

15 March 2015

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

SERVICES TODAY

10.15 Sung Parish Eucharist **The Vicar**
18.00 Christ and the Chocolaterie



Services and events for this Week

Monday to Friday: Morning Prayer will be said at 09.00

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| 16 Mon | 09.30 | Said Eucharist |
| | 11.00 | <i>Praise Him</i> Lent Course at All Saints |
| | 19.30 | <i>Praise Him</i> Lent Course at All Saints |
| | 19.30 | Bell-ringing Practice |
| 17 Tues | 10.00 | Healing Eucharist |
| | 14.30 | “Be Still “ Meditation Group in Church |
| 19 Thurs | 09.30 | Eucharist |
| | 19.30 | Choir Practice |
| 20 Fri | 19.30 | Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart |

**NEXT SUNDAY 22 April is the Fifth Sunday in Lent,
the start of PASSIONTIDE**

10.00 Parish Eucharist **The Vicar**

Please take this booklet with you when you leave

Welcome to All Saints today

*if you are new or just visiting,
please do stay in Church after the service for coffee and fellowship.
Throughout this booklet, where indications for posture are given, please
treat these as being for guidance only. Should it suit you better to adopt
an alternative posture, please feel free to do so.*

Please use the time
BEFORE the SERVICE
to **TALK TO GOD**
and that
AFTER the SERVICE
to **TALK TO EACH OTHER**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

OUR SISTER CHURCHES IN ST IVES: this week: Crossways

THE SICK: David Yeandle, Ella Nairn, Mick Bacon, William Carlson, Cheryl Cook, Ethel Cooper, Gary James, Sophie Phillips, Jean Read, Ben Wilson, Mary Leggett, Cyril Whitfield, Chris Stephens, Audrey, Philip, Jane, Goretti, Muriel, Christopher, Vera, Joyce, David and Fr Jeff Vaughan.

THE DEPARTED: Leslie Fisher(15th), Jean Whinchester(18th)

CONTACT DETAILS

If you would like to know more of what is happening in your parish,
please visit the calendar on the parish website
www.stivesparishchurch.org.uk
or contact one of the following:

Vicar: (Revd Mark Amey)
please telephone 01480 384334 or 07905 122090
or email vicar@stivesparishchurch.org.uk

General Enquiries and items for inclusion in the weekly sheet
should be directed to the Parish Office
office@stivesparishchurch.org.uk

Requests for Baptisms and Marriages, including Banns
Application forms for these can be found online at
<http://www.stivesparishchurch.org.uk/services-events/baptisms-weddings/>
or alternatively contact the Parish Office as above.

Churchwardens (Simon Kershaw and Gary Evans)
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**For Musical queries such as joining the choir
or to discuss music for your wedding**
please contact the Director of Music: Martin Everett
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For queries relating to the Flowers or Bell Ringing
please contact Sue Bates: 01480 496370
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The Diocese of Ely's Vision Statement

We pray to be
generous and visible people of Jesus Christ
He calls us to discover together
the transforming presence of God
in our lives and in every community
Do not be a miserable Christian this Lent!
It can be therapeutic to laugh,
especially at yourself!

A link to the diocesan questionnaire can be found at

www.ely.anglican.org/about/strategy-consultation.html

¶ *The Gathering*

¶ Please stand when the bell is rung to sing **The Processional Hymn**

I come with joy, a child of God,
Forgiven, loved, and free,
The life of Jesus to recall,
In love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
To find, as all are fed,
The new community of love
In Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
Each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one,
And strangers now are friends.

The spirit of the risen Christ,
Unseen, but ever near,
Is in such friendship better known:
Alive and among us here.

Together met, together bound,
By all that God has done,
We'll go with joy, to give the world,
The love that makes us one.

Words: Brian Arthur Wren (b.1936)

Tune *St Botolph*: Gordon Slater (1896—1979)

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Invocation and greeting**

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

Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Penitential Rite**

Your love gives us life from the moment of conception.
We fail to live as your children.



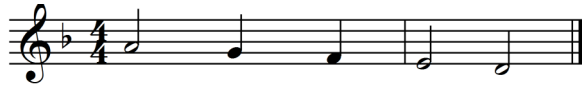
Cantor: Lord, _____ have mer - cy.
All: **Lord**, _____ **have mer - cy.**

You call us to do good. We seek our own good.



Cantor: Christ, _____ have mer - cy.
All: **Christ**, _____ **have mer - cy.**

You hear us when we cry for help. We ignore the cries of others.



Cantor: Lord, _____ have mer - cy.
All: **Lord**, _____ **have mer - cy.**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord .
Amen.

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Collect**

Let us pray

Silence is kept.

God of love,
passionate and strong, tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

NOTICES

Stations of the Cross

Again we are holding 'Stations of the Cross' in conjunction with our Brothers and Sisters at the Church of the Sacred Heart throughout Lent. This week we meet in **Sacred Heart** at 19.30.

Easter Lilies

As is our custom at All Saints we will decorate the church with lilies at Easter and donations towards their cost are invited, especially from those who may wish to remember a departed loved one in this way. There is a yellow collecting tub by the door for the money and a list for the names of those to be remembered in this way, which will be printed up and left on display throughout the season.

Palm Sunday Parish Breakfast

There will be a parish breakfast in the Hall on Sunday 29 March. Breakfast is being served from 08.15 until 09.30, after which we will process to church. Please sign up on the list by the door if you would like to come.

Bryan Cooksey Fund The PCC have decided to start a memorial fund in memory of Bryan Cooksey. Anyone wishing to donate a gift, please use Gift Aid Envelopes where possible and mark them Bryan. This will be used to buy a home communion set in his memory with any surplus being used for the church in accordance with his wishes. Alternatively, you can donate via Dennis Easton Funeral Services Memorial Collection which will close on Easter Sunday 5th April.

Mothers Union The Mothers Union will be welcoming members from the Deanery to our Service of Holy Communion at 10:30am on 25th March. Members of the congregation are invited to join us. After the service light refreshments will be served.

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Final Hymn**

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age to same;
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore!

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)
Tune *Woodlands*: Walter Greatorex (1877—1949)

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary

Française (from *Suite Française*)
Jean Langlais (1907—1991)

¶ *Please sit for* **Bible Reading** (2 Corinthians 1: 3—7)

At the end the reader says
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand and turn towards the Gospel reader

Choir only: Praise to you, O Christ our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom,
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Cantor: *You are the word who binds us and unites us,
You are the word who calls us to be one,
You are the word who teaches us forgiveness:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

All: **Praise to you, O Christ our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom,
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Words and Music: Bernadette Farrell (b.1957)

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Gospel Reading** (Luke 2:33—35)

The Lord be with you
and also with you.
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the Gospel the reader says
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

¶ *Please sit for the* **Sermon**

The Vicar

¶ *Please stand for* **The Affirmation of Faith**

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

¶ *Please sit or kneel for* **The Intercessory Prayers**

As children of a loving God who always listens to our cries,
let us pray to our Father in heaven.

To the bidding God of Love
Please respond by saying **hear our prayer.**

*At the end of the prayers the priest introduces a period for silent
reflection after which we say the concluding prayer*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. *(Luke 1: 28)*

Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. *(Luke 1: 42).*

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.**

We sing of Mary's mother-love,
For she alone, of all on earth,
Received the privilege to bear
And bring God's Son, our Lord, to birth.

We pray that God's own mother-love
Will always hold in gentleness
All children who have never known
A mother's love or tenderness.

For mothers, who with broken hearts
Are daily faced with grief and loss,
We pray the Son of God will give
His deepest comfort from the cross.

We trust the mother-love of God,
Who bears for us in Mary's boy,
Our pain and sorrow, to secure
Our everlasting praise and joy.

Words: adapted from a text by Alan Gaunt (b.1935)
Tune *Fulda*: from William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies (1815)

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Blessing**

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

May God, who gave birth to all creation, give you His blessing:
Amen.

May God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother,
give you His blessing: **Amen.**

May God, who broods as a mother over her children,
give you His blessing: **Amen.**

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

¶ Please stand for the **Prayer after Communion**

The Priest introduces a period of silence with the words 'Let us pray'

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.
Amen.

¶ *The Dismissal*

Notices and Banns of Marriage

¶ Please stand for **The Dismissal Gospel**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.
Then he said to the disciple 'here is your Mother'.

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

¶ Please sit for **The Distribution of Flowers**

¶ Please stand at the end of the distribution of flowers
to sing the following hymn

We gladly celebrate and praise
The gift of God so great and good,
Through which his kindness is made known:
The greatest gift of motherhood.

Theological note: The phrase 'Mother of God' in the above can raise the proverbial eyebrow and cause difficulty for some. Please note, however, that it should not be taken literally. It arises out of a decree of the Council of Ephesus in the year 431, which refers to Mary, in Greek, as 'Theotokos', meaning 'God-bearer'. In the process of translation this became corrupted to Mother of God and as such has gained common usage in the Western Church.

¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

¶ Please stand for **The Peace**

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says,
'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.'
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

¶ Remain standing to sing **The Offertory Hymn**

*During the following hymn Bread and wine are presented at the Altar
and a collection is taken for the work of the Church.*

Ye who own the faith of Jesus
Sing the wonders that were done,
When the love of God the Father
O'er our sin the victory won,
When he made the Virgin Mary
Mother of his only Son.
Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace.

Blessèd were the chosen people
Out of whom the Lord did come,
Blessèd was the land of promise
Fashioned for his earthly home;
But more blessed far the mother,
She who bare him in her womb.
Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace.

Wherefore let all faithful people
Tell the honour of her name;
Let the Church in her foreshadowed
Part in her thanksgiving claim;
What Christ's mother sang in gladness
Let Christ's people sing the same.
Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace.

Let us weave our supplications,
She with us and we with her,
For the advancement of the faithful,
For each faithful worshiper,
For the doubting, for the sinful,
For each heedless wanderer.

May the Mother's intercessions
On our homes a blessing win,
That the children all be prospered,
Strong and fair and pure within,
Following our Lord's own footsteps,
Firm in faith and free from sin.

For the sick and the aged,
For our dear ones far away,
For the hearts that mourn in secret,
All who need our prayers today,
For the faithful gone before us,
May the holy Virgin pray.

Praise, O Mary, praise the Father,
Praise thy Saviour and thy Son,
Praise the everlasting Spirit,
Who hath made thee ark and throne;
O'er all creatures high exalted,
Lowly praise the Three in One.

Words: Vincent Stuckey Stratton Coles (1845 – 1929)
Tune *Daily, Daily*: Anon., probably French

Distribution of the Sacrament

Please come forward when directed by a steward. Anyone who has been baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and wishes to receive the Love of the Lord Jesus in their life, is welcome to come forward to receive communion at this service. Alternatively you may wish to come for a blessing: if this is your preference please keep your hands down and your head bowed to indicate this.

¶ Please join in singing **The Communion Hymn**

God of Eve and God of Mary,
God of love and mother-earth,
Thank you for the ones who with us
Shared their life and gave us birth.

As you came to earth in Jesus,
So you come to us today;
You are present in the caring
That prepares us for life's way.

Thank you, that the Church our Mother,
Gives us bread and fills our cup,
And the comfort of the Spirit
Warms our hearts and lifts us up.

Thank you for belonging, shelter,
Bonds of friendship, ties of blood,
And for those who have no children,
Yet are parents under God.

God of Eve and God of Mary,
Christ our Brother, human Son,
Spirit, caring like a Mother,
Take our love and make us one!

Words: Fred Kaan (1929—2009)
Tune *Sussex*: English traditional melody,
arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872—1958)

¶ *Remain standing for* **The 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.**

¶ *Remain standing for* **The 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.**

¶ *Please sit or kneel to sing the* **Lamb of God**

Plainsong (12th Century)

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, grant us peace.

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Prayer Over the Gifts**

Almighty God,
so fill us with your grace, that we in all things may accept your holy will
and with the Virgin Mary, full of grace, rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

¶ *Remain standing throughout* **The Eucharistic Prayer (G)**

The Lord is here. **His spirit is with us.**
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.

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of
your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

Plainsong (13th Century)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of power and might.

Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord:

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Christ is the bread of life:



When we eat this bread and drink this cup we pro-claim your death, Lord
Je - sus, un - til you come in glo - ry.

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.
Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with The Virgin Mary and all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:



Bles - sing and ho - nour and glo - ry and power be yours for
e - ver and e - ver. A - men, A - men, A - men.

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Lord's Prayer**

Believing the promises of God,
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.**