biggest and growing health crisis. Diabetes UK have active support groups all over the country and we are fortunate to have a local branch in this area at: UK Bexley Support Group, United Reform Church, Bexleyheath DA6 7DJ 07775 305 110

Please check our pages on the website www.achurchnearyou.com for pew sheet details or other information

Notices & News from Rochester Diocese - see - www.rochester.anglican.org

We're delighted to let you know that our series of Lent Reflections is now available for churches to download and use as they find helpful. Each one picks up on one of the weekly themes from the national church's [#LiveLent: God's Story, Our Story](#) campaign. They also complement the chapters found in the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book, *Living His Story* by Hannah Steele. Access them via our Diocesan [Vimeo](#) and [YouTube](#) channels.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued a call to the nation to pause and reflect to remember the [more than 100,000 people across the UK](#) who have died after contracting Covid-19 and all those who know and love them. Starting from today, we are all invited to join in a time of prayer at 6pm each evening, for the next month. Here's how you can get involved:

- Find the set daily prayer materials at: www.churchofengland.org/resources/prayer-nation
- Join us on our [diocesan social media channels](#) each night this week at 6pm as we are led in prayer.
- Visit the [Archbishop of Canterbury's Facebook](#) page this evening at 6pm as he leads a special short live session of prayer for those who have died during the pandemic.

Bereavement resources: Right now loss and grief have come into sharp focus. For all those who have tragically died in the UK to Covid-19, there is a friend, relative or colleague who is affected by their loss. Here are some resources you might like to access or share to support people with their bereavement:

- [Loss and Hope](#) is a coalition of Christian organisations seeking to help the Church support the bereaved. They are currently equipping churches across the UK to run The Bereavement Journey course for those grieving in our nation and webinars aimed at churches. Visit: www.lossandhope.org
- [AtaLoss.org](#) have created a video in partnership with the Church of England to help all of us feel more confident about how we can support someone experiencing bereavement and grief. Watch it [here](#)
- [Funeral and bereavement resources](#) for ministers from the Church of England.

If you yourself have been bereaved, please search ataloss.org for support services and information.

Be Glorified: Be part of our diocesan film affirming each of us in our work and daily calling this Lent and Easter. Maybe you are a parent or carer. You might work in a supermarket or be a bus driver. Maybe you volunteer, or perhaps you understand that you live out your calling as an accountant. Send in a filmed clip to show us. Your clip might be inspired by our theme track, [Graham Kendrick's](#) version of 'Be Glorified'. Find out more about what you need to do to get involved at: www.rochester.anglican.org/resources/seasonal/lent/

Women in the Shadows: '[Women in the Shadows](#)', the Clewer Initiative's new Lent resource is now live! At the heart of the Lent course are five short films which include haunting survivor stories and compelling interviews with people working for frontline organisations. Bishop Simon has also contributed to the series. You can watch them now and download the devotional material at www.theclewerinitiative.org/womenintheshadows

Covid-19 impact on mission and mission - share your views: Following last year's successful lockdown survey, researchers at St John's York University are inviting clergy and laity to take part again. They would like to get a sense of how clergy and lay people are coping with the current lockdown. This new survey will enable them to assess how things have changed and find out what people think as they look forward to a post-pandemic future for the Church. Bishop James would like to encourage as many people as possible to contribute if they can. For more details click [here](#)

Let's talk loneliness: Just over 4 million people in the UK say they 'always' or 'often' feel lonely - double the number in March 2020. [Linking Lives UK](#) invites you to join an interactive workshop to find out more about the impact that loneliness and social isolation can have on the lives of older people (and those of all ages). Find out ways in which churches and individual Christians can make a difference in their local communities and exploring potential informal and more organised approaches. The event is open to any representatives of churches or Christian organisations based in Kent. For more details and to register, click [here](#)

Knowing Your Parish: Mapping Relationships: Monday, February 15, 2021, 2pm – 3:30pm

A session from [HeartEdge](#), for anyone interested and involved in connecting and relationship building within the life of the local church - for growth, outreach, projects, giving and communication. A focus on case studies and ways people have built new and creative partnerships. For details and to register click [here](#)

The 3Rs: Small steps and giant leaps in the quest to shape a post-pandemic Church - Feb 18, 2pm [Book here](#)

An online session from the national Evangelism and Discipleship Team. Planning our future under God entails focusing on three different horizons each with their own tasks. This webinar will help you to do this well. With Bishop Simon Burton-Jones and Stephen Hance.

Cathedral services online: [Rochester Cathedral](#) has with regret, announced that it will now be closed for private prayer and public worship until further notice. However, three services a week will be livestreamed on their [website](#) and their [Facebook](#) page. This includes the 11am Sunday Eucharist.

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