

PARISH OF ST. NICHOLAS WITH ST. MARY, STROOD

The First Sunday of Lent
First Sunday in Lent BCP
22nd February

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Please take this sheet home for reference to events. The 10.30am service is shown in the Swain Vestry so you can watch it if you need to leave the main church space. The 10.30am service is streamed. The collection plate is not passed around, it is at the back of the church, as is a contactless payment device.

Please wait to be directed by the stewards to take Communion. Thank you

Readings for Today First Sunday of Lent

09.00am: BCP 2 Corinthians 6:1-10, Matthew 4:1-11

10.30am: Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

5.00pm: Evensong

Readings for next Sunday The Second Sunday of Lent 1 March 2026

09.00am: BCP 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8, Matthew 15:
21-28

10.30am: Romans 4:1-5; 13-17, John 3:1-17

Collect:

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 for ever. Amen.

Hymns

10.30am: 54, 190, 29, 506, 572

5.00pm: 165, 497, 86, 208

Lent Course

Beginning weekly from Tuesday 24th February

10am-Swain Vestry

7pm-The Vicarage

Stations of the Cross

The Server's Guild will be holding a service of Stations of the Cross, a Lenten devotion, here at St Nicholas on Wednesday 25th February at 7.30 pm

All welcome

Bring and Share Lunch

On Sunday 1st March we invite you to a bring and share lunch. Bring something that can be placed on our lunch table to share with others who would like to stay for lunch after the service.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 23 February 9.30 – 12 noon

Warm Space in the Church

Tuesday 24 February 10.00am Lent Course in Swain Vestry. **7.00pm** in the Vicarage

Thursday 26 February 10 – 11.30am
Toddle and Chat in the Lower Hall

Saturday 28 February 10.00am – 12 noon Coffee Shop in Lower Hall

Looking Forward...

Sunday 1st March Bring & Share Lunch

Saturday 14th March Tabletop Sale

Saturday 28th March Jumble Sale

Readings for 15 February

FIRST READING **Romans 5:12-19**

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL **Matthew 4:1-11**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, " 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and " 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.' " Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.' " Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, " 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.' " Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ