

# The Greenway Benefice Sunday Sheet

Holy Trinity Badgeworth, St Paul's Shurdington, and St Mary's Witcombe with Bentham

*(Sunday services, readings and prayers are on this sheet, please look in the Three in One\* for other news and notices)*

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**



## Today's Services

8am	St Paul's	BCP Holy Communion
9:30am	St Paul's	Sunday Worship
11.00am	Holy Trinity	Sunday worship
11.00am	St Mary's	Sunday Worship

## Collect

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 for ever. Amen.

## Lectionary Readings

### Genesis 12.1-4a The Call of Abram

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

### Psalms 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; •  
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, •  
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not suffer your foot to stumble; •  
he who watches over you will not sleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel •  
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; •  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, •  
neither the moon by night.

- 7 The Lord shall keep you from all evil; •  
it is he who shall keep your soul.
- 8 The Lord shall keep watch over your going out  
and your coming in, •  
from this time forth for evermore.

### Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

## Gospel Reading

### John 3.1-17 Nicodemus Visits Jesus

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.'  
<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?'  
<sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?'  
11 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our

testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

### ECO tip for March

Take part in a local litter pick during The Great British Spring Clean (Friday 13-Sunday 29 March), or consider organising your own - perhaps after church on Sunday. Find out more at <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/our-work/eliminating-litter/great-british-spring-clean>

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### This week's prayers

Please remember in your prayers:

- Those living in Church Lane and Cirencester Road, Witcombe.
- Our Vicar (Susan).
- We are also praying for the people of Ukraine and the Middle East, that they may freely live in peace.

### Shurdington Primary School

We are continuing our school links, and we pray for the staff and pupils. This term's school value is Thankfulness.

### Our Frontline Prayer

We thank you, Heavenly Father, for the gift of this community. We commend one another to you on our different frontlines.

Wherever we are, whatever we do, whoever we are, may the Holy Spirit guide us in all things so that we may do God's will in the world, in the service of Jesus Christ and with great joy. Amen

### In Church next week



#### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

9pm	St Mary's	Compline
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#### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

8am	St Mary's	Holy Communion BCP
9:30am	St Paul's	Sunday Worship
11am	Holy Trinity	Holy Communion
11am	St Mary's	All-age worship