



Sun 12th February 2023

St Valentine

Today's Collect

God of wonder and of joy: grace comes from you, and you alone are the source of life and love. Without you, we cannot please you; without your love, our deeds are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, that we may worship you now with thankful hearts and serve you always with willing minds; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Psalm 145: 1-9

- ¹ I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name for ever and ever.
- ² Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name for ever and ever.
- ³ Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.
- ⁴ One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.
- ⁵ On the glorious splendour of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
- ⁶ The might of your awesome deeds shall be
proclaimed,
and I will declare your greatness.
- ⁷ They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant
goodness,
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
- ⁸ The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹ The Lord is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.

Services next week

19th February 2023

Sunday next before Lent

- 0800 Said Eucharist
SM
- 0800 Said Mass **AS**
NO BREAKFAST
CEEBRATE! THIS WEEK
- 0915 Holy Communion
SL
- 0930 Sung Eucharist
SN
- 1030 Sung Mass
streamed live
AS
- 1045 BCP Holy
Communion
SMM
- 1100 Sung Eucharist
SM
- 1730 Choral Evensong
AS
- 1830 Evening Prayer
SL CC

NEXT
SUNDAY'S
READINGS

19th February
2023

Sunday next
before Lent

Eucharist

Exodus 24, 12 –
end

Psalm 2

2 Peter 1: 16-end

Matthew 17: 1-9

Evening Prayer

Ecclesiasticus 48:
1-10

Matthew 17: 1-
23

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 119: 65-72

Refrain: I know, O Lord, that your judgements are right.

⁶⁵ You have dealt graciously with your servant, according to your word, O Lord.

⁶⁶ O teach me true understanding and knowledge,
for I have trusted in your commandments.

⁶⁷ Before I was afflicted I went astray,
but now I keep your word.

⁶⁸ You are gracious and do good;
O Lord, teach me your statutes.

I know, O Lord, that your judgements are right.

⁶⁹ The proud have smeared me with lies,
but I will keep your commandments with my whole heart.

⁷⁰ Their heart has become gross with fat,
but my delight is in your law.

⁷¹ It is good for me that I have been afflicted,
that I may learn your statutes.

⁷² The law of your mouth is dearer to me
than a hoard of gold and silver.

I know, O Lord, that your judgements are right.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

¹ If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.

⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all

things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Alleluia, alleluia

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness
but will have the light of life.

Alleluia

Gospel

John 15: 9-17

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹² This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Post Communion Prayer

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please note that the deadline for entries for this news sheet is noon on Wednesday.

BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP DAILY NOTES

MAY 2023 - APRIL 2024

I hope people are enjoying exploring the Bible using these daily notes as a guide. There are several different styles of notes and if anyone would like to start receiving them, I can let you have a sample to look at. They are very reasonably priced at £4.95 for a book comprising 4 months of daily readings.

The time for renewal of subscriptions will soon be here. Please let me know if there are any changes to current subscriptions, or if you would like to start a new one. Orders need to be confirmed in early March. Many thanks
Wendy Price (wendy.price@prestbury.net 01242 523534)

ST MARY'S BAKESTALL – CAKES AND PRODUCE PLEASE

Calling all St Mary's cake makers/jam makers/vegetable growers!

St Mary's bring and buy bake stall will be held again on

Sunday 19 February

after the **11.00 service**.



If you are able to bring a cake or any other produce such as jams or preserves to sell on the stall, it will be most gratefully received. Please bring the cakes/produce to the service - or come and buy some! The bakestall will be held every third Sunday of the month after the 11.00 am service, EXCEPT in August and December. All the money raised goes to charity.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

We are a family of three, a husband, wife and an adult son from Ukraine.

We live in Cheltenham under the housing programme for Ukrainians.

Unfortunately the agreed period of stay at our hosts is ending and we are looking for people who could accept us under the programme for Ukrainians (according to this programme hosts are paid 500 pounds per month).

Our family is calm without bad habits, mother and son after a related kidney transplant, father is an auto mechanic.

Maybe you know people who would like to help us, we will be very grateful for your support.

Learn more about us by talking to our hosts.

Phone (son): 07493539137

Edyard



Breakfast Celebrate! will not be held on Sunday 19th February, the first Sunday of half-term week. We will be back as usual in St Mary's Infant School on Sunday 26th .

UPCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS

Sunday 12 February, 5.30pm - Evensong, Setting Walmisley in D Minor-nor, Anthem 'Thou visiteth the earth' by M.Green

Wednesday 22 February, 7.30pm - Ash Wednesday Mass and imposition of ashes

Wednesdays in Lent 5.45pm - Stations of the Cross and devotional prayers

Thursdays in Lent 7-8.30pm - Bread of life course on the theme of The Christian Faith Through the Lens of the Eucharist (*More information will be available in the next week*)

Saturday 1 April, 7.30pm - Cheltenham Choral Society perform Handel's Messiah. Continuo harpsichord will be performed by James MacDowall-Scott. Tickets on sale soon.

Sunday 2nd April, 6.30pm - All Saints Choir join forces with Christchurch Choir for a liturgical offering of John Stainer's 'Crucifixion' (this will replace evensong today)

Saturday 6 May AM Coronation Party. Live streaming of the coronation service followed by a BIG Lunch. Details to be confirmed.

CALLING ALL SINGERS

All Saints Choir are recruiting new singers. If you have some experience of church music repertoire and would like to sing at Sunday services- morning, evening or both



- please contact our Director of Music, James MacDowall-Scott. We are particularly keen to winkle out the tenors among you but all parts are very welcome! We rehearse on Friday evenings at 7.30. James can be contacted by emailing jjcms1976@gmail.com.

COTSWOLD JAUNT ON A VINTAGE BUS

Departing from All Saints Church, Cheltenham,
GL52 2HG, on Saturday 24th June, arrive 8.45am
for departure at 9am.



Itinerary to include a visit to and guided tour of the following Churches in
Lechlade, Fairford, Cirencester, and a visit to the Museum of Living History
in Cirencester.

Relive a past age of travel on a vintage bus with a conductor.

A fun day out for all the family

Tickets £25, to include Museum entrance.

For more information contact 01451 861861.

DATES OF FUNERALS

Roger Ashman (Prestbury)

Monday 13th February, 2 pm, St Mary's

Patricia Whatmore (Prestbury)

Thursday 16th February, 3pm, Cheltenham Crematorium

Teg Thomas (Cinderford)

Friday 17th February, 11.30 am, Forest of Dean Crematorium

Alan Bowles (Prestbury)

Tuesday 21st February, 12 noon, St Mary's

Heather Miller (formerly Swindon Village)

Thursday 23rd February, 1 pm, St Lawrence (Memorial Service)

Margaret Minnett (Prestbury)

Thursday 2nd March, 1 pm, St Mary's

Our Prayers are asked for:

Those who have died recently : Tammi Green-Smallman (Prestbury), David Francis (Prestbury), Jill Hayman (Prestbury), Joy Bloor (Prestbury), Alan Bowles (Prestbury), Jane Hambling (Gloucester), Colin Jones (Bishops Cleeve), Teg Thomas (Cinderford), Eve Allum, Roger Ashman (Prestbury), Patricia Whatmore (Prestbury), Margaret Minnett (Prestbury), Clare Davies (Cardiff), Harry Jackson (Tamworth), Warwick Stuckey (Cheddar) **and those who mourn their deaths.**

Those to be prayed for in the Benefice: The Royal Family, Zoë and family, Revd Elizabeth and Revd Howard, William and his family.

Please pray for my family: Klavdiia, Volodymyr, Volodoymr, Natalia, Danylo, Zakhar, Bogdan, Oksana and Nicolai and all people of Ukraine Thank you from Tetyana.

In addition, those at St Mary's: Gill, Mary, Margaret, Stephen, Gerald, Lorraine, Pamela, Sue, Val, Wendy, John, Roy, Marion, William, Charlotte, David, Jess, Joshua and Jon, Julia and family, Colin and his children, Jean, Mikey, Peter, Revd Chris, Diana, Eileen, Mai, Sarah, Andy, Linda, Paul, Kathryn and Mark, Vera and Brian, Dave and family, Lilian, Jake, Debbie, Linda, Jackie, Janet, Tom & family, Rita, Lawrence, Liz, Christopher, Margaret, Phoenix, Patricia, Baby Reuben and family, Brigitte, Caroline, Mario, Anthony, John, Elizabeth and family, Grant, Harry (age 10), Ed & family, Jo & Demi, Katie & Lucy, Alice Mary, Tina, Helen, Kate

In addition, those at St Nicolas: Martyn, Victor (age 4), Helen

In addition, those at St Lawrence: Rose, Jackie, Mala, Rose, John, Glenis, William, Isabella, Sofia, Kathryn and Judy, Ann, Hazel, Leocadia, Claire

In addition, those at All Saints: Sandra and her daughter, Josephine, Mark, Nicola, June, Sasha, Shari, John, Elsie, Anne, Kath, Dot, Mick, Caroline, Reg, Carmen, Byron and family, Amanda, Kathy and Chris, Richard, John and Claire

In addition, those at St Mary Magdalene: Harold, Nerys, Soo and Ray, Hilary, Lilian, Peter, Neil and Sarah, Katharine, Bernadette, Ann, Dorothy and Kim.