

Please Pray for Peace in our troubled world

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease.
and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven.
Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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Keep in touch, or let us know if any help is needed at:

Telephone: 01793 853272

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We seek to grow through prayer and share Christ's love through engagement with all.

Weekly News

15th February 2026



Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

Followed by Refreshments in the Croft

Church Children meet in the Croft for singing and music-making

Shrove Tuesday 17th February

10:00am – 2:00pm Pancake Party in the Croft

Ash Wednesday 18th February

Services marking the beginning of Lent,

a season of reflection and preparation leading up to our Easter celebrations

10:30 am Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes

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I would like to thank our congregation for their prayers for me and your attendance at Honor's funeral. I was so heartened by your love for her. So far over £1100.00 has been contributed to Prospect in Honor's memory. Thank you. Michael

Please look out for the **Draw Near - Life-giving habits for Lent** booklets in church, with 40 daily reflections, Bible readings and actions to help us grow as disciples of Christ day by day. You can also receive these via email or the Everyday Faith app. Find out more at cofe.io/DrawNear

Lent Lunches start next week on Wednesday 25th. There are still some vacancies to supply soup, please sign up on the sheet near the door.

Our next **Deanery Synod** is on **Thursday 26th February at 7.30pm** in the Croft at which Canon Ian Woodward, chair of the Salisbury-Sudan Partnership Committee, will talk about the Anglican church in Sudan with which our diocese has various links. All are welcome.

Lent Bible Study group: Revd Michael Jones invites us to come and explore the Sunday Gospel readings during Lent. 7 – 8pm on Tuesdays 24th February, and 3rd, 10th and 17th March... in the Croft. Please let the Parish Office know if you are interested in coming.

Sunday 15th February 2026

Sunday next before Lent

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*

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.

SECOND READING: *2 Peter 1.16-end*

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 READING: *Matthew 17.1-9*

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.'