



First Sunday of Lent –10th March 2019

- 9:30am** Holy Communion (CW)
11:00am Morning Praise Modern Style of Worship
6:00pm Reflections and Bible Study
Gluten-free wafers are available: please ask

Readings: (a) Romans 10:8b-13 (b) Luke 4:1-13

The Collect ALMIGHTY GOD, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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**

Prayer: for Lent to be a spiritual preparation for the wonders of Easter.

Church Prayer: Loving God, help us to be welcoming, accepting and open to all in our growing community. Encourage us to persevere in prayer and fill us with your Holy Spirit. Give us courage and confidence to share all our talents, proclaim our faith, grow spiritually and know your love in our lives. We ask this in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Mondays: The Well and Ashar 10:30-12:30pm
Wednesdays: Holy Communion in the Hall 11:00am
Thursdays:- Small Groups 2:15pm and 7:00pm

Services Next Sunday

- 9:30am Holy Communion (BCP) with Hymns
11:00am Morning Praise Modern Style of Worship
with Holy Communion
6:00pm Reflections and Bible Study

Installation of Rev'd David O'Brien as vicar of St. Thomas Monday 15th July 2019 7pm – Please sign up on form at back of Church.

N O T I C E S

'Bishop's Lent Appeal 2019 - On Sunday 10 March all monies, not including envelopes, will be forward to the Bishop's Lent Appeal. This year it is aid of Mental Health and Wellbeing. Thank you for your support.'

All New Electoral Roll. In accordance with the Church Representation Rules ('CRR'), 2019 is a year in which an entirely new church electoral roll must be prepared in advance of the annual parochial church meeting in every parish in the Church of England. In the near future forms will be made available and anyone wishing to be entered must fill in a form and hand it in.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting - Please could you make a note of the date for the APCM. It will be held on *Saturday 6 April 2019 at 10.00 in the OSCH*. The Annual Report will be presented, and you are encouraged to ask any questions at that time.

Anyone who has a contribution to make to the **Annual Report** must have let the PCC Secretary have them by **Friday 22 February 2019 at the latest**. Thank you.

PCC Elections - Please could you note that elections for the PCC will take place at the Annual Meeting on Saturday 6 April 2019. The following vacancies will be up for election:-

- Two vacancies for Church warden, for one year.
- Three vacancies for one year.
- Four vacancies for three years.

Nomination forms will be available in Church from Sunday 10 February 2019.

100 Club Renewal. Please will members of the 100 Club kindly pick up their renewal forms (2019/20) from the back of the church. New members are, of course, very welcome; the relevant forms can be obtained from there or in the church hall.

Results of the 100 Club Draw for March 2019 1st. Prize £20 No. 121 M r D. Mackay 2nd. Prize £15 No. 105 Mrs. M. Gofton-Watson. 3rd. Prize £10 No.. 96 Mrs. J. Mitchell 4th. Prize £5 No. 103 Mr. J. Bowen.

The new weekly giving envelopes starting 7th April will be available in church in March. Please let me know if you would like to join the scheme, don't want envelopes anymore or if your tax position has changed in relation to Gift Aid. Thanks to all who contribute to the church regularly. Pauline Johnson.

Church evacuation in case of fire. Please leave in an orderly manner, helping the less-able. There are 2 marked exits; the main door or via the vestry. Make your way to the Assembly point next to the stone bench in the cemetery. Similar arrangements apply to the Church Hall.

READING FROM ROMANS 10 8B-13

⁸ But what does it say? *‘The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,’* that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹ if you declare with your mouth, *‘Jesus is Lord,’* and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, *‘Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.’* ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, *‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’*
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GOSPEL READING FROM LUKE 4:1-13

Jesus is tested in the wilderness

4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

³ The devil said to him, *‘If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.’*

⁴ Jesus answered, *‘It is written: “Man shall not live on bread alone.”’*

⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, *‘I will give you all their authority and splendour; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷ If you worship me, it will all be yours.’*

⁸ Jesus answered, *‘It is written: “Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.”’*

⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. *‘If you are the Son of God,’* he said, *‘throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰ For it is written:*

*“He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you carefully;*

¹¹ *they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”’*

¹² Jesus answered, *‘It is said: “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”’*

¹³ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time. (NIVUK)