

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

YEAR B

15 FEBRUARY 2015

COLLECT

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING 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.

SECOND READING 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.

GOSPEL 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.

POST COMMUNION

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNWELL: Michael Smith, April Austen, Hilary Silk, Pat Ashton, Margaret Pamplin, Brian Croud, Alice and Lesley, Ryan Anderson, James Bate, Paul Messenger, Dorothy Bradley, Valerie Hunter, Rev Hilary Jones, Brian Sheehan, John Gambold, Lee Brace, Alan

THE DEPARTED: Eric Bean



WHAT'S ON FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Sunday 15 February to Sunday 22 February 2015

SUNDAY 15: 8am and 10am Holy Communion at **St Mary's**: 10am Holy Communion at **St Bart's**
10.15 Morning Service at **Holy Cross**: 6.30pm Evening Prayer at **St Bart's**
WEDNESDAY 18: Ash Wednesday Holy Communion 12 noon at **St Bart's** and 7.30pm at **St Mary's**
SUNDAY 22: 10am Holy Communion at **St Mary's**: 10am Holy Communion at **St Bart's**
10.15 Holy Communion at **Holy Cross**: 6.30pm Evening Prayer at **St Bart's**

JOIN US FOR A GAMES SESSION

Play your favourite Game of Chicken Foot, Scrabble, Rummikub, Dominoes, Yahtzee, etc. or learn a new one.

10.30 am on Thursday, 12th March 2015 ST. BART'S Church Hall. King Edward Avenue, Herne Bay. £5.00 per person incl. Coffee and Lunch. ALL ARE WELCOME Contact: Val on 01227-363255 or Pam on 01227-368529

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

You may not be aware but our Benefice provides Hospital Chaplaincy for the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital in Herne Bay. Every Tuesday and Thursday a member of the team goes in for about 2 hours to offer prayer/ spiritual comfort and sometimes communion. The team consists of 3 members and we are looking to increase the size of the team so we can and have more people available to help. I have been advised by the Head Chaplin in this area Rev Chris White that they are looking to start Chaplaincy Training in April and would love to have some people come along. If you feel you could spare a couple of hours a week with training please do contact Rev Sue on 01227 360948. I have found Chaplaincy to be a great blessing.

HOUSE GROUPS

We are now in a position to offer three house groups and two groups linked to Communion Services during Lent. It is hoped that the House Groups may continue after Lent also. The groups are as follows:

Monday's 11am to 12.30pm Leader Ann Collier contact 01227 375948

Host April Austen 39 Mickleburgh Avenue, Herne Bay

For more details contact Ann

Tuesday 12noon Communion Service at St. Bartholomew's followed by Lent Study

Led by various clergy. Contact Rev Sue Martin 01227 360948

Thursday 7.30pm Leaders & Hosts Ken & Carole Skinner contact 01227 375708

84 Grand Drive, Herne Bay

Thursday 7.30pm Communion Service at St. Mary's followed by Lent Study

Led by Rev Irene Thomas contact 01227 369531

Friday's 9.30am Holy Cross Hoath – Leader Rev Jenny Hadlow 01227 711516

The groups will start the week beginning Monday 23rd February. If you would like to join a group please contact the leaders direct so they can make sure they have enough material for each person in the group.

I do hope you will all consider joining a group to journey together through Lent. To enhance the groups we will be following special Lent readings on Sundays to link with the theme for each week. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Rev 'd Sue Martin

BENEFICE OFFICE

The Benefice Office has been up and running for a month now and we are looking to the future. We have 2 lovely ladies who cover on a voluntary basis Mon to Fri 9.30am to 12 noon. We are now looking for someone to cover Wednesday mornings 9.30 to 12 noon and to cover sickness and holidays. If you feel you could help please contact Rev'd Sue Martin on 01227 360948

PALM SUNDAY

This year palm Sunday falls on a fifth Sunday so we are having a Benefice Service at St Bart's at 10am. A team has got together and is planning to enact the Passion reading and it will be interspersed with choral pieces and congregation hymns and will lead into Holy Communion. Janet McBride has kindly taken on the responsibility of preparing the enactment of the Passion and is looking for budding actors and actresses. If you are interested please contact Janet on 01227 364092 as soon as possible so rehearsals can start after half term. This is going to be a very exciting service and we hope you will consider taking part.

Janet Hosking has a ticket available to see **Fascinating Aida at the Theatre Royal Margate on 3rd March 2015** at 7.30 p.m. There is a small group of us going and transport could be made available.

Fascinating Aida are a group of three ladies who sing and entertain. Their current tour is called Charm Offensive. You can watch a video on their web site. I understand they are very popular. The seat is £23.50 which I have already paid for. If you are interested please call me on 362982.

ST. MARY'S giving envelopes for the new tax year are now available at the back of the church,(in the boxes in alphabetical order). please could you collect yours and if you can deliver any for those who are not in church I would be grateful. If you no longer wish to use this method of contributing to St. Mary's please let me know. If you are not a tax payer it may be easier to put your offering in the bag as we are now able to claim tax on offerings given in this way. Thank you for your continuing support. **Janet Hosking.**

SITUATION VACANT: Reculver Deanery Meeting Secretary

Following Pat Thomas' service in this role, we need to fill the post to ensure the smooth running of our Deanery.

The Secretary:

Takes minutes at Deanery Meetings (3 or 4 a year, what we used to call Deanery Synod, now meetings with an interesting theme, open to Synod members and others) and checks them with an Area Dean.

Keeps an up to date register of Deanery Synod members, their addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers.

Prepares Agendas, with the Deanery Mission and Ministry Committee's (DMMC) input, and sends them out.

Takes minutes for the DMMC, which meets up to half a dozen times a year.

If you enjoy this kind of thing, we'd love to hear from you. You don't have to be a member of Deanery Synod. The use of email and a computer is essential. If you are interested, we can explain the process step by step. Plenty of support is always on hand.

Thank you.

The Area Deans and Acting Secretary

Steve Coneys (steveconeys@btinternet.com or phone 276795)

Elaine Richardson (elaine.longview@virgin.net or phone 370256)

David Kemp (kemps11@btinternet.com or phone 272470)

QUIZ NIGHT AT BART'S - 6 March 2015 7.30pm - more info to follow shortly

SILENT AUCTION AT ST MARY'S

We are holding a Silent Auction on **Saturday 7 March 2015** from 11 to 12noon. If you have anything 'sellable' you could donate please bring it along to the church next month or we can arrange collection. Call Tina on 742381. We will also be laying on a Ploughman's Lunch at £1.50 and there will also be tea and coffee refreshments. Viewing from 10.30am then bidding from 11 to 12noon. Come and have a browse you may pick up a treasure or a bargain!!

QUIZ NIGHT AT RECULVER SCHOOL

A Quiz Night is being held on **28 March 2015 in Reculver School Hall. 7pm for 7.30pm start.** Cost is £6.00 which includes a Ploughman's Supper. Please bring your own drinks, cups, plates and cutlery (and any extra nibbles).

You can pay on the night but please let us know at least a week in advance that you are coming. To book phone Sue Kennedy 365971 or Janet McBride 364092. Come on your own and join a table or make up a table of eight.

PLANT AND BOOK FAIR – ST MARY'S 2 MAY - 10 to 12noon

Calling all you green fingered folk. We are planning another plant and book fair for 2 May 2015. Please could you plant an extra tray or two when you start your seedlings or cuttings to sell at our fair? Any books you may have we would welcome them nearer the time.

FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - ST MARY'S

4 July Summer Fete with Reculver School.