

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	12 th	
Tuesday	13 th	1930 Said Eucharist
Ash Wednesday	14 th	1000 Toddletime Playgroup 1030 Said Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
Thursday	15 th	1200 Thursday Lunches
Friday	16 th	1400 Knit, Hook & Stitch 1900 Choir Practice
Saturday	17 th	
Sunday	18 th	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion

Diane Hemmings:

Funeral mass in church on Friday, 23rd Feb @11:30am with reception hosted in WGC Golf Club @3pm, the family would be very grateful if people attending the reception could confirm with Pui San so the family can finalise with the caterer.

Save these dates:

10th Mar @10am Mothering Sunday
Family Communion Service for all
Sat, 23rd Mar from 9:30 to 11:30am
Annual Spring Clean

Join our Sunday Parish Coffee Rota?
We urgently need more volunteers to join our Sunday Coffee teams as we have several gaps. Please contact churchwarden, Carol Jager:
carol_jager@yahoo.co.uk

News

Please bring your old **Palm Crosses** to church and place them in the box on the table at the back of the nave. They will be burnt to provide the ashes for the Ash Wednesday (14th Feb) services.

Our Lent 2024 Course is held during Sunday services starting 18th Feb, theme is **“Deepening the Mystery ‘unexpected treasures’ of art“ from The Methodist Modern Art Collection.** These 25 artworks depict scenes featuring the life of and teachings of Christ, part of the main collection, from renown

artists such as Graham Sutherland, Elisabeth Frink and Maggi Hambling. This travelling art exhibition on-going since 60 years ago is now at The Focolare Centre (from 2nd Mar to 7th Apr). **Free admission!** Help yourself to a leaflet.

“Art speaks to everyone and there is something for all at this exhibition.”

VOLUNTEER AS A STEWARD?

If anyone is interested and would like to volunteer as a steward during the exhibition. Please check out the poster on the main notice-board. Training will be provided.

Welcome

Sunday 11th February 2024

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

Services Today

8am SAID EUCHARIST

9:15am PARISH COMMUNION

Followed by Parish Coffee in the Hall - All are welcome.

Youth & *YACC sessions take place in their usual age groups:*

Children’s **Age 2½ to Reception and Years 1 & 2, 3 & 4 - Hall**

Church Younger ones incl. babies who are accompanied are very welcome. **Years 5 & above - Meet in the Cellar**

Congregational Setting: Tambling

Hymns: 392 2 248 444

Music

Choir: Sumsion in F

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3pm WILD CHURCH (Meet in Sherrardspark Wood)

This week we pray for all who live and work in Parkfields.

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11th February 2024
Sunday next before Lent

Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

2 Kings 2: 1-12

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel.

The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho.

The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on.

Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.

Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.'

He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.'

As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.

Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

2 Corinthians 4: 3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake.

For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Mark 9: 2-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.

And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'

He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!'

Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Next Readings:

Ash Wednesday(8pm): Isaiah 58:1-12; 2 Corinthians 5: 20b-6:10; Matthew 6: 1-6,16-21

18th Feb-1st Sunday of Lent: Genesis 9: 8-17;1 Peter 3: 18-22; Mark 1: 9-15