

Holy Trinity Church, Colden Common – 5th February 2017

Fourth Sunday before Lent Year A

We welcome any newcomers to the church. It would help us to get to know you if you complete one of the welcome cards from the library at the back of the church and hand it to a sidesperson or a Warden.

Readings Year A Proper 1

1st : Isaiah 58. 1 – 12

2nd : 1Corinthians 2. 1 – 12

Gospel: Matthew 5. 13 – 20

Collect

Lord of the hosts of heaven,
our salvation and our strength,
without you we are lost:
guard us from all that harms or hurts
and raise us when we fall;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

We pray for

Our Church	Saturday @5 Service Helen O'Sullivan in Ordination training (see details of her latest blog and prayer requests opposite)	
The Parish	Alder Close, Birch Close and Whitebeam Close	
The sick	John McCorriston	Jean Farmery
The Departed	Phyllis Brooks	Iris Homer Gillian Denly
Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time	Dave Dixon	Dawn Rogers Tim Barnes

Events

Tuesday	9.30 am	Hymn choosing group
	7.30 pm	Bells
Wednesday	2.30 pm	Spring House Communion
Saturday	5.00 pm	Saturday@5 at St Andrew's Owslebury
Sunday 12 th	9.45 am	Family Service 3 rd Sunday before Lent Proper 2 Readings for the Eucharist 1 st : Deuteronomy 30. 15 – 20 2 nd : 1Corinthians 3. 1 – 9 Gospel: Matthew 5. 21 – 37
	6.00 pm	Evensong

Prayer Requests – in addition to passing on concerns directly to the clergy, there are prayer request cards on the book shelf at the back of the church. They can be left at any time in the box and they will be included in the daily prayers for the parish and, when appropriate, include them on the weekly sheet.

If you know of **anyone who is sick or in hospital**, or would like a visit from a member of the Clergy, please pass the information on to the Vicar or a churchwarden. It is better to receive the information more than once than not at all.

There are copies of the **readings for the month** at the back of the church. Please feel free to take one home with you, if you would like to.

Please take this notice sheet home with you if you wish, as an aid for your personal prayers during the week or to look up the readings before next Sunday's Service.

Special Charity

During February we shall continue to collect for the Parkinson's Winchester branch. The January magazine gives an overview of how our donations will help to support local sufferers, change attitudes and find a cure.

Also, thank you for your continuing donations of non-perishable items to the Nightshelter.

Notices

This morning's service will be Communion by extension, led by Elaine.

Next Sunday our Family Service, Preparing for Lent, at 9.45 am will be taken by the Vicar, who will also lead Evensong.

Saturday at 5 returns at 5pm next Saturday at Owslebury Church; especially for younger families, with lively music and Worship songs, as we take the theme of 'Light'.

A copy of the latest blog from Helen O'Sullivan is on the noticeboard at the back of the church. Helen would appreciate our prayers for her eventual curacy placement discussions, four deadlines to meet in the next month and a helpful and smooth running community placement with the chaplain at Bath hospital in half term week.



Our next **Company for Lunch** on February 15th will celebrate Valentine's Day. Please ring Chris on 713097 to book your place. £7.50 pp; BYOB and enjoy some good company.

During February, the Vicar will be collecting **last year's palm crosses** to burn and make the ash for this year's Ashing Service on Ash Wednesday—1st March, 7.30 pm at Owslebury.



LENT COURSE 2017 - The Bible

Five Sessions held on Mondays, 6th March - 3rd April
Holy Trinity Church Rooms 11am

The Bible is one of the most influential books in the world. It has influenced films and plays, literature, art and music. So great is its influence on the Western world that it can be difficult to understand some of these properly without a working knowledge of the Bible's contents. We read the Bible because by doing so, we believe that we will hear God speaking and learn more about who God is and what God has done for us.

This year we will be undertaking in our annual Lent Course, a broad ranging study of the Bible, looking at what it is, what it covers, what it offers not only about God, but also about ourselves.

Sign-up sheets will be placed at the back of church so you can indicate your interest.



This year's Women's World Day of Prayer is

written by the women of the Republic of the Philippines, a sovereign island country situated in the western Pacific Ocean.

The Theme of the Service is 'Am I being unfair to you?' It will take place at the Methodist Church, Spring Lane, Colden Common at **7.30 pm on Friday 3rd March**. Everyone is invited – old and young, men and women. If you would like to take part and do a reading, please let Elaine know.