

The Parish Church of St John the Evangelist, Crowborough

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16TH MARCH: THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,
it was they, my foes and my adversaries,
who stumbled and fell. **R**

Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.
You speak in my heart and say, 'Seek my face.'
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
Hide not your face from me,
nor turn away your servant in displeasure. **R**

You have been my helper;
cast me not away;
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the Lord will sustain me. **R**

Show me your way, O Lord;
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those who speak malice. **R**

What if I had not believed
that I should see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living!
O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure;
be strong and he shall comfort your heart;
wait patiently for the Lord. **R**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3.17-4.1

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Praise to you, O Christ, King of Eternal glory
Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of Eternal glory

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 13.31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, we give thanks for these holy mysteries which bring to us here on earth a share in the life to come, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST 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.**

HYMNS	
Entrance:	102
Offertory:	97
Communion:	83
Final:	570

PRAYERS
Bishops in our diocese: Martin, Will, Ruth.
The Sick: Ann Adkin, Chris Avery, Felicity Caperon, Sarah Cashmore, Jenny Chatterton, Tracey Divall, Eileen Head, Gwilym James, Paul Jones, Rita Miell, Tracey Norris, Ian Platten-Higgins, Edward Sibley, Claire Stogden, Catherine Wallis, Andrew, Rosemary.
Year's Mind: Gladys Cooper.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES
Sunday 16th March 8am **Mass (BCP)**
Second Sunday of Lent 10am **Sung Mass**

Wednesday 19th March 10am **Mass**

Sunday 23rd March 8am **Mass (BCP)**
Third Sunday of Lent 10am **Sung Mass**
The Bishop of Lewis will be taking both the 8am and 10am Masses.

THE DIOCESAN LENT COURSE entitled *I Believe* based on the Nicene Creed, can be found on their website on www.chichester.anglican.org/documents/diocesan-lent-course-2025/ Week Two is *The Only Son of God; the life & witnessing of Mother Kate, Anglican religious sister*. During this session Bishop Martin chats with Sister Margaret Anne based on the reflection by Dr Greg Peters of Biola University, CA.

St Michael's Jarvis Brook have invited us to join them in their hall after Tuesday's coffee stop at 11.30am (including a simple lunch) and on Wednesday evening at 7.30 in the vicarage, when they will be following this course. From 18th / 19th March for five weeks.

THE PILGRIMAGE TO CHICHESTER has been arranged for **Saturday 3rd May**. Places are filling quickly, so if you would to join us please sign up on the list at the back of the church as soon as possible.

EASTER LILIES If you would like to name an Easter Lily in remembrance of a loved one please complete the list at the back of the church and pay Lynn or a member of the Flower Team. Each lily costs £4.50.

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING will take place at 11.30am on **Sunday 27th April**. Forms to join the Parochial Church Council (PCC) are available at the back of the church.

Every six years every parish creates a new Electoral Roll; those wishing to be entered on the new Roll must apply for enrolment not later than **Sunday, 30th March** - forms are available at the back of the church.

St John's Church is currently in interregnum. For all enquiries please contact one of the churchwardens.
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