

Welcome to All Saints



WELCOME TO THIS CHURCH AND OUR SERVICES
We hope you will feel at home
and part of our Church Family as we worship God together

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

Sunday 21st February 2021

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

10.00am EUCHARIST (CW)

Revd Simon Archer

Preacher: Ernie Feasey

Readings: Genesis 9: 8-17 Mark 1: 9-15

THE COLLECT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 25th February 2021

10.00am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

Revd Simon Archer

Preacher: Ernie Feasey

Readings: Isaiah 55: 6-9 Matthew 7: 7-12

THE COLLECT: O LORD, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights: Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

Genesis 9.8–17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

Mark 1.9–15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the

wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Thursday's Readings

Isaiah 55.6–9

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Matthew 7.7–12

'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him! 'In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

We pray for

Anglican Communion: The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Diocese: Poverty Sunday. For all the food banks and shelter projects across the diocese, and for those working to end economic injustices

The Parish: On this first Sunday of Lent, may we listen out for your voice in the days ahead, that we may know you better, that we may love you better; the Bexley Food Bank; Bexley Winter Shelter its work and those who volunteer to help; those living in this parish and especially those living in Brabourne Crescent and Braeside Close

Our Country/The World: for those suffering in poverty and hunger, particularly children; for global partnerships striving to bring relief and aid, to empower individuals, groups and communities; for the just sharing of the world's goods and resources; For the scientific community, leading the charge to understand the disease and communicate its gravity: God, give them knowledge, wisdom, and a persuasive voice.

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

Those who have died: Barbara Bulley, Revd Peter Allen, 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

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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](#)

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.

Holy Week Voices from the Holy Land: '[Holy Week Voices from the Holy Land](#)' is a resource for prayer and reflection published by the Friends of the Holy Land. It is based around a series of poems accompanied by passages of Scripture and reflections from a range of people based in the Holy Land. One of these is Bishop Hosam Naoum, known to many from our Diocese and an Honorary Canon of our Cathedral. It also includes a version of the Stations of the Cross. Perfect for individual prayer and reflection, as well as household or similar settings. Bishop James says: "I am pleased to commend this collection and trust that it may offer fresh perspectives on parts of the Passion and Easter narratives." Find out more [here](#).

Coming Home - launch of housing report: Eight million people in the UK live in unaffordable, insecure or unsuitable homes. It is those caught in poverty who are bearing the brunt of this injustice. In response to this crisis, the Archbishop of Canterbury has commissioned the '[Coming Home](#)' report which will be launched this Sunday 21 February. There are already a series of resources available to help churches engage including videos, podcasts, blogs and bible study. A [webinar with the Archbishop on 24 February](#), will offer an opportunity for churches to hear about the actions and recommendations from the report, and learn how we can start turning this vision into reality. Book [here](#) Find out more at: www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/priorities/coming-home.

Racial Justice: Sunday 14 February, was Racial Justice Sunday (RJS) - a day for churches to remember, reflect and respond to racial justice matters. A wealth of resources can be found on the [Churches Together in Britain and Ireland website](#) which can be used by congregations at any time of the year to focus on racial justice. To access these resources, as well as prayer from our Bishop's Adviser for BAME Affairs, click [here](#)

How are you doing? Resources for your wellbeing: National data indicates that the current global pandemic is resulting in increased anxiety and reduced wellbeing for many of us. While we all move up and down the 'mental health curve' in our everyday lives, research suggests Covid may be pushing more of us down the curve. Here are a couple of simple, free online resources offering practical tips to help all of us with our mental health:

- [How to stay calm in a global pandemic](#) - Clinical psychologist, Dr Emma Hepburn, offers 15 ideas for how to continue to look after your mental health during a winter lockdown, when you are already feeling drained and run-down. Find it [here](#)
- [Deeply Rooted](#) - A free well-being resource for leaders during Covid-19 from [Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries](#), a Christian charity which aims to

Rochester MOSAIC Conference: On Saturday 6 March 10am -1pm, the second online conference organised by the Rochester branch of MOSAIC - Movement Supporting Anglican Inclusive Church - will take place, offering a further look at [Living in Love and Faith](#). Speakers will include a representative of the Student Christian Movement on their response to the initiative, Canon Neil Thompson, a former precentor at Rochester Cathedral, and the Rev Jane Winter, the diocesan advocate for Living in Love and Faith. For more information and to book click [here](#)

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