

Pew Sheet for 15th February 2025

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Saturday 14th February

10am-11.30am Churches Together Coffee Morning at Hinton Methodist Chapel

Sunday 15th February

9.30am BCP Holy Communion at Aston le Walls

10am BCP Morning Prayer at Eydon
11am Holy Communion at Woodford Halse

Wednesday 18th February

9.45am Ash Wednesday Holy Communion at Byfield

7pm Ash Wednesday Holy Communion at Woodford Halse

Thursday 19th February

Due to unforeseen circumstances Messy Church is cancelled

Sunday 22nd February

9.30am BCP Holy Communion at Eydon
11am Holy Communion at Woodford Halse

Tuesday 24th February

3.30pm First meeting of the Lent course at the Rectory. Please let Rev Clare know if you are coming and bring a Bible if you have one.

Wednesday 25th February

9.45am Morning Prayer at Byfield
11.15am Prayer Group meets at Hinton Methodist Chapel

Thursday 26th February

Rising Stars is cancelled

Saturday 28th February

5 – 7pm Youth Church at Woodford Halse

Sunday 1st March

9.30am Holy Communion at Boddington
10am BCP Morning Prayer at Eydon
10am Café Church at Woodford Halse
11am Holy Communion at Byfield

A springtime for the soul

February can be a tough month. Christmas is long gone and meanwhile the winter drags on; the weather's miserable and the news relentlessly depressing. There's not much to celebrate it seems.



But there are some signs of things changing. In the woods, a scattering of brilliant yellow aconites hint at the sunshine that is to come and a bank of snowdrops defies the last frosts of the year. Nature is on the move.

And so too is God. As we enter the season of Lent, we tentatively begin our preparations for Easter. Ash Wednesday's ceremonies may seem sober; reflecting on our mortality and need for forgiveness ("remember you are dust and to dust you shall return; turn away from sin"), but also pointing us to the One in whom all our hopes are founded ("be faithful to Christ"). Traditionally a season of fasting, perhaps it might be better to think of Lent rather as a time to make space for God. Fast by all means but maybe it's head space we really need, so why not, for example, turn our smart phones off for a few hours so we can think and feel and 'be' ourselves in the presence of God rather than at the beck and call of others?

Perhaps that way we might truly make Lent, what Brother Roger of Taize called it: "a springtime for the soul" and arrive at Easter with a renewed clarity about God's love and care for us all.

Have a spacious Lent

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Dalliston".

The Very Revd Chris Dalliston
Dean of Peterborough

COLLECT

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.

FIRST READING Exodus 24:12-end

A reading from the book of Exodus.
The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to
me on the mountain, and wait there; and I
will give you the tablets of stone, with the
law and the commandment, which I have
written for their instruction." So Moses set
out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses
went up into the mountain of God. To
the elders he had said, "Wait here for us,
until we come to you again; for Aaron and
Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute
may go to them." Then Moses went up
on the mountain, and the cloud covered
the mountain. The glory of the LORD
settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud
covered it for six days; on the seventh day
he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now
the appearance of the glory of the LORD
was like a devouring fire on the top of the
mountain in the sight of the people of
Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went
up on the mountain. Moses was on the
mountain for forty days and forty nights.

PSALM Either Psalm 2

R The Lord is the strength of his people,
a safe refuge for his anointed.

Why are the nations in tumult,
and why do the peoples devise a vain plot?
The kings of the earth rise up,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord and against his anointed:
"Let us break their bonds asunder
and cast away their cords from us." R

He who dwells in heaven shall laugh them
to scorn;
the Lord shall have them in derision.
Then shall he speak to them in his wrath
and terrify them in his fury:
"Yet have I set my king
upon my holy hill of Zion." R

I will proclaim the decree of the Lord;
he said to me: "You are my Son; this day
have I begotten you.

"Ask of me and I will give you the nations
for your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for your
possession.
"You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's
vessel." R

Now therefore be wise, O kings;
be prudent, you judges of the earth.
Serve the Lord with fear, and with
trembling kiss his feet,
lest he be angry and you perish from the
way, for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Happy are all they
who take refuge in him. R

Or Psalm 99

R He spoke to them out of the pillar of
cloud.
The Lord is king; let the people tremble;
he is enthroned above the cherubim; let
the earth shake.
The Lord is great in Zion
and high above all peoples.
Let them praise your name, which is great
and awesome;
he is the Holy One. R

Mighty King, who loves justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice and
righteousness in Jacob.
Lord our God Exalt
bow down before his footstool, for he is
holy. R

Moses and Aaron among his priests
and Samuel among those who call upon
his name,
they called upon the Lord and he
answered them.
He spoke to them out of the pillar of
cloud;
they kept his testimonies and the law that
he gave them. R

You answered them, O Lord our God;
you were a God who forgave them
and pardoned them for their offences.
Exalt the Lord our God and worship him
upon his holy hill;
for the Lord our God is the holy. R

SECOND READING 2 Peter 1:16-end

A reading from the second letter of Peter.
We did not follow cleverly devised myths
when we made known to you the power
and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but
we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty.
For he received honour and glory from
God the Father when that voice was

conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory,
saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with
whom I am well pleased." We ourselves
heard this voice come from heaven, while
we were with him on the holy mountain.
So we have the prophetic message more
fully confirmed. You will do well to be
attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a
dark place, until the day dawns and the
morning star rises in your hearts. First
of all you must understand this, that no
prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's
own interpretation, because no prophecy
ever came by human will, but men and
women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke
from God.

GOSPEL Matthew 17:1-9

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and
his brother John and led them up a high
mountain, by themselves. And he was
transfigured before them, and his face
shone like the sun, and his clothes became
dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared
to them Moses and Elijah, talking with
him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is
good for us to be here; if you wish, I will
make three dwellings here, one for you,
one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While
he was still speaking, suddenly a bright
cloud overshadowed them, and from
the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son,
the Beloved; with him I am well pleased;
listen to him!" When the disciples heard
this, they fell to the ground and were
overcome by fear. But Jesus came and
touched them, saying, "Get up and do not
be afraid." And when they looked up, they
saw no one except Jesus himself alone.
As they were coming down the mountain,
Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about
the vision until after the Son of Man has
been raised from the dead."

POST COMMUNION

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.

