

**PRAYERS:** For your prayers this week.

**Vocations and ministry:**

Mandy - Licensed Lay Minister

**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 Phyllis Davis, for funerals being planned, those we know and those we read about in the news.

We pray for all those who grieve.

**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.

Living Lord, we pray for your blessing on the community of St Martin de Gouray and for all who worship in this place.

We pray for all churches and communities across the Nippon Sei Ko Kai, the Anglican Church in Japan.

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

1<sup>st</sup> March  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent



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<b>Clyffe Pypard</b>	Communion - 9am
<b>Tockenham</b>	Communion - 10.30am
<b>Lyneham</b>	All-Age Service - 10.30am

*Future services:*

Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Hilmarton</b>	Communion - 2pm (48 Poynder Place)
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Bradenstoke</b>	Communion - 9am
	<b>Hilmarton</b>	Communion - 10.30am
	<b>Broad Town</b>	Morning Service - 10.30am
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Clyffe Pypard</b>	Communion - 9am
	<b>Lyneham</b>	Communion - 10.30am

Keep in touch by going to: [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://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](mailto:beneficeofwoodhill@yahoo.co.uk) and ask to be added.

## 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.

## FIRST READING: *Genesis 12.1-4a*

<sup>1</sup>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.'  
<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

## SECOND READING: *Romans 4.1-5, 13-17*

<sup>1</sup>What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.'  
<sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.  
<sup>13</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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'). Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

## GOSPEL: *John 3.1-17*

<sup>1</sup>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?'  
<sup>11</sup>'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. <sup>17</sup>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.'

## POST COMMUNION

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities  
which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.