



HARWICH
TEAM MINISTRY

Welcome

*Refreshments are served after our
9.30am & before our 11am Sunday services.*

Lent Week 2 - 8th March 2020

Collect for this week:

**Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of
Christ's sufferings, and by following
in his Way come to share in his
glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

First Reading

Genesis 12.1-4a

The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

Gospel Reading

John 3.1-17

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven - the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

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TODAY

Sunday, 8th March

- 8am Holy Communion - All Saints'
- 9.30am Morning Praise - St Michael's
- 9.30am Holy Communion - St Nicholas'
- 11am Holy Communion - All Saints'

THIS WEEK

8.45am Morning Prayer

- Monday - All Saints'
- Tuesday - St Nicholas'
- Wednesday - All Saints'
- Thursday - St Michael's

9.30am Holy Communion

- Wednesday - All Saints'
- Thursday - St Michael's

10am Prayer Meeting

- Wednesday - St Nicholas'

ADVANCE NOTICE

Sunday, 15th March

- 8am Holy Communion - St Nicholas'
- 9.30am Holy Communion - St Michael's
- 9.30am Morning Praise - St Nicholas'
- 11am Morning Prayer - All Saints'

Readings:

Reading: Exodus	17.1-7
Gospel: John	4.5-42

There are a few changes to Sunday morning services during March as below:

22nd March 9.30am at St Michaels will be Morning Praise instead of Holy Communion

29th March 9.30am at St Nicholas will be Morning Praise instead of Holy Communion.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers for the Ministry Team.

For our Prayers:

- * for the ongoing effects of the Coronavirus*
- * for those struggling in the aftermath of the recent floods*
- * for our DCC elections and Annual Meetings*
- * for the recently bereaved - praying for their family and friends:*

Michael Flatt Rita Tricker

Very sadly, June Wheeler died on 29th February at home. Please pray for Ken and all the family at this sad time.

Churches Together in Harwich Lent Services

"The Journey of the Cross"

At 7.00 pm

2nd Week in Lent

Wednesday, 11th March - Our Lady Queen of Heaven

The Scouring at the Pillar

3rd Week in Lent

Wednesday, 18th March - Salvation Army

The Crowning with Thorns

4th Week in Lent

Wednesday, 25th March - King's Way Church
Carrying of the Cross

5th Week in Lent

Wednesday, 1st April - Dovercourt Central Church
The Crucifixion

'Bring Your Bible to Church!'

On Sundays during Lent, the Ministry Team would like everyone to bring a Bible from home to church for a few surprises we have in store for everyone.

Please make a note to do this, every Sunday beginning Sunday 1st March and watch this space.....!

St Nicholas'
Monday Drop In - 9.30am

All Saints' Monday Club
2 - 4pm

Contact Sue for more details on 07980010557

Knit and Natter - St Michael's
Millennium Room

Next meeting: Tuesday, 10th March - 2pm

Knitting Circle - St Nicholas'

Next meeting: Tuesday, 17th March - 2pm

All welcome

Please join us, for friendship and a chat.

Christian Meditation

Every Tuesday at 6pm

All Saints' Fryatt Room

Coffee Morning
in Aid of Diabetes Research

All Saints' Fryatt Room

Saturday, 14th March

10am - 12 noon

Book Stall - also a Craft stall
where, amongst many other items, you
could buy your very own octopus!

Home-made Cakes / Raffle

Please come along - all proceeds to this
worthy cause.

Edward Bear Carer & Toddler Group

Tuesday, 17th March - 1.30-2.45pm

All Saints' Fryatt Room

Knit and Chatter
at Don Thomson House

Low Road, Dovercourt

Tuesday, 31st March

2:30 - 4pm - All Welcome

Support in Loss Café

All Saints' Fryatt Room

Thursday, 2nd April from 2pm

call Rev Sam on 07903 522955

or Rev Margaret on 01206 502033

for more information.

Harwich & Dovercourt Choral Society Spring Concert

A CHORAL FEAST

Saturday, 4th April at 7 p.m.

All Saints'

Featuring young soloists from the Royal
Hospital School singing in the Faure
Requiem and the Vivaldi Gloria.

Tickets are £8 available on the door.



Lent Holy Week and Easter

Parish Quiet Day 19th March

'Seeking the Kingdom'

11am-3.30pm St Michael's Church

sign list in church

Holy Week

Palm Sunday 5th April

usual service times in all churches

Monday 6th, Tuesday 7th,

Wednesday 8th April

Night Prayer at 7.30pm

Monday: St Michael's, Tuesday: St Nicholas',

Wednesday: All Saints'.

Maundy Thursday 9th April - 7.30pm

Parish Eucharist at All Saints'

Good Friday 10th April

Churches Together in Harwich

Walk of Witness

begin at the bandstand 10.30am

12noon – 3pm St Nicholas' Church

'At the Foot of The Cross'

2pm – 3pm St Michael's Church

'Hour at the Cross'

3pm – 4.30pm All Saints' Church

'Messy Easter'

Holy Saturday 11th April

St Nicholas' Church 8.30pm

'Service of Light'

Easter Sunday

12th April

8am, 9.30am, 11am

Easter Celebration Services in all churches

Easter Eggs for Children

Make your silent bid at Saint Nicholas'
by Mothering Sunday - 22nd March

- 1. Voucher for afternoon tea for two**
at the Pier Hotel
- 2. Bluetooth speaker with 9w speaker**
- 3. 45-minute shoulder massage**

LENT BIBLE CHALLENGE 1 - 2 - 3

During Lent we are all being encouraged to take up the challenge of regular, daily Bible reading.

1. Over our coffee time, either before or after the Sunday services, there will be 3 Bible questions to talk about with each other.
2. During our Sunday services there will be a "slot" for a member of the congregation to talk, very briefly, about a favourite passage from the Bible.
3. Some daily Bible readings will be provided for everyone to use during Lent.

Take up the Lent Bible Challenge 1 - 2 - 3!

Ministry & Vocations Day

St John's, Colchester
CO4 0HP
10am - 3.30pm
(free lunch provided)

AN INVITATION
TO EXPLORE
GOD'S CALL
ON YOUR LIFE

Register by email to
ihilton@chelmsford.anglican.org
by Saturday, 21st March

Coronavirus Guidance for Parishes

The threat of COVID-19 has been assessed by "moderate". The risk to individuals remains low.

Churches should be following best practices: parishioners with coughs and sneezes should refrain from handshaking during the Peace and to receive Communion in one kind only.

At present, there is no Government advice that suggests the use of the Common Cup should be suspended. Intinction (dipping the wafer in the wine) is not permitted.

2020 Lent Offering

This year we have two opportunities to show our love and generosity to others during Lent and the PCC has approved the following two actions:

1 During the weeks of Lent, beginning Ash Wednesday 26th February, we will all have the opportunity to give on a regular basis to the wonderful work of 'The Leprosy Mission' and individual collection boxes will be made available from that date. During Lent we will continue to pray for the work of the Leprosy Mission.

2 This year the PCC approved a proposal that we show our love and generosity to local children by buying small Easter Eggs from the Easter Egg Company, and each egg comes with a small book telling the Easter story. It was decided that we would do this for three of our local schools: Two Village, All Saints and Harwich Community Primary. That's a little over 600 children! As the eggs are £1 it requires each church to raise a total of around £200. This is a wonderful opportunity to share our generosity in our local community as well as share the Gospel. There is someone in each church who will be overseeing the collection so please give generously!

Praise God that, out of all that we have, we can give generously to help others who are suffering, as well as share the Gospel locally.