

Welcome to our services today

9 February 2025
4th Sunday before Lent



SAID EUCHARIST, 8am

PARISH COMMUNION, 9.15am

Followed by refreshments and chat in the Hall.

For part of this service during term time, young people are invited to join our age-appropriate activities led by our youth team:

Groups for ages up to Year 5 meets in the Hall

Years 5 to 7 in the Parish Room

Years 8+ in the Cellar (access is through the Parish Room)

There are various resources and activity bags in the Children's Chapel available for younger children.

Hymns: 368, 408 (tune 2), 305, 349

Congregational Setting: Lloyd

Choir Music: Howells Collegium Regale

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Readings: Isaiah 6: 1-8; 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; Luke 5: 1-11

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

*Next service's readings: Jeremiah 17: 5-10; 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20;
Luke 6: 17-26*

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Services & Diary Dates: this week

Tue 11 Feb	Said Eucharist, 7.30pm
Wed 12 Feb	ToddleTime playgroup, 10am Said Eucharist, 10.30am Coffee for All, 10.30am Prayer Group (online via Zoom), 8pm
Thur 13 Feb	Thursday Lunches, 12 noon
Fri 14 Feb	Choir practice, 7pm
Sun 16 Feb	Said Eucharist, 8am Parish Communion, 9.15am

Services & Diary Dates: further ahead

Sun 23 Feb	Choral Evensong, 6pm
Tue 25 Feb	Memorial Service - Les Hyde, 12.15pm
Fri 28 Feb	Memorial Service - Judith Claxton, 2.30pm
Sun 3 Mar	"Frankie's at 5" informal worship service, 5pm
Ash Wednesday	Said Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes, 10.30am
5 Mar	Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes, 8pm
Sat 8 Mar	All Age/Fun Family Quiz Night, 6pm (<i>For more details, refer to the poster in the porch</i>)

Our church thrives through volunteers - can you help?

See foyer noticeboard for details and sign-up sheets.

WANTED: New, unused or surplus Christmas gifts; toiletry sets, fragrances, candles, long shelf life alcohol (spirits/wines), toys, games, puzzles, etc. We need prizes for our upcoming fundraising events. Collection crates are located at the back of church.

News:

Please join us at Parish Coffee for celebratory cakes as we send Nikki off with our love, today's her last service before she starts parental leave.

Thank you to Zoe Jasko and Felici Opera, yesterday's wonderful gala raising funds for both church and Cancer Research UK.

Thanks also to our amazing team of event support and interval helpers led by Jenny and Carol J.

Time to get your teams together for our popular Quiz Night, fab fun for all ages! BYO drinks & snacks. Signup sheet is on the porch.

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Collect

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 6: 1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew.

And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs.

The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you - unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third

day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.

Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them - though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Luke 5: 1-11

While Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.'

When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break.

So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!'

For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.'

When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

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