

**Holy Trinity Church, Colden Common – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017**  
**First Sunday of 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**

1<sup>st</sup> : Genesis 2. 15 – 17; 3. 1 – 7

2<sup>nd</sup> : Romans 5. 12 – 19

Gospel : Matthew 4. 1 – 11

**Collect**

**Almighty God,  
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
and grew closer to you in the desert:  
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer  
that we may witness to your saving love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.      Amen**

**We pray for**

Our Church	Fund Raisers Helen O’Sullivan in Ordination training 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Fairtrade Fortnight
The Parish	Church Lane, Brambles Close and Nobs Crook
The sick	Jean Farmery
The Departed	Jo Tuddenham
Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time	Ian Gaskell                  Danny Gilbert Alicia Marshall              Deakie Matthews

**Events**

Monday	11.00 am	Lent Course
Tuesday	9.30 am	Hymn choosing meeting
	7.30 pm	Benefice Wardens’ and Treasurers’ Meeting at CC
Wednesday	10.00 am	Sat@5 Planning Meeting
	2.30 pm	Spring House Holy Communion
Thursday	10.00 am	Fund Raising Meeting Ch Office
Friday	6.00 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Parish Eucharist 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent Readings for the Eucharist 1 <sup>st</sup> : Genesis 12. 1 – 4a 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Romans 4. 1 – 5, 13 – 17 Gospel : John 3. 1 – 17
	12.45 pm	Baptism : William Parsons
	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.

**Special Charity**

During March we shall collect for the Winchester Trinity Centre. The March magazine article gives an insight into their vision and values.

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

**Notices**

The Vicar will preside at our Parish Eucharist this morning and next Sunday will be joined by Gillian who will Deacon and preach.

**LENT COURSE 2017 - The Bible**

Starting tomorrow - 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.

The Electoral Roll Officer Trevor Piper will be **updating the Church Electoral Roll for 2017** over the next few weeks in order to present an authentic list to the PCC before the AGM. If you are not on the Roll but wish to be included or you wish your name to be withdrawn, then please speak to Trevor or one of the Church Wardens Elaine or Sylvia.

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.

**Many thanks to Gordon** for all the hard work he has put into the refurbishment of the church rooms following the installation of the heating system. The project is now complete.

**Lent Lunches (Soup, bread and cheese) for the charity Winchester GoLD have now started. Ann Couldrey will be hosting one** at Crowdhill Farmhouse SO50 7HH between 12 and 2pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Please support the event if you can. Details of all lunches are on the benefice calendar in the magazine.

**Dates for your diary**

**Open gardens** 25<sup>th</sup> March 11 am – 4 pm. Tickets available now from Pam Glasspool. £3 for gardens. £5 for Lunch.

**Jane’s Big breakfast** 8<sup>th</sup> April in the church rooms.

Please pre-book with Jane if possible.

Proceeds to the Loo Project.

See posters for details

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.