



The Sunday next before Lent

The OT Reading - Exodus 24.12-18

¹²The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Epistle - 2 Peter 1.16-21

¹⁶We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Gospel - Matthew 17.1-9

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But



Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Today's Psalm (Evensong) - 84

O how amiable / are thy / dwellings : thou / Lord / of / hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing, to enter into the / courts of the / Lord : my heart and my flesh rejoice / in the / living / God.

Yea the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may / lay her / young : even thy altars, O Lord of hosts my / King and / my / God. Blessed are they that / dwell in thy / house : they will be / always / praising / thee.

Blessed is the man whose / strength is in / thee : in whose / heart are / thy / ways.

Who going through the vale of misery, use it / for a / well : and the / pools are / filled with / water.

* They will go from / strength to / strength : and unto the God of gods appeareth every / one of / them in / Sion.

O Lord God of hosts / hear my / prayer : hearken / O / God of / Jacob.

Behold O God / our de / fender : and look upon the / face of / thine A / noointed.

For one day / in thy / courts : is / better / than a / thousand.

I had rather be a door-keeper in the / house of my / God : than to / dwell in the / tents of un / godliness.

For the Lord God is a / light and de / fence : the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall he withhold from them that / live a / godly / life.

O Lord / God of / hosts : blessed is the man that / putteth his / trust in / thee.

This Week @ St. Wilfrid's

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. There will be a service of Holy Communion here in church at 7.30 p.m.

Throughout Lent there will be a service of Morning Prayer at The Beacon each weekday morning at 9.00 a.m. and from next week a service of Compline each Wednesday evening at 7.00 p.m.

We are now taking bookings for our Parish Lunch on the 17th March, 12.30 p.m. at The Beacon, cost £7.

Advance notice of our Church Spring Clean on Saturday 21st March from 10.00 a.m.

Most of you will know the Rev. Jane Parry who has provided regular cover here at St. Wilfrid's when I have been away. Sadly Jane's husband, Peter, passed away on Wednesday after a long battle with illness. We give thanks for Peter and Jane's life together and uphold Jane and all her family in our prayers at this sad time.

The Rev. Jane Parry was down to provide service cover this coming week and whilst I am attempting to provide clergy cover there may be some changes to our services on Ash Wednesday and next Sunday. I know you will understand if services are not as advertised.

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Alan Simcock, Peter Gleave, Mary Shaw, Audrey Chadderton, Pamela Britland, Patricia 'Paddy' Swan, Right Reverend John Gaisford and Susan Norbury.

Year's Mind (2015+)	David Hulme Ruth Williams Mary Slater	Robert Twibell Trevor Matthews Marjorie Bailey	Marjorie May Donald Ross Christabel Whitehead
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Week beginning the 15th February

Sun. **The Sunday next before Lent**

8.30 a.m.	Said Holy Communion	Church
10.00 a.m.	Sung Holy Communion	Church
6.30 p.m.	Choral Evensong	Church

Wed. **Ash Wednesday**

9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	The Beacon
10.30 a.m.	Coffee Morning	The Beacon
2.00 p.m.	Knit & Natter	The Beacon
7.30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service	Church

Thu. 9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

7.45 p.m.	Doorway	The Beacon
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Fri. 9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

6.00 p.m.	Youth Club	The Beacon
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Sat. 10.00 a.m. Drop-In

The Beacon

Sun. **The 1st Sunday of Lent**

8.30 a.m.	Said Holy Communion	Church
10.00 a.m.	Family Service	Church
6.30 p.m.	Sung Holy Communion	Church



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8.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.	6.30 p.m.
Exodus 24:12-end 2 Peter 1:16-end Matthew 17:1-9	Psalms 84 2 Kings 2:1-12 Matthew 17:9-23

Next Sunday's Readings - The 1st Sunday of Lent

8.30 a.m. and 10.00 a.m.	6.30 p.m.
Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11	Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 16-end Luke 15:1-10

In the pews you will find yellow Gift Aid envelopes. If you do not already participate in the envelope scheme, and are a UK tax payer, please place your offering in one of these, fill in your details on the envelope and sign it. This allows us to reclaim the tax you have paid on your offering, a basic rate equals 25p per £1, at no extra cost to you. Thank you.

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