

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

4.13-end

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

8.31-end

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

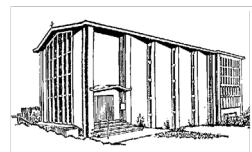
Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

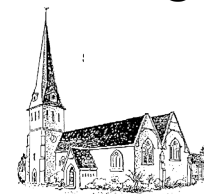
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Second Sunday of Lent - Year B

25th February, 2024

The Collect

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

A reading from Genesis

17.1-7,15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.'

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

This is the Word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD!

This bulletin, with the notices, prayer and readings, is for you to take home to study at your leisure. Please pray for the work of the church in to this Parish.

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- **Children** from Nursery age upwards
- are encouraged to join the Junior
- Church during the 10.00am service. It
- begins a few minutes into the service,
- and parents are welcome to go too
- into the Trinity room. There is a
- children's corner for tots at the front
- of church, to be used under your own
- supervision, and you'll also find
- colouring boxes there for children
- to use alongside you in the pew.
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Prayer of preparation

Spirit of God, come among us, work within us.

Breathe life into our worship, love into our hearts, and light into our witness.

Cleanse us and make us new.

Touch us and make us whole.

Receive our worship in Jesus' name.

Amen

Giving to Holy Trinity

We rely on your donations to maintain our church and its mission. Donations can be made on our website, or by cash or contactless card in church. Please Gift Aid your donation, if possible. Thank you.

Services Today

10am Parish Eucharist

President Revd Jos Perris

Preacher Revd Jos Perris

Hymns HON 460, 603, 493, 740, 110, 290

Junior Church Miles Cooksey

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Monday 26th February

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom

2.45pm Collective Worship at LG School. Visitors Welcome

7.00pm C.A. group in TR

Tuesday 27th February

8pm Deanery Synod in Church & TR

Wednesday 28th February

10.00am Eucharist.

12-2pm Lent Lunch

2.00pm Craft group in TR

7pm Parish Trust meet in TR

Thursday 29th February

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom

10am Toddler Church

7.30pm C.A. Group in TR

Friday 1st March

7.00pm Choir practice

Saturday 2nd March

10-12 Saturday Coffee Shop

10-12 Churchyard Gardening Party

3pm Scrabble Tea in the TR

Plants and seeds.

If you are planting seeds or dividing plants this spring, please set some aside for our HT Plant Sale on Saturday 25th May.

Sunday 3rd March 2024 Third Sunday of Lent

8am BCP Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist

12.15pm Holy Baptism Olivia McNicholl

Readings:

Exodus 20.1-17

1 Corinthians 1.18-25

John 2.13-22

Second Sunday of Lent

PRAYERS

Please pray

... for the sick: King Charles, Bishop Alan, Alec Bates, John and Laurence Blythe, Phyllis Duncan, Madge Field, Amelie Platt, Lynn Freeman, Kay Hawes, Florence Portugal, David Roberts, Carole Robson, Bryan Siegersz and Su.

... for the departed: We pray for the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Kerry Cannon, Harvey 'Johnnie' Hunt, Stanley Elliston and those whose anniversary falls at this time. We pray for their families and

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 1st March at 3pm

World Day of Prayer service at Adeyfield Free Church. All welcome.

Saturday 9th March 5pm

Service for 30th anniversary of women priests at St Albans Cathedral. All welcome.

Sunday 10th March 10am

Mothering Sunday all age service

Saturday 16th March 10-12 noon

Children's Society coffee morning & box opening.

Saturday 16th March 7pm

Fundraising Quiz for Grace's World Challenge trip. See posters

Our services are live streamed. Cameras are focused on those leading the service. Any images of the congregation will be distant or in passing. If you wish to remain off camera please sit in the left hand bank of seating (north aisle).

NOTICES

Lent reading: Copies of 'Healing and hope' from Embrace the Middle East are available to collect at the back of church for your Lent devotions. They including weekly scripture readings, reflections, prayer and action points. £5 if you'd like to pay, or a gift if you prefer.

Lent lunches will be held on Wednesday 28th February and Friday 15th March at 12-2pm in the TR. In aid of DENS.

Saturday 2nd March - Scrabble Tea

Come as a couple or alone and we'll allocate a table for you. Price £8 to include a cream tea. There is a sign-up sheet in the Trinity Room or see me to book a place. Maximum 24 players. Dick Selby 07876211537

Church Foodbank –

Please support this important resource for those in need. Cash donations welcome or items of in-date, non-perishable food and essential cleaning/toiletries can be left at the donation point in the TR.

Bible bites.

A journey through the Bible in bite size pieces, with refreshments. Whether you're well-versed in scripture or new to the Bible, these discussions will give you a bird's eye view of the world's best-selling book. Monthly on 4th Saturdays 9-10am in the TR. Everyone welcome!



Did you know?

You can find details of parish activities on our website at www.beneficeoflangelei.org.uk and we have a facebook page at www.facebook.com/holytrinityeverstockgreen

