

## **Pew Sheet for 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

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### **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

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

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

9.30am BCP Holy Communion at Aston le Walls  
10am BCP Morning Prayer at Eydon  
11am Holy Communion at Woodford Halse

### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

9.45am Ash Wednesday Holy Communion at Byfield  
7pm Ash Wednesday Holy Communion at Woodford Halse

### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

Due to unforeseen circumstances Messy Church is cancelled

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

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

### **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> February**

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

### **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

Rising Stars is cancelled

### **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

5 – 7pm Youth Church at Woodford Halse

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Taizé 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



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## 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.

