

Readings for the 2nd Sunday of Lent

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS

All who live in Dryleaze.
Kathleen Joan Hibbert and her family and friends following her funeral at St Peter's on 24th February.
Everyone involved in the Women's World Day of Prayer.

Under 5's and Messy Church.

All those involved in organizing the Street Fair.

All members of the PCCs.

All who are seeking God's intervention, guidance or healing in their lives.

Prayer of St Richard

Thanks be to you, our Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits which you have given us,
for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us.
Most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,
may we know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day.
Amen.

As the days lengthen and the earth spends longer in the light of day, grant that I may spend longer in the light of your presence O Lord.

Our Benefice Mission Statement

Growing in our relationship with God,
Caring for the whole Church Family,
Sharing the good news of Jesus in love and action.

SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	SC
25 th February	9.30am	Coffee & Church	Pr
2nd Sunday of Lent	10.00am	Family Communion	SC
	10.00am	Morning Praise	Sidd
	6.00pm	Compline	SC
MONDAY	2.00pm	Lent Group	SC
26 th February			
TUESDAY	7.30pm	Lent Group	SC
27 th February			
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
1 st March	2.00pm	Under 5's	SC
Friday	2.00pm	Women's World Day	Sidd
2 nd March		Of Prayer	
SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	Pr
4 th March	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	SC
3rd Sunday of Lent	10.00am	Morning Prayer	CW
	10.00am	Family Service	Sidd
	4.00pm	Messy Church	SC

SC - South Cerney CW - Cerney Wick Sidd - Siddington Pr - Preston
Morning Prayer is said each day in All Hallows. 8.30am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday. 9.15am on Wednesday.

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WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

St Peter's Church, Siddington, at 2pm on Friday 2nd March 2018. This year's WWDOP has been prepared by Christian women of Suriname and the theme is 'All Gods' Creation Is Very Good'. Suriname is on the east coast of South America and has a population of 540,000. 90% of the country is rain forest. Agriculture, fishing, gold and crude oil are the greatest sources of foreign currency.

Refreshments will be served after the service. If you can provide a cake please contact Margaret Clack (654306) This service is for everyone, not just women!

GROWING IN FAITH THIS LENT: BISHOPS TEACHING SESSIONS

Bishop Rachel will be leading a series of teaching sessions and discussions during the weeks leading up to Easter. Starting with Ash Wednesday, when Christians ask for forgiveness from God for the things that they have done wrong, Lent is a time when people can think about God and prepare for the celebration of Easter. Bishop Rachel will be leading a teaching session called 'Meeting at the Cross' at various locations (with refreshments): Today, 25th February at St John the Baptist, Chipping Sodbury, 6pm, 4th March at St Lawrence, Bourton on the Water. 6pm, Palm Sunday 25th March, St Nicholas, Ashchurch, 3.15pm.

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

At Easter, flowers are arranged in church in memory of family and friends who have died and a memorial list is made up and displayed. If you would like to do this, we ask for a small donation towards the cost of the flowers. There are some forms to fill in at the back of the church, please let me have them back by 11th March. All the details are on the form. Thank you.

Jenny Gardiner

BIBLE SOCIETY AUDIO RECORDING OF 2 TIMOTHY

This month The Bible Society is exploring 2 Timothy, and if you subscribe to their newsletter you will be able to receive an audio dramatisation from them. The dramatisation, by Riding Lights Theatre Company, brings the Contemporary English Version text to life in 15 minutes.

biblesociety.org.uk

#LIVELENT 2018

#LiveLent - Let Your Light Shine takes you on a six week discipleship journey in 2018 through the Gospel of John, exploring what it means to be a witness. For each day to Easter Day there is a short reading, a pause for reflection and prayer, and an idea for a simple action that will enable the light of Jesus to shine through our everyday lives. A booklet, written by John Kiddle (author of the best-selling # GodWithUs) in association with Thy Kingdom Come, the global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus, is available for purchase from Church House Publishing. Text Lent to 88802 to receive a text message with a daily reflection throughout Lent. Or sign up to receive a daily reflection by email throughout Lent. For full details visit churchofengland.org.

LENT LUNCH

There will be a Lent Lunch, in aid of Christian Aid, at All Hallows Church on Wednesday 14th March starting at 12.30pm. Invitations will be available shortly so that you can invite along your friends and neighbours.

EXPERIENCE EASTER

On Tuesday and Wednesday, 20th and 21st of March, children from Ann Edwards School will visit All Hallows to take part in the Easter Experience project. If you would like to be involved in the project, or wish to know more about the event, please let me know. Your help would be very welcome.

Graham James

STREET FAIR

Although it is only February lots of planning is underway for the 2018 Street Fair. We are still looking for people to run some church stalls but the following people have already agreed to run the following stalls and are waiting to hear from you either with goods or to offer help on the day.

Cakes – Carolyn Kennedy (861299)

Books - Dee South (239737)

Bottle tombola - Catriona Carver (860748)

White Elephant - Anna Gibbins (861653)

Still needed - someone to run a children's drinks stall.

Extra help is also needed for the Messy Church tent. We also need someone urgently to take on the raffle.

WHAT ARE THE GOSPELS?

What do they say and can we trust them? A free talk by Revd Dr David Wenham, 10am, Saturday 3rd March 2018 at St. Lawrence Church, Market Place, Lechlade, GL7 3AB. David Wenham is an acknowledged expert on the Gospels and a formidable, but very engaging, speaker. Everyone most welcome.

BENEFICE SERVICE PLAN

Thank you to everyone who submitted a questionnaire and has joined us in praying through the process of looking at the current Benefice service pattern in light of our current challenges. I am sure you can appreciate that this has been a difficult process and one that has needed much prayer, reflection and discernment and that has needed to take place alongside the normal life of the benefice. Following on from the recent PCC meetings we are now ready to present a new pattern of services. We will be presenting the new pattern at each church as close together as is possible. On Sunday 18th March we will be presenting the new pattern at St Peter's Church at 9.15am and All Hallows Church at 11.15am. Then on Sunday 25th March we will be presenting the new pattern at All Saints Church at 9am and then at Holy Trinity Church on 1st April at 9am. If you have any questions or would like to speak to me then please don't hesitate to be in touch.

There is a leaflet at the back of each church with details of the Services in the Benefice over Holy Week and Easter. If you have any questions or would like any further information then please don't hesitate to ask.

BODY IMAGE TOP OF BISHOP'S AGENDA

On Tuesday 20th February, Bishop Rachel hosted a national conference as part of her #liedentity campaign. Bishop Rachel welcomed 200 delegates to share knowledge and resources and to build a nationwide liedentity campaign. Full details can be found on the Diocese website. gloucester.anglican.org