



ST. MARGARET, BINSEY ♦
ST. FRIDESWIDE, OSNEY

ST. PETER & ST. PAUL, BOTLEY ♦
ST. LAWRENCE, NORTH HINKSEY

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NOTICES

28th February 2021

Second Sunday of Lent

Readings for this Sunday:

Genesis 17 1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22 23-end

[Romans 4 13-end]

Mark 8 31-end

Dear Friends,

Lent is traditionally a season of giving up things; even people who aren't Christians give up chocolate and alcohol during Lent to have a detox!

We give things up so that we can, in some small way, relive the experience Jesus endured during His 40 days of temptation in the wilderness.

Those of you who are good at maths will realise that Lent is more than 40 days!

That's because each Sunday in Lent doesn't 'count:' every Sunday is a reliving, a celebration, of the Resurrection of Jesus; and that gives us a new perspective on Lent.

Jesus was compelled to go into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit: that makes Lent a season of grace and growth, not a season of gloomy penance for us.

The People of God – slaves in Egypt – were led into the wilderness by God to meet Him there.

There they stayed for 40 years to grow in grace and obedience to God before being led into the Promised Land.

Jesus, in His wilderness, relives that Exodus experience to bring us, not into an actual land, but into a personal relationship with Him.

The way into this relationship was opened up when Jesus was lifted up on the Cross, and blood and water flows from His wounded side.

Over the last year it feels as if we've been living in a perpetual, penitential Lenten wilderness.

We know, as the unshakeable foundation of our faith, that after the way of the wilderness and the Cross comes the Resurrection.

May this Lent be a season when the Lord's promise blossoms in our lives: 'Gushing water will spring up in the wilderness and streams will flow through the desert. The burning sand will become a refreshing oasis, and the parched ground bubbling springs.' Isaiah 35: 6 – 7

Richard



Lent across the Benefice

Lent is a time for reflection and study in preparation for the celebrations of Easter. This year there will be two opportunities to join study courses:

- The five week course for Lent continues **at 7.30pm**, hosted by North Hinksey Parish. We are following a five-week course entitled '**Glimpses of God – Hope for Today's World**' via Zoom.

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/89245905585?pwd=cEVRTINRZSt4NIQvb1RDWTIzMGFGZz09>

Meeting ID: 892 4590 5585. Passcode: H6PVNw

The booklet, written by Canon David Winter, includes questions aimed at provoking wide-ranging discussion. The participants on the course audio are the Rt Hon. Shirley Williams, Archbishop Stephen Cottrell, and Revd Professor David Wilkinson. The Revd Lucy Winkett provides the Closing Reflection at the end of each session.

More details about the session titles and format of the course can be found at: <https://www.yorkcourses.co.uk/product/glimpses-of-god-hope-for-todays-world>. Please sign up with Clare or John if you would like to participate.

- St Frideswide parish will be reflecting on the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book for this year, **Living His Story - Revealing the Extraordinary Love of God in Ordinary Ways** by Hannah Steele. Please contact Kate for a Zoom link.

General Notices

All Parishes, St David's Day Zoom Social

There will be a zoom social for St. David's Day: 6.00-6.30pm. Please bring something Welsh to share: a song, poem, prayer, vegetable, picture, story etc.

Topic: Zoom Social for St. David's Day

Time: Mar 1, 2021 06:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/84958618096?pwd=WGR4a3RGUmNsRnN4TW9QeXVlVm1KQT09>

Meeting ID: 849 5861 8096

Passcode: cdL28M

World Day of Prayer for Vanuatu 5th March 2021

This year prayers are for Vanuatu in the Pacific Ocean which has suffered from lack of tourism, because of Covid, and also a destructive cyclone. In this pandemic there are many people who are in great need of spiritual and uplifting help to pray and also to be aware of how we as Christians are all involved in a worldwide church where other countries have been affected in different ways.

Both parishes are encouraged to watch a video or streamed service. The details are below:

To watch the video later on this link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=edQMgNFdRdo&feature=emb_logo

To watch a streamed service on 5th March:

Venue	Link	Time
St Thomas Becket Church Bridford, Exeter	This service will be conducted via telephone. 5 or 10 minutes before the Service begins dial 0333 011 0616 and enter the code 334 7721 followed by the hash key when asked	14:30
Guildford Baptist Church Millmead Centre, Millmead, Guildford	Livestream link:- https://www.guildfordbaptist.org/	14:00
The Most Holy Redeemer Church Billericay	If you would like to watch the livestream you can do so by following this You Tube link: https://youtu.be/29u_QmIDloo	10:30
Truro Methodist Church	Go to http://www.truromethodist.org.uk/ and follow the link on the Home page/	14:00

More information is on the website: <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/>

Pastoral support: If you (or someone you know) would particularly appreciate a (socially-distanced outdoors) **pastoral visit** or a phone call from one of the clergy, please do let Clare know.

Weekly Notices: If you have any items for next weeks' notice sheet please email Gwen by lunchtime next Wednesday osneybenefice@outlook.com

North Hinskey with Botley

Botley School has launched a fund-raising campaign to help with online learning as a number of children have to go into school because they have no means to access online learning at home. In some cases there are several children in one family who are unable to learn. The link is below if you would like to support Botley School.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/covid-fund-raising-money-for-online-learning>

Paying in cheques: our local Barclays branch has closed and it is now more time-consuming to pay money into the PCC's account. If you are thinking of making a donation to the church or need to make a payment to us for any other reason, please use on-line banking if possible. (contact John Clements for our account details) or use the link to our giving page [North Hinksey with Botley Giving Page](#) Either will save us time and stress. Thank you, John Clements.

St Frideswide with Binsey

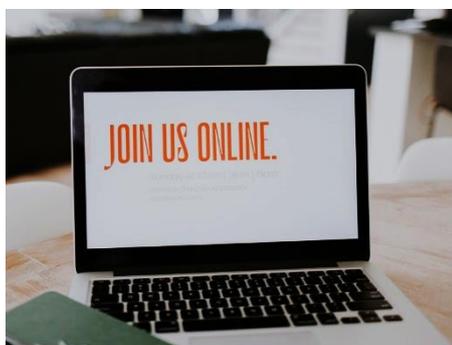
The Electoral Roll Revision will begin in the 3rd week of March and the revised roll will be posted on Sunday April 11th. If your details have changed, or you have been worshipping at Frideswide for more than six months you can join the electoral roll. A PDF form for you to download and complete is attached to the notices email, and some printed copies will be available in church.

Worship at Home and in Church

Worship this week – Sunday 28th February

Sunday:	St. Frideswide:	8.30am BCP HC in person
	St Peter & St Paul:	9.30 am Eucharist <i>on zoom</i>
	St. Frideswide:	10.30am Eucharist in person
	St Frideswide:	5.00pm Evening worship <i>on zoom</i>
Monday:	St Peter & St Paul:	9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom</i>
Friday:	St Peter & St Paul:	9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom</i>

See below for the zoom links



Online Worship

Sundays:

9.30am The Eucharist via Zoom hosted by St. Peter and St. Paul. Contact Clare. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82160489790?pwd=aHBZanlDUHdrcmtppeXRBZXNiRGtwQT09>

Meeting ID: 821 6048 9790 Passcode: 41Q3i2

From Sunday March 7th the Zoom code for this service will be Join Zoom Meeting <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/86421284655?pwd=bFJxMm96a2hucE5OUiBGdXIVS1V4dz09>

Meeting ID: 864 2128 4655
Passcode: xc53pB

5.00pm Evening Prayer via Zoom, hosted by St Frideswide, Contact Kate

Mondays:

9.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom contact John Clements
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77244551882?pwd=RFZNYW9zaIZQbiswSE5TR0VTOXBPUT09>

Meeting ID: 772 4455 1882 Passcode: 8rgsT2

Wednesdays: New Zoom Code from March 3rd

9.30am The Eucharist via Zoom hosted by St. Peter and St. Paul. Contact Clare. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88435540558?pwd=Vy9jMzd3b2NlOUhZz09>

Meeting ID: 884 3554 0558 Passcode: Ddw9XD

Fridays:

9.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom contact Clare

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/84176800013?pwd=OTFYQmwzRTEwOVNxUTRCcnpLMmtSQT09>

Meeting ID: 841 7680 0013 Passcode: CL3YtN

For the Zoom Eucharist, the text is attached and is also available in hard copy from porch at St. Peter and St. Paul. If you would like a hard copy, but do not want to come out to collect it, please let Clare know and we can deliver one to you.

If you can get on-line and would like help to get Zoom set up, *please* ask one of us.

For members of St Frideswide's congregation our WhatsApp daily prayer will continue, please ask Kate to be added to the group.

Church at Home service every Sunday at 10am <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19-2/livestream/>

The '**Daily Hope Line**'. Is a free phone line: **0800 804 8044**. This has been set up particularly for those who are unable to join any on-line church services.

YouTube channel for the Osney Benefice can be found at

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXJ99_EwpRaLL_dtCH4HoPg?view_as=subscriber.

If you are participating in on-line worship, here is a prayer that you can use when the elements of bread and wine are shared:

Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

May all that is you flow into me.

May your body and blood be my food and drink.

May your passion and death be my strength and life.

Jesus, with you by my side enough has been given.

May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross.

Let me not run from the love which you offer but hold me safe from the forces of evil.

On each of my dyings shed your light and your love.

Keep calling to me until that day comes when with your saints, I may praise you for ever.

Amen.

Daily Prayer and Readings for Week Commencing Monday 1st March

Mon:	Psalm 32; Jeremiah 7.21-end; John 6.41-51
Tues:	Psalm 50; Jeremiah 8.1-15; John 5.52-59
Wed:	Psalm 35; Jeremiah 8.18-9.11; John 6.60-end
Thurs:	Psalm 42; Jeremiah 6.9-21; John 6.1-15
Fri:	Psalm 34; Jeremiah 9.12-24; John 7.1-13
Sat:	Psalm 41; Jeremiah 10.1-16; John 7.14-24

Please Pray For:

- Those preparing for baptism and confirmation
- Those serving through leadership:
- Gavin Collins who begins his ministry as Bishop of Dorchester designate on Sunday 28th February. His consecration as bishop has had to be postpone due to the Covid-19 restrictions.
- Our government and Prime Minister as they lead us through the pandemic.

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