

Newsletter –1st March 2020



St. Mary the Virgin, Hartfield
Holy Trinity, Colemans Hatch

Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome back The Venerable Dr Edward Dowler, Archdeacon of Hastings who will be leading and preaching at our services this morning and Choral Evensong 6:30pm at Holy Trinity.

Today's Readings

Romans 5: 12-19



Death through Adam, life through Christ

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned –

To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: the judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

Matthew 4: 1-11

Jesus is tested in the wilderness

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted[a] by the devil. After fasting for forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.'

Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the highest point of the temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down. For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

Jesus answered him, ‘It is also written: “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. ‘All this I will give you,’ he said, ‘if you will bow down and worship me.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Away from me, Satan! For it is written: “Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.” Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

For Your Prayers

Pray for all who are undergoing tests or suffering with ill health at this time. We especially pray for Carol (Joanne’s Mum) as she recovers from her knee operation. Also for Sue, Phil Reid’s mother. For Peter Dewar and Donna as she cares for him. For Joyce Jameson as she awaits an operation on her knee. Doreen Jeffries recovering from a hip operation.



Lent 2020

A sequence of services and times of reflection in St Marys Church during the period of Lent

.4th March 7:30 to 9:00pm listening to God with a time of prayer by candlelight following by Compline (short service of evening prayer)

11th March 7:30 to 9:00pm sacred space by candlelight with music and discussion

18th March 7:30 to 9:00pm Psalm 86: Hear my prayer O Lord.

25th March 7:30 to 9:00pm The Servant King, encounters with Jesus

1st April 7:30 to 9:00pm Holy Communion and worship by candlelight. Cake and coffee on arrival



Deanery Synod

Please note that the meeting on Monday 16th March is an **Open Meeting** and all who would like to hear Debbie Beer, our Diocesan Environment Officer, would be most welcome. Venue: All Saints Crowborough - Time: 7:30pm

The Church of England

You can now download the free [#LiveLent](#) app! The app gives you daily Bible readings and reflections to help you care for God's creation throughout Lent.

iOS: <http://cofe.io/iOSLiveLent> Android:

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The Church of England has set 2030 Net Zero Carbon Target.

At its February 2020 meeting, members voted in favour of a revised date encouraging all parts of the Church of England to take action and ramp-up efforts to reduce the emissions which cause climate change. The motion (approved on Wednesday 12th February) called for urgent steps to examine requirements to reach the new target, and draw up an action plan.

The Diocese of Chichester's Environment Officer, Revd Debbie Beer, said: "This is a great opportunity for our churches to work together and with local communities, businesses, local government, and all organisations across Sussex on tackling the Climate Crisis.

Deciding how to act effectively, justly and compassionately to reduce our carbon emissions, is a difficult challenge for everyone, not just for the Church. I believe that through joint efforts and mutual support and encouragement we can show how the Gospel is vital, practical good news in the face of this huge threat to our world."

Prayer for the week
God is love, let heaven adore him;
God is love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him
and exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spread the heavens above,
God who breathes through all creation:
God is love, eternal love.

Timothy Rees (1874-1939)

Open the Book

Open the Book (OtB) acts out Bible stories for St Mary the Virgin C of E Primary School. The stories are well received, with children always eager for another story. Our volunteer team uses drama, props, costume and especially the children to tell the stories. We use books provided by the Bible Society. (www.openthebook.net) Most of our assemblies are now in the school hall, making it easier for children to rehearse with us.

OtB is a lively ministry team and we have a lot of fun and are always blessed in telling God's story. The team is: Rosie Hewson, Ian Burns, Elaine Tocher, Diana Jones, Val Ball, Liz Eggleton and John Cope. If you are interested in joining us, as a storyteller or as props / costuming support, do speak with one of us and arrange to visit an assembly.

We also enjoy occasionally supporting the sermon slot in our church services. Some of you have taken parts to great effect!

Rosie Hewson

World Day of Prayer



6th March 2020 2:00pm at Holy Trinity Church.

Theme: Rise! Take your mat and walk

Prepared by Christian women of Zimbabwe.
Everyone welcome.
Refreshments after the service in Trinity Hall

Trinity Café

9:30am to 12:00pm

Date for your diary:

12th March – Celebrating St Patricks Day



Church Street Community Café

2:30pm to 4:30pm

Dates for your diary:

5th March

19th March



Next Week's Services

March 8th Second Sunday of Lent

St Mary's 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

9:30am Morning Praise

Holy Trinity 11am Holy Communion

Readings: Genesis 12 v 1-4a John 3: v 1-17

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