

Lent 4

Readings, Service times and Notices for March 11th Mothering Sunday

8am Holy Communion BCP (Rev. Jonathan)

10am Parish Eucharist (Rev. Michael)

3pm. Burial of Ashes

6pm Evening Prayer (Rev. Jonathan)

Services next week March 18th

8am Holy Communion BCP (Rev. Michael)

10am All Age (Rev. Jonathan)

6pm Evening Prayer (Rev. Michael)

Collect Prayer for the Day

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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.

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Readings

1 Samuel 1.20–28

Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only – may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.' She left him there for the LORD.

The Readings

SECOND READING

Colossians 3.12–17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

GOSPEL

John 19.25b–27

Praise to you, O Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

The Notices

The notices that you are reading, are printed out every Saturday evening ready for the Sunday Services. If you do have anything that you would like mentioned, eg coffee mornings, outings, walks etc. please let Rev. Michael know either by phone, email or putting your article through the Vicarage door.

PCC Meeting

The next PCC meeting is on Thursday 15th March 8pm in the Church Room

Church and Village Magazine

The Church and Village magazine is being printed at the moment and copies will be delivered to your home if you subscribe next week, please email revmike1@outlook.com for more details of how to receive the Magazine or advertise in it.

Diary Dates

Services during Lent

Palm Sunday Eucharist March 25th 10am with a procession from the pub to the church

Maundy Thursday March 29th 8pm Communion

Good Friday 30th. March. 12-3pm Three hours of devotion with readings prayers and Stations of the Cross

Easter Day 1st. April 10am Parish Eucharist with Easter egg hunt after the service. The Wigginton Choir will be with us

Table top sale

A table top sale on Sunday 18 March from 9:30 till 12:30 in Wigginton village hall.

Table and chairs are provided. Stall is £10. No theme, just general sale. But will be some baby things for sale, general household items, artwork and there will be a face paint artist. 🦋👤😊

Will be lovely to see you as a visitor (buyer) or seller if you have anything to sell

Heroes Wanted- the great British Spring Clean

Wigginton Parish Council are looking for volunteers for a couple of hours on Saturday 7th April Meet in the car park of the sports field at 10am on 7th April to receive your litter picker, high-viz jacket and area to cover.

If you can help please can you let me know so I have an idea of numbers.

Café

Join us for a cup of tea and home made cake on Tuesdays 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Lent Course "On the third day"

Continues on March 13th 10.30am to 12 noon in the church room and this week we are discussing "The implications of the Resurrection". [Book your place now](#) via Eventbrite or email

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Easter Lilies

At Easter the church is filled with lilies that have been donated to the church in remembrance of a loved one who has died. If you would like to purchase a lily, please add your name and the person you would like remembered on to the list which is on the piano. All payments to Kathie Mothersole.

Cathedral visit

The next Cathedral visit will be to Hereford on Thursday 14th. June 2018. The home of the Mappa Mundi. The cost of the trip, including Cathedral tour or Garden tour is £30. [Book your place now](#)

Tickets are selling well and the coach is filling up !!!

<https://www.herefordcathedral.org/garden-tours>

Confirmation

Confirmation Candidates

The next Confirmation Service at St Mary's will be on Sunday July 8th at 10.00am led by Bishop Richard of Bedford. If anyone would like to be confirmed please make a note of the date and have a word with Jonathan or Michael.

Wigginton Shop

The Village Shop has achieved its villagers' fund raising target.

A huge thank you, for your support and investment in Wigginton's community Village Shop. It feels like we are all part of a very special chapter for Wigginton and our neighbouring villages.

More than 174 investors have raised an incredible £81,550 on Crowdfunder plus £3,100 in offline investments. What an achievement. Now we need to tell you about the next stage. We have chosen not to draw down the funds from Crowdfunder or cash any cheques, until the first week in April, as we cannot progress until then for the following reasons:

- The planning application is submitted and in progress with Dacorum - we expect their decision by 2nd April.
- The lease agreement with the Parish Council (for a very small part of the sports field land) is well underway and we are aiming to finalise this by the first week in April.



- We expect to hear from LEADER mid March (a European funding organisation) about our grant application. Once these key steps of the project are in place, we will be in a position to order the building from Passmores' and appoint builders. We are taking a considered and responsible approach to each phase of this project, consulting with experts all along the way. We will continue to keep you updated. Thank you for all your support.

Shopping at Tesco

If you are shopping at Tring Tesco during March and April, do obtain the blue tokens at the tills and place it in the appropriate box. The Parish Council have applied for a grant from the Tesco Bags for Help scheme for the Wigginton. Childrens Play Area which could be worth £4000 if we get sufficient tokens! We will be able to buy lots of new play equipment if we win the £4000 grant. Many thanks

Deanery Lecture

Please do put the following in your 2018 diaries. The Berkhamsted Deanery Lecture will be given on Thursday May 24th at 7.45pm by Terry Waite.

Concerts in church

2018 for St. Barts is going to be a year of music and concerts and on May 20th we are pleased to have Ninebarrow performing

[Book your Tickets via Eventbrite](#)

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