

This Week at St Nicolas'

MONDAY 8th Edward King, bishop, 1910; *Felix, bishop, 647; Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, priest, poet, 1929*

MP psalms 5 & 7; Genesis 47:1-27; Hebrews 4:14-5:10

10 am Eucharist Luke 4:24-30

EP psalms 11 & 17; Jeremiah 11:1-17; John 7:37-52

TUESDAY 9th

MP psalms 6 & 9; Genesis 47:28-end of 48; Hebrews 5:11-6:12

9:45 am Tuesday Group

11:30 am Eucharist at Pilgrim Wood

EP psalms 61, 62 & 64; Jeremiah 11:18-12:6; John 7:53-8:11

7:30 pm Eucharist Matthew 18:21-end

8:15 pm Lent Course

WEDNESDAY 10th

MP psalm 38; Genesis 49:1-32; Hebrews 6:13-end

7:45 am Eucharist Matthew 5:17-19

EP psalms 36 & 39; Jeremiah 13:1-11; John 8:12-30

THURSDAY 11th

MP psalms 56 & 57; Genesis 49:33-end of 50; Hebrews 7:1-10

1:10 pm Eucharist Luke 11:14-23

EP psalms 59 & 60; Jeremiah 14; John 8:31-47

7:15 pm Christian Meditation Group in WTJ room

FRIDAY 12th

MP psalm 22; Exodus 1:1-14; Hebrews 7:11-end

11 am Eucharist Mark 12:28-34

11:30am – 1:30 pm Lent Lunches in the Parish Centre

EP psalm 69; Jeremiah 15:10-end; John 8:48-end

SATURDAY 13th

MP psalm 31; Exodus 1:22-2:10; Hebrews 8

7:45 am Eucharist Luke 18:9-14

EP psalms 116 & 130; Jeremiah 16:10-17:4; John 9:1-17

SUNDAY 14th MARCH: FOURTH OF LENT

MOTHERING SUNDAY

8:30 am Eucharist

10 am PARISH MASS Luke 2:33-35, 41-51

6 pm Evensong & Stations of the Cross

NOTICES

We welcome Fr Bernard Holdridge and Fr Stanley Hemming-Clark who are taking the services here today.

The APCM is only a fortnight away. Please do not delay in making nominations for the PCC. Serving on the PCC is an essential way to share responsibility for the life of the Church. The reports and accounts should be available next Sunday.

Next Sunday is Mothering Sunday. Children will be invited to gather in the hall to make posies for their mum and to help give out posies to all mothers at the end of the service.

There are a few roads in the parish which still don't have anyone to deliver the free magazine. Please take a look at the list and see where you might be able to help. Thank you.

The Choir is in the early stages of planning an informal concert of songs from the Golden Age of the Broadway Musical. Such as George Gershwin, Cole Porter and Irving Berlin will feature. The projected performance date is Saturday 17 April. Everyone is welcome to join in. If you would like to get involved then speak to David Greenwood (Tel: 576445) or just come along to the first rehearsal (Sunday 7 March at 3pm in the Church).

Fr Andrew is now on sabbatical until March 20th. Please look at his blog to find out what he's doing – and adding your own thoughts!

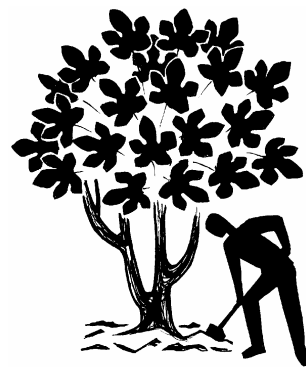
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WEEKLY LEAFLET

7th March 2010

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



8:30 am EUCHARIST traditional language
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Readings as at Parish Mass below

**10am
PARISH MASS**
with the ministry of healing

The Gathering

ENTRY HYMN 383

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Please stay standing until the readings

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Make me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy spirit from me:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Please remain standing for the Collect.

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he
suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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.

The Liturgy of the Word

Today's reader is Julia Andrew

FIRST READING (Isaiah 55:1-9)

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.
The LORD says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 63:1-9

O God, you are my God; 'eagerly I ' seek you; ♦
my ' soul • is athirst for ' you.

My flesh ' also ' faints for you, ♦
as in a dry and thirsty ' land • where there ' is no ' water.

So would I gaze upon you in your ' holy ' place, ♦
that I might behold your ' power ' and your ' glory.

Your loving-kindness is better than ' life itself ♦
and ' so my ' lips shall ' praise you.

I will bless you as ' long as I ' live ♦
and lift up my ' hands ' in your ' name.

My soul shall be satisfied, as with ' marrow and ' fatness, ♦
and my mouth shall ' praise you with ' joyful ' lips,

When I remember you upon my ' bed ♦
and meditate on you in the ' watches ' of the ' night.

For you have ' been my ' helper ♦
and under the shadow of your ' wings will ' I rejoice.

My ' soul ' clings to you; ♦
your ' right hand shall ' hold me ' fast.

SECOND READING (1 Corinthians 10:1-13)

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.
I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

GRADUAL HYMN 337

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.

Harden not your hearts.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

GOSPEL (Luke 13:1-9) Please turn to the reader

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them – do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON Fr Bernard

After the Sermon there will be a period of silence for reflection.

The Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Marion Harris

Priest: Let us come to God in prayer.

Intercessor:

- Diocese: Department of Mission, Evangelism & Parish Development and its Director, John Gooding.
- Anglican Communion: The Church in Hong Kong and their Archbishop Paul Kwong.
- Bishop of Guildford's Lent Call – Lent lunches here on Fridays.
- Participants in the Lent Course here, at the URC and at All Saints'.

... Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Priest:

Lord our God, hear our prayers and pour your blessings over the glorious world you have created, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Please remain standing as we exchange a handshake as a Sign of Peace.

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

OFFERTORY HYMN 376

During this hymn a collection is taken for the work of the Church, and bread and wine are brought to the altar.

Pray that our sacrifice
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

**PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE &
TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE**

God of mercy and compassion,
your Word calls us home to faith and love.
Accept all we offer you this day;
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace
and learn to be your people once again.
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.
Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy
and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The bell rings as a sign that you might like to kneel, then to
look at the bread and the wine as the Real Presence of
Christ.*

... Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

*The Prayer continues and we all respond boldly:
Amen.*

A time of silence is kept.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei is sung as the bread is broken

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Invitation to communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The bell rings as a sign, then to come for communion or a blessing. All full members of other Christian churches are invited to receive Holy Communion, others to come for a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN 414

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Turn thy face from my sins" by Attwood

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you,
the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood
of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you
our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Any notices will be given, then

FINAL HYMN 418

BLESSING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

May God the Father,
who does not despise the broken spirit,
give to you a contrite heart.
Amen.

May Christ,
who bore our sins in his body on the tree,
heal you by his wounds.
Amen.

May the Holy Spirit,
who leads us into all truth,
speak to you words of pardon and peace.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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<p>6 pm EVENSONG Office hymn 61 psalms 12 & 13 Genesis 28:10-19a; John 1:35-end Hymn 374 Stations of the Cross</p>
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