

Tea/ coffee after Mass. Please stay
Welcome to Fr. Stephen Brown and his wife Coleen.
Please stay to Friends of St. Mary's AGM after coffee.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

LENT 2 (B)

This week: Divine Office – Psalter Week 2

Mon: 9:30. Mass. (Dan 9v.4-10; Luke 6v.36-38) Int: More generous giving.

Tues: 9:00 Mass (Is. 1v.10,16-20; Matt 23v.1-12) Int: For generous worship
11:00-1:00 Coffee, soup, cakes etc in Church.
7:30 Deanary Pastoral Committee – Stowupland.

Wed: 9:30 Mass (Jer 18v.18-20; Matt 20 v.17-28)
Int: Bishops Norman, Martin and Mike.

Thurs: 9:30 Mass. (Jer 17v.5-10; Luke 16v.19-31)
Int: Christian Aid

Fri: ST. DAVID, PATRON OF WALES. (Feast)

9:30 Mass (Phil 3 v8-14; Matt 5v.13-16)
Int: Church and people of Wales

Sat: 10:00 1st Mass of Sunday (Readings as tomorrow)
Int: Those to be elected as Churchwardens
4:00 Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Next Sunday – LENT III

9.30 am Parish Mass & Address.
(Exodus 20v.1-17; 1 Cor 1v.22-25; John 2v.13-25)
10:30 Vestry Meeting to elect Churchwardens.
11:30 PCC and shared lunch in Church

NOTICES

1. Please support next healing Service. Mon 4th March – 2.30 pm
2. Please note Tuesday's Mass is at **9:00**. Fr. Philip has to be away for a meeting.
3. Please fill in the list on table for - (i) Maundy Mass, Watch in Gethsemane. (ii) Easter Candles for the Dead. (iii) Refreshments for shared meal after Easter Vigil – Sat 30th March at 9:00 approx.
4. Kagera Lent Appeal – 5,000 litre Water tank - £350. 1,000 litre tank - £130 Food Pump for irrigation £130. Bag of cement £10. Pipes, taps etc £85. Please give generously to this diocesan appeal; use your own jar or box to collect.

Theme: On Mount Tabor Jesus' disciples had a glimpse of his glory as the Son of God and Peter exclaimed, "Lord, it is good for us to be here." It is good for us to be here, too, as we get a glimpse both of God's glory and of ours as his children.

Entrance Hymn: 56 v. 1-3

PENITENTIAL RITE:

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we have not allowed the light of your presence to transform our lives. Help us to see your goodness. Lord have mercy.

People: (sing) **KYRIE ELEISON** (*Ukrainian setting*)

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we have failed to see you as the Father's envoy of reconciliation. Christ have mercy. **People: CHRISTE ELEISON**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for the times when we have not allowed the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts and minds with the joy and peace that come from forgiveness. Lord have mercy. **People: KYRIE ELEISON**

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness.

No Gloria during Lent.

OPENING PRAYER: *Let us pray for the grace to respond to the Word of God. God our Father, help us to hear your Son. Enlighten us with your Word, that we may find the way to your glory.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading – Genesis 22 v. 1-2, 9-13, 15-18:

Abraham showed complete faith and obedience in God when he felt called to sacrifice his only son but Israel was no longer to practise such child sacrifices.

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 115

Ⓜ I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said: Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
'I am sorely afflicted.' you have loosened my bonds.
O precious in the eyes of the Lord A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
is the death of his faithful. Ⓜ I will call on the Lord's name. Ⓜ

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. Ⓜ

Second Reading – Romans 8 v. 31-34: Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac points forward to God's gift of his Son to us. The death of Jesus on the Cross shows there is no limit to God's love.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Hymn: 56 v. 4 & 5.

Acclamation: (all) **Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him'. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

Gospel – Mark 9 v. 2-10: The Apostles are allowed a glimpse of the glory to come. Here the Old and New Covenants are brought together, in contrast. The two traditions of the Old Testament, the Law and the Prophets, are represented by Moses and Elijah, but it is Jesus alone who is singled out by God to be his Son.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

ADDRESS CREED – Nicene (*Page 7 of hymn book*)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: St. Paul was so convinced of the power of God's love to overcome all human failure that we can take courage to ask the Father for our needs.

Reader: Let us pray that all Christians will listen to the voice of God and follow him as faithfully as Abraham.

It is wonderful for us to be here, awaiting the Holy Spirit to transform our gifts into the Body and Blood of Jesus: may we ourselves be ready to be changed by the same Spirit into the likeness of Jesus.

Let us pray for leaders of nations, that God's radiant light will shine on them and that they will bring true peace, with justice, to their people. We pray especially for those imprisoned for their beliefs and for all people suffering in Gaza, Israel, Ukraine and Russia, that God may comfort them as he consoled Abraham in his moment of trial.

Let us pray for families and neighbours who are divided over misunderstandings, possessions, land, relationships or any other cause, that we may all learn the way of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Let us pray for those who are afflicted and whose endurance is tested to the limit, that they may know God's presence and power with them. We pray especially for all who are sick, especially Taylor Birch, Annita Scruby, Angie Wilson, Jim Wilson, Julie & Andrew Gray, Jean Martin, Jan Ross, and all who are bereaved in our community, especially Karen, that they will be comforted by the healing presence of Christ.

Let us pray for all those who have died: especially Mike Galloway and Blanche Neale, Lawrence Jones, Bamse Harvey-Samuel, James Telford-Taylor, Vera Westenra-Hartley, Doreen Fraser, John Pitt and Penny Davis, Rosemary Gillespie, John Clements, Isobel Hadley, Charles Foster, Emily Molyneaux, Ivy Tye, Eileen Chevallier and Joan Blythe-Brook whose anniversaries of death occur this week, that they may rest in peace and see the light of God's face.

We make our prayer with Mary who suffered the loss of her Son.

Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen

SILENCE

All: God, our Father, we ask you to increase our faith. Give us strength to do your will and remain faithful to you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Mass continues on page 8 of hymn book

Offertory Hymn: **575 v.1.** **Offertory Prayers** Hymn **575 v.2-4**
Sanctus & Mystery of Faith: John Allen Lent setting (words & music on paper)

**Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ, in the most Holy Sacrament.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in excelsis.**

Agnus Dei: John Allen Lent setting

Communicants of other denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not a Communicant and/or would like a Blessing, please carry a hymn book to the altar rail.

Hymn at Holy Communion (please join in): **340** and **259.**

Hymn at Ablutions: **316.**

Post-Communion Prayer **Angelus** Notices **Blessing**

Recessional Hymn: **104.**