

Notices

Ann Chaplaincy

There are training opportunities for anyone interested in Anna Chaplaincy.



Anna Chaplains are parish-based and commissioned to offer spiritual care and support to older people and their families, including people with dementia.



World Day of Prayer

11am Friday 1st March

Church of the Good Shepherd

Join Christians across the world praying for peace with an order of service put to gather by the church in Palestine

This Week

19th –25 February

Monday

09:00 Food Bank

Tuesday

Wednesday

7:30 pm Lent Group

Thursday

Friday

11am World Day of Prayer

Saturday

10am Working Party

10-12 Open House

Sunday

08:30 Holy Communion

10:00 All Age Communion

Lent Discussion Group

Looking at 'Tarry Awhile—
Wisdom from Black
Spirituality for People of
Faith'

Begins Wednesday at
7:30pm



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD BOROUGH GREEN 1906—2024

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Second Sunday of Lent—25th February

Welcome to the Church of the Good Shepherd

Today's Hymns

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| 791 | The God of Abraham praise |
| 135 | Take up thy cross |
| 510 | Will you come and follow me |
| 742 | O for a thousand tongues to sing |

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**

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

IN OUR PRAYERS Please remember those who are ill or in special need:

Alan & Margaret Soames, Gillian Aitkenhead, Ann & Barry Corbishley, Linda Vallance, Sean Cloke, Bruce Gates, Tony Hurl, Clare Kent, Anne Halladay, Alan Dryland, Stan Richford, Roger Collins

RIP: Pauline Hall



NEXT SUNDAY

08:30 Holy Communion

10:00 All Age Communion



Please Note

This service is being streamed using Zoom and the front of nave and all the chancel are visible on screen

FIRST READING

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.'

Psalm 22.23-28

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; O seed of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.

For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor; neither has

he hidden his face from them; but when they cried to him he heard them.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For the kingdom is the Lord's and he rules over the nations.

SECOND READING

Romans 4.13-25

The promise that Abraham 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'). Abraham believed in the presence of the God 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 God who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.



GOSPEL READING

Mark 8.31-38

Jesus began to teach his disciples 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.'