

PEW SHEET Sunday, February 5th 2023 THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT



TODAY IN CHURCH

8.00 am **Low Mass** Fr Alex

9.15 am **Family Service** Fr Alex (Homily: Catherine Gibson)

10.45 am **Sung Mass** Fr Alex

6.30 pm **Choral Evensong** Fr Alex (Homily: Fr Bernard)

We are pleased to welcome the family of the late Anne Kilvington to the Sung Mass this morning, as we dedicate a new green high altar frontal with matching vestments in her memory.

DEDICATION OF THE NEW VESTMENTS AND FRONTAL AND SUNG MASS, 10.45 am

Stand at the sound of the bell

Angel-voices ever singing
Round thy throne of light,
Angel-harps for ever ringing,
Rest not day nor night;
Thousands only live to bless thee
And confess thee
Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest
Mortal eye can scan,
Can it be that thou regardest
Songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us,
And wilt hear us?
Yea, we can.

Priest In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The priest welcomes the congregation and introduces the liturgy

Priest Our help is in the name of the Lord, All who has made heaven and earth.

Lord God Almighty, who commanded Moses your servant to make vestments for priests and Levites to serve before the Ark of the Covenant, and filled him with the spirit of wisdom for this purpose; we pray that you bless and consecrate these vestments for the rites of your worship. Grant that those who wear them for service at your altar may be filled with the sevenfold gifts of your Spirit, being vested with charity, and with faith fruitful in good works to bring them to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For we know that thou rejoicest
O'er each work of thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and voices
For thy praise design;
Craftsman's art and music's measure
For thy pleasure
All combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer
Of thine own to thee;
And for thine acceptance proffer
All unworthily
Hearts and minds and hands and voices
In our choicest
Psalmody.

Priest Prosper the work of our hands, O Lord.

All O prosper our handiwork.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; all things come from you, and of your own do we give you. Through your Holy Spirit you bless us with the gift of creativity, that by the work of our hands we may glimpse the wonder of your glory. You spread a table before us to receive in this world a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. We pray that you bless and consecrate this altar frontal for the rites of your worship, as a sign of the splendour of that feast and of the beauty of your presence, and of the renewing refreshment of your people in the most holy sacrament of the altar; through lesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Honour, glory, might and merit
Thine shall ever be,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Blessed Trinity.
Of the best which thou hast given
Earth and heaven
Render thee.

The liturgy continues with the Prayers of Penitence

Collect

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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. **Amen.**

First Reading 1 Corinthians 2. 1 – 12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Psalm 112. 1 – 9 Beatus vir



- 1 Alleluia. * Blessed are those who | fear the | Lord and have great de-|light in | his com-|mandments.
- Their descendants will be | mighty · in the | land, a generation of the | faithful · that | will be | blest.
- Wealth and riches will | be in · their | house, and their | righteous-ness en-|dures for | ever.
- 4 Light shines in the | darkness · for the | upright; gracious and full of com-|pas-sion | are the | righteous.
- 5 It goes well with those who are | generous · in | lending and | order · their af-| fairs with | justice,
- 6 For they will | never · be | shaken; the righteous will be held in | ev-er-|lasting · re-|membrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any | ev-il | tidings; their heart is steadfast, | trust-ing | in the | Lord.
- 8 Their heart is sustained and | will not | fear, until they see the | down-fall | of their | foes.
- They have given freely to the poor; * their righteousness stands | fast for | ever; their | head will · be ex-|alted · with | honour.

Gospel Acclamation

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Gospel Reading Matthew 5. 13 – 20

Fr Alex

Jesus said, 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Homily

Offertory Hymn 473 (ii) (verses 1, 3, 6, 7, 8) When morning gilds the skies

Communion Motet Johannes Eccard: When to the Temple Mary went

When to the Temple Mary went, and brought the Holy Child,

Him did the aged Simeon see, as it had been revealed. He took up Jesus in his arms and, blessing God, he said:

In peace I now depart, My Saviour having seen.

The Hope of Israel, the Light of men.

Help now thy servants, gracious Lord, that we may ever be As once the faithful Simeon was, rejoicing but in thee: And when we must from Earth departure take, May gently fall asleep, and with thee wake.

Communion Hymn 388 (ii) Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Final Hymn 494 (tune 413) Christ is the world's true light

Organ Postlude Kenneth Leighton: Variations on 'Jesus bids us shine' op 72 no 3

IN OUR PRAYERS

Departed

Years' Mind

MondayAnne WoolmoreTuesdayNellie Wilson

Wednesday John Brooks, Pat Turner Thursday James Hunt, Mary Scott

Friday Annie Cooke

Saturday Constance Johnstone, Charles Terry, Jessie Williamson

Please pray for the sick: Martin Ashby, Ann Betts, Jasper Boyton, Pam Hearnshaw, Elizabeth Horn, Anna Lickley, Tom McLeish, Philip Rowbottom, Kathleen Shilitoe, David Scottow, Molly Sunderland, Shirley Thompson, Irene Whittaker, Wendy Williams, Ian Wilson.

6.30 pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Hymns 150 (ii), 248 (ii), 392

Psalm 4

Setting Herbert Sumsion in G

Anthem Christopher Rathbone: Jerusalem, my happy home (hymn-anthem)

Readings Amos 2. 4 – end Ephesians 4. 17 – end

Homily Fr Bernard

Organ Postlude Bach: Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes Sohn (Orgelbüchlein) BWV 601

The congregation is invited to sit in the choir stalls for this service.

FORTNIGHTLY CHURCH DIARY

Morning Prayer at 7.45 am and Evening Prayer at 5.15 pm daily (Tuesday to Friday)

Tuesday 7	9.00 am 6.00 pm	Open the Book <i>at Ashlands School</i> Contemplative Mass	Revd Isobel Rathbone
Wednesday 8	7.00 pm	Safeguarding training in the meeting room	
Thursday 9	11.00 am	Low Mass with social time	Fr Alex
Friday 10	9.30 am 6.15 pm 7.00 pm 7.45 pm	Playtime Cant and Dec rehearsal SMS and social time Choir rehearsal	
Sunday 12 Second Sunday Before Lent	8.00 am 9.15 am 10.45 am 6.30 pm	J	Fr Alex Fr Alex Fr Alex Fr Alex

Tuesday 14 6.00 pm Contemplative Mass TBC

Thursday 16 11.00 am Low Mass TBC

12.30 pm Lunch Club

Friday 17	_	SMS and social time Choir rehearsal	
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Sunday 19	8.00 am	Low Mass	Fr David Hope
Sunday Next	9.15 am	Family Service	Catherine Beaumont
Before Lent	10.45 am	Sung Mass	Fr David Hope
	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong	Catherine Gibson

NOTICES

New Frontal and Vestments

We are very pleased to dedicate these at the 10.45 am Sung Mass this morning in memory of Anne Kilvington and commissioned from a generous bequest in her will. They were made by our very own Fr Kenneth Crawford and will be a worthy adornment to our worship and the building.

Fr Kenneth has been involved in ceremonial tailoring and vestment making for over forty years. To see more of his work, visit: www.robesofdistinction.org.uk

Jean Williamson would like to thank Fr Alex, Fr Bernard and all friends at St Margaret's for their heartfelt expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers following the recent sudden loss of her dearly loved son, Kevin. May he rest in peace.

Church Opening

As a temporary security measure, the church will be opened for services during the week, and on Thursday and Friday mornings til 12 noon (access outside of services is via the Parish Hall through the connecting door).

Donations in Memory of Peter Waterhouse RIP

Thank you for the donations of £451.70 received at Peter's funeral in January. At the family's request, this will be split equally between St Margaret's and Martin House Hospice, of which Peter was a supporter.

Meeting Room Hire

The meeting room is now hired out on a regular basis on weekday afternoons. If you would like to use the room please get in touch with Vickie to book in to avoid any clashes with groups who may have hired the space – there are still plenty of times when it is available.

DIARY DATES

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes, 21 February

We're going to have a drop-in after school on Tuesday 21 February, 3.30 – 4.30 pm, and have some fun together with pancakes! Everyone is welcome – please spread the word. If you would be able to help by bringing a stack of pre-cooked pancakes, please let Fr Alex know.

Ash Wednesday, 22 February

The imposition of ashes will be offered at Low Mass at 11.00 am (followed by social time in the hall) and the Sung Mass at 7.30 pm (with music from our choir and organist). Come and make a commitment to keeping a good and holy Lent. *Please note, there will be no Thursday Mass that week.*

Music for Ash Wednesday

Christopher Rathbone: Missa semplice

Samuel Sebastian Wesley: Wash me throughly Samuel Sebastian Wesley: Andante in E minor

and wonderful Lenten hymns

Mirfield Pilgrimage to Walsingham 18 to 22 September 2023

Last year we advertised the Mirfield pilgrimage to Walsingham, offered to all with a connection to the Community of the Resurrection, our patrons. We are now being encouraged to take requests for booking, and a £30 deposit. **Please would you confirm your attendance with Fr Alex before the beginning of Lent** (ie 22 February).

The total cost per person for the four nights is £311, full board (plus contributions towards shared transport there and back).

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