

Holy Trinity Church, Colden Common – 26th February 2017

Sunday next 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

1st : Exodus 24. 12 – 18

2nd : 2 Peter 1. 16 – 21

Gospel : Matthew 17. 1 – 9

Collect

Holy God,

you know the disorder of our sinful lives:

set straight our crooked hearts,

and bend our wills to love your goodness

and your glory

in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

We pray for

Our Church	Our chalice administrators Helen O’Sullivan in Ordination training	
To be baptised	Jenson Anthony Robert Richards	
The Parish	St Vigor Way, Scotts Close and Vears Lane	
The sick	Jean Farmery	
The Departed	Isobel Melville Irene Roots Phyllis Brooks Gillian Denly Tracey Guppy Jean Cummins Mary Barnes (<i>of Upham</i>)	
Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time	Sunniva Kelly John Budden Irene Ray Irene Shreeve	

Events

Today	12.45 pm	Baptism : Jenson Richards
	6.00 pm	Evensong
Monday	7.00 pm	PCC
Wednesday	7.30 pm	Ash Wednesday Benefice Eucharist with Ashing
Friday	6.00 pm	Choir Practice
	7.30 pm	Women’s World Day of Prayer
Sunday 5 th	9.30 am	Parish Eucharist 1 st Sunday of Lent Readings for the Eucharist 1 st : Genesis 2. 15 – 17; 3. 1 – 7 2 nd : Romans 5. 12 – 19 Gospel : Matthew 4. 1 – 11

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.

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

The Vicar will preside at this morning’s Parish Eucharist. and Gillian will lead Evensong. The Vicar will be with us again next Sunday.

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 — this week **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 11.00 am.

The Bible is one of the most influential books in the world. 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 a broad ranging study of the Bible. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church now.

This year’s Women’s World Day of Prayer is written by the Christian women of the Republic of the Philippines. The Theme of the Service is ‘Am I being unfair to you?’ 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.



Sylvia has booked a table at the **table top sale** from 11 am until 2pm at the Community Centre, next Saturday. If you have any good quality items you are happy to donate – for church funds – please drop them off to Sylvia (712753) or bring them to the church office 9 am – 12 pm on Tuesday to Friday.

Our next **Company for Lunch** will be on Wednesday 15th March when we will celebrate Birthdays. Please ring Chris on 713097 to book your place. £7.50 pp; BYOB and enjoy some good company and good food.

There are copies of the March issue of ‘Living the Mission’ at the back of the church – with a short article on the BCM programme and a snippet from Helen O’Sullivan

Dates for your diary

Open gardens 25th March 11 am – 4 pm
Big breakfast 8th April in the church rooms
See posters for details

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.