

PRAYERS: For your prayers this week.

Vocations and ministry:

Benefice Clergy: Jonathan and Richard, and those helping in the vacancy

The sick:

Marianne, Kylie, Merry, Alex, David, Jackie, Nic, Babs, Russell and Lee, Dennis, Malcolm and Alan. All those in hospital, having treatment and waiting for test results and operations.

Those needing long term care and support: Pauline, Richard, those being cared for at home, the residents of Goatacre Manor Care Centre and other local care homes.

Those who have died:

We pray for funerals being planned, those we know and those we read about in the news.

We pray for all those who grieve.

Baptisms and Weddings:

We pray for Rebecca Sandberg and Edward Dawson whose banns are being read this month.

Special intentions (*This is for people who may have plans or hopes for which they would like our prayer support*)

We pray for the King and all the Royal family.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we continue to pray for the Jersey deanery. Everlasting Lord, we raise to you the communities of St Andrew in Jersey deanery, asking for your blessing upon the lives of all who live there.

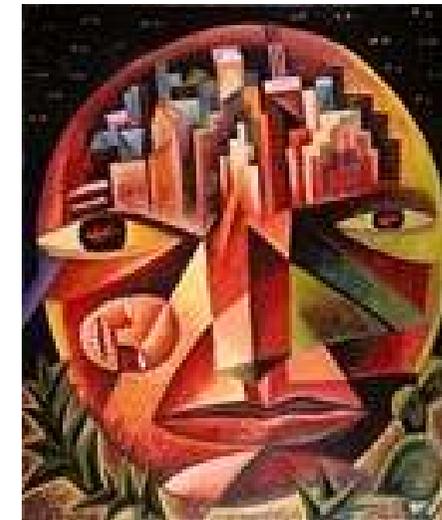
In our prayers for the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Church of Ireland.

We pray for our Benefice congregations, parishioners and our churches in this time of vacancy. We give thanks for those helping at this time.



The Benefice of
Lyneham and Woodhill

22nd Feb
1st Sunday of Lent



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Bradenstoke	Communion - 9am
Broad Town	Communion - 10.30am
Hilmarton	All-Age Service - 10.30am

Future services:

Sun 1 st March	Clyffe Pypard	Communion - 9am
	Tockenham	Communion - 10.30am
	Lyneham	All-Age Service - 10.30am
Weds 4 th March	Hilmarton	Communion - 2pm (48 Poynder Place)
Sun 8 th March	Bradenstoke	Communion - 9am
	Hilmarton	Communion - 10.30am
	Broad Town	Morning Service - 10.30am

Keep in touch by going to: www.achurchnearyou.com and searching for your parish church.

Using the Benefice of Lyneham and Woodhill Facebook page.

Getting your name added to the Benefice email list if it isn't already there – just email Elaine on beneficeofwoodhill@yahoo.co.uk and ask to be added.

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.

FIRST READING: *Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7*

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God say, “You shall not eat from any tree in the garden”?’ ²The woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, “You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.”’ ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’

⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

SECOND READING: *Romans 5.12-19*

¹²Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned – ¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man’s trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man’s sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man’s trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore just as one man’s trespass led to condemnation for all, so the act of righteousness of one leads to justification and life for all.

¹⁹For just as by the one person’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

POST COMMUNION

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 4.1-11*

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' ⁴But he answered, 'It is written,

“One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying 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,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.”

⁷Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; ⁹and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' ¹⁰Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

“Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.