

This Weeks Diary

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Parish of Paignton
St John the Baptist, Paignton
St Boniface, Paignton



Lent

SUNDAY 6th March 2022 First Sunday of Lent

Sunday 6th March: 1st Sunday of Lent

Deuteronomy 26.1-11. Romans 10.8b-13. Luke 4.1-13.

Hymns: 502, 199, 102, 254, 4

08:00 St John's: BCP
10:00 St John's: Holy Communion
11.15 St Boniface: Satellite Service & Church Lunch

Mon 7th - Fri 11th March: Morning & Evening Prayer

8:30am & 5pm: St John's: Common Worship

Monday 7th March: Perpetua, Felicity and companions

Leviticus 19.1-2,11-18. Psalm 19.7-end. Matthew 25.31-end.

09.30 St John's: Holy Communion

Tuesday 8th March: Edward King

Isaiah 55.10-11 Psalm 34.4-6,21-22 Matthew 6.7-15

09.30 St Boniface: Holy Communion

Wednesday 9th March: Ember Day

Jonah 3, Psalm 51.1-5,17-18. Luke 11.29-32

09.30 St John's: Holy Communion

Thursday 10th March

Esther 14.1-5, 12-14. Psalm 138, Matthew 7.7-12

09.30 St John's: Holy Communion

Friday 11 March: Ember Day

Ezekiel 18.21-28, Psalm 130, Matthew 5.20-26

09.30 St John's: Holy Communion

Saturday 12th March: Ember Day

Deuteronomy 26.16-end Psalm 119.1-8 Matthew 5.43-end

09.30 St John's: Holy Communion

Sunday 13th March . 2nd Sunday of Lent.

Gen. 15.1-12,17-18 Ps.27 Phil. 3.17-4.1 Luke 13.31-end

Hymns: 336, 185, 114, 251, 119

08:00 St John's: BCP
10:00 St John's: Holy Communion
11.15 St Boniface: Messy Church

Dates for the Diary

Tue 8th Mar St Boniface: 12:30 Messy Vintage & Lunch
Sat 12th Mar St Boniface: 10am Work & Worship
Sun 20th Mar St John's: 11:30 PCC meeting

What Christians Believe Study mornings

- Saturdays: 12th & 19th Mar – Coverdale Centre:

Breakfast with the Bible

- Sundays: 13, 20, 27 Mar & 3 Apr Coverdale Centre:

Lent Towards the Sunrise Fellowship Discussions

- **Tue:** 8, 15, 22, 29 Mar & 5 Apr: St Boniface 7:30pm
- **Wed:** 9, 16, 23, 30 Mar & 6 Apr: St John's 12:30pm

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Activities and Study: Details of all the activities you can join in through Lent are on a leaflet available from both our churches from today. Full details of the Lent leaflet and back of this pew sheet. Come along to whatever you are able to - bring a friend!

Outlook Shop: Urgently needs costume jewellery if you have any could you take it to the shop at 22 Palace Avenue, Paignton, or if collection required, please ring Elaine 01803 400553.

Ukraine Retiring Collection: More than a million people have fled their homes to escape the conflict in Ukraine. Heavy fighting, shelling and air strikes across the country have had devastating consequences for ordinary people. Homes have been destroyed. Families have been separated. Lives have been lost. At Ukraine's borders with Poland, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia and Moldova, huge numbers of people are arriving with only what they can carry. **On Sunday 13th** we will have a retiring collection at parish services that will be sent to the DEC charity to assist in the provision of food, water, shelter and medical assistance.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

A Prayer for Ukraine: God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at-risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

- All who suffering from hunger or poverty;
- All who live in barren places and struggle to exist;
- All who are unable to resist the temptations of evil that results in diminished, wasted and lost lives;
- All who need God's love and protection including ourselves, but most especially for those in need or suffering including those who have asked for our prayers;
Sue, Brenda, Margaret, Beverley, Paula, Emma, Rick, Rob, Timothy, Penelope, Barbara, Josephine, Dorothy
- The souls of those who have died recently including:
Reece Cowell and Phil Wilson
their families and friends and any whose anniversary of death falls at this time:
Sonia Piper, Pat Wilby, Eva Hawkins, David Symons

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness may we know your power to save; 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.

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

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Psalm 91

1 You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
2 will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.'

9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling-place,
10 no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

12 On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

13 You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

14 Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

15 When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honour them.

16 With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

Romans 10.8b-13

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Luke 4.1-13.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was

led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. 3 The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' 4 Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

5 Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. 7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.'

8 Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'

9 Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10 for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", 11 and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' 12 Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' 13 When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Luke 4.1-13 Study Notes

V1: "full of the Holy Spirit": A Christian phrase: The work of Jesus and of the Church begins as God acts through individuals. After his baptism Jesus goes into the desert. There the Holy Spirit sustains him in his travails; human as he is, Jesus is totally dependent on the Spirit being with him, for "he ate nothing". (Moses ate nothing during the time he was on the mountain to receive the Ten Commandments.) v2: "forty days": In Exodus 34:38, Moses was on Mount Sinai for forty days; In 1 Kings 19:8, Elijah spent forty days on the journey to Mount Horeb. In this dependence, Jesus is humanly helpless; he humbles himself before the Father. The devil recognizes him as "Son of God" (vv. 3, 9), the one who fulfils God's plan

in creation and, given Luke's genealogy in 3:23-28, in Israel's history. Jesus answers the devil's questions with quotations from the Law, i.e. Deuteronomy, then considered to be the words of Moses. In v. 4 Jesus, hungry as he is, says: God sustains humans through other means than eating. Whether the devil has the authority to offer Jesus worldwide political power is unlikely (vv. 5-7); however Jesus' answer is plain: God is the ultimate master; only he is to be worshipped (v. 8). In vv. 9-11, the devil invites Jesus to do something extraordinary – a thing not in accordance with God's plan of salvation. V10 -11: The devil quotes Psalm 91:11-12. The devil takes up Jesus' armament. Again Jesus refuses to be taken in (v. 12). Jesus opposed the forces of evil throughout his ministry, but the greatest chance ("an opportune time", v. 13) the devil had was on the cross. There he again faces identified temptations.

Once you are settled

Read the passage slowly and reflectively

- Note anything that particularly strikes you and refer to the notes if they are helpful. Spend a few moments in quiet reflection

Questions for reflection:

1. What does the 'wilderness' or 'desert place' mean to you? Is it a place of threat, a place for solitude, a mixture of both?
2. Are there times you have experienced difficult wilderness in your own life, whether mentally, emotionally, spiritually? What did you learn through it? How did you deal with these times of testing?
3. What do you find helps your Christian journey through Lent? Are there things you intend to give up and take on?
4. How can you use this time of Lent to prepare for Easter, and why is it important to do so?

Read the passage for a final time and give thanks to God for the gift of his holy word.