

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 15th February 2026

Sunday next before Lent

Today's Services

9.30 St Paul's Holy Communion
11.00 Holy Trinity BCP Morning Prayer
11.00 St Mary's Holy Communion

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.

Lectionary Readings

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.' ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To 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. ¹⁶The 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. ¹⁷Now 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. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Psalms 2

- 1 Why are the nations in tumult, •
and why do the peoples devise a vain plot?
- 2 The kings of the earth rise up,
and the rulers take counsel together, •
against the Lord and against his anointed:

- 3 'Let us break their bonds asunder •
and cast away their cords from us.'
- 4 He who dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn; •
the Lord shall have them in derision.
- 5 Then shall he speak to them in his wrath •
and terrify them in his fury:
- 6 'Yet have I set my king •
upon my holy hill of Zion.'
- 7 I will proclaim the decree of the Lord; •
he said to me: 'You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.
- 8 'Ask of me and I will give you the nations for your inheritance •
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- 9 'You shall break them with a rod of iron •
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'
- 10 Now therefore be wise, O kings; •
be prudent, you judges of the earth.
- 11 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.
- 12 Happy are all they •
who take refuge in him.

2 Peter 1.16-end Eyewitnesses of Christ's Glory

For 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. ¹⁷For 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.' ¹⁸We 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. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because 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 The Transfiguration

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then 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.' ⁵While 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!' ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' ⁸And 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.'

ECO tip for February

Lent is a time when Christians traditionally fast and focus on God. Why not try a **Carbon Fast** - consider ways to live more simply, cut your carbon footprint and focus on the whole of God's creation.

More details at

<https://climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast-for-lent/>

This week's prayers

Please remember in your prayers:

- Those living in Chargrove Lane.
- Our Swedish link in Rattvik in the Diocese of Vasteras.
- 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.



In Church next week

Wednesday 18th February Ash Wednesday

6pm Holy Trinity Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes

Friday 20th February

9pm St Mary's Compline

Sunday 22nd February 1st Sunday in Lent

10.30 St Mary's Benefice Holy Communion

This will be the only service in the Benefice this Sunday – all are welcome.

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