

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 28th February 2021

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
10.00am EUCHARIST (CW)
Revd Simon Archer

Readings: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 Mark 8: 31-38

THE COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Thursday 4th March 2021
10.00am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)
Revd Simon Archer

Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-10 Luke 16: 19-end

THE COLLECT: Almighty God, who seest 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.**

Today's Readings

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15, 16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Mark 8: 31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Thursday's Readings

Jeremiah 17.5–10

Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse— who can understand it? I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Luke 16.19–end

'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead." '

We pray for

Anglican Communion: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

Diocese: Rochester Cathedral. Dean: The Very Rev Dr Philip Hesketh; Chapter Clerk: Simon Lace.

The Parish: Our working together as the Body of Christ here, that all may use the gifts God has given us to fulfill the mission and ministry God is calling us to; that we may care for one another; Hayley House, the manager & residents; those living in this parish and especially those living in Brook Street, Bunkers Hill and Calvert Close.

Our Country/The World: Lord we pray for your Church as it journeys through Lent and prepares for the great Easter celebrations, that its message will reach beyond the flowers and Easter eggs to carry the hopes of all Christians for a rebirth of the spirit and for a strong witness for Christ; for peacemakers and for peace in the world, a world in which all may live in safety; those suffering from Aids/HIV and their families.

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: 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 March & April 2021

Bexley Moorings Project was established in 1981 and now enjoys widespread recognition and support in the local community. We are a registered charity working in the London Borough of Bexley to provide effective support for vulnerable young people, with the help of volunteers. We are an early intervention support service that offers one-to-one befriending and specific group sessions to young people, aged 8-17, who may be experiencing material or emotional deprivation, in crises, at risk or have a caring responsibility. Each young person is individually assessed for suitability, including willingness to join the programme, we can tailor the support needed. Befriending Our volunteer befrienders work on a one-to-one basis and offer focused non-judgmental support, positive experiences, advice and an adult role model. Through befriending young people grow in confidence and positively change their behaviour. Groups currently offer our CRISP (Child Resilience Inclusion Social Pathway) group for young people that will benefit from social interaction and peer support. This is a 12 week programme for young people low in confidence or exhibiting low-level behaviour problems to increase their confidence and social. Thank you for your support. Chris Martin.

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for pew sheet details or other information**

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Prayer for the Nation continues: This is the final week of the [Archbishops' call for all of us to join in prayer](#) each evening at 6pm for our nation. Each evening this week, we'll be sharing the set prayer for the day on our social media channels. You can also find them on our [Vimeo](#) and [YouTube](#) channel. Do join us.

Coronavirus reopening roadmap - comment from the Bishop of London:

Following the Prime Minister's statement to Parliament, the Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, who chairs the Church of England's Coronavirus Recovery Group, said: "I am grateful to the Prime Minister for sharing these proposals to ease the current restrictions in a way which gives us all some clarity and enables people to begin to plan. "We will study the details and, working with Government Departments, refine our own advice for local churches in the weeks ahead. We all look forward to being able to meet in larger groups again later this year and today's announcement will be especially encouraging for couples planning weddings, among others. "When the first lockdown was introduced last year, we were – as we are now – in the midst of Lent, a time of preparation and self-reflection for Christians as we look forward with hope to Easter and its promise of new life in Jesus Christ. "This has been an incredibly testing time for the whole world – most of all the loved ones of those who have died. The financial cost of the pandemic has been enormous, and we will never truly know the cost of separation and loneliness on individuals and society. "But we have also seen remarkable signs of hope. The rapid development and distribution of vaccines has been a phenomenal achievement and I want to thank everyone involved in the process. "The way in which people have reached out to others has been inspirational. "Our churches have loved and served their neighbours perhaps like never before and found ways to meet and worship God together we would not have imagined just a year ago. "As we look ahead to the prospect of easing of restrictions we know it is still a long road. Yet Easter reminds us we always have hope."

'Coming Home' housing report now launched:

On Sunday 21 February, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York published the ['Coming Home' report](#). It sets out a vision for tackling the housing crisis - with the Church of England playing an important role.

- A series of resources are available to help churches engage with the issues raised. including videos. podcasts, blogs and bible study. Find them [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](#)

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](#).

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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