

ST LAURENCE'S PARISH CHURCH BIDFORD-ON-AVON

3rd Sunday of Lent



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Monday 8th March

9.30 Bible Study – 24 High Street
From 12.00 noon Lent Lunches, church hall

Tuesday 9th March

7.00 pm – 8.00 pm Lenten Prayer St. Matthews

Wednesday 10th March

Church open 10.30 – 12.30

All welcome for Coffee, Comfort and
Companionship - Discussion led by
Mothers' Union on 'Relationships Not Rules'
and Prayers at Noon

Thursday 11th March

9.30 am Communion by Extension

Friday 12th March

7.00 pm Youth Outreach

Sunday 7th March

4th Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Holy Communion – Family Service

Notices

Sunday 21st March

2.00pm County Civic Service

Saturday 27th March – 4.00pm & 7.30 pm

Holy Trinity Church, Stratford upon Avon

Message of the Cross -

presented by the Trinity Players

TODAY'S SERVICE

We welcome: 8.00 Revd. Sue Henwood
10.00 Revd. Richard Diemel

Hymn:

As the deer pants for the water,
So my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.

You alone are my strength, my shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.

I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye.

You're my Friend and You are my Brother,
Even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything.

7th March, 2010

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first
he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the
cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and
peace;
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.

First Reading

Isaiah 55: 1-9

1. Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
2. Why do you spend your money for that which is
not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
3. Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
4. See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
5. See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of
Israel,
for he has glorified you.
6. Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
7. let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have
mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
8. For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
9. For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

1. I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea,
2. and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,
3. and all ate the same spiritual food,
4. and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.
5. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.
6. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did.
7. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play."
8. We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.
9. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents.
10. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.
11. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come.
12. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall.
13. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn No: 467

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

Luke 13:1-9

Glory to you, O Lord

1. At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.
2. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?"
3. No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.
4. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?

5. No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

6. Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none.

7. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?"

8. He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it.

9. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.' "

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Hymn No: 96

Jesu, lover of my soul

Hymn No: 305

I come with joy, a child of God

Post Communion

Merciful Lord,

grant your people grace to withstand the temptations

of the world, the flesh and the devil,

and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymn:

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

And his righteousness

And all these things shall be added unto you

Allelu, Allelujah

Allelujah, Allelujah, Allelujah, Allelu, Allelujah

Man cannot live by bread alone

But by every word

That proceeds from the mouth of God

Allelu, Allelujah

Allelujah, Allelujah, Allelujah, Allelu, Allelujah

"I am the way, the truth and the life,"

That's what Jesus said.

"Nobody comes to the father but by me."

Allelu, Allelujah

Allelujah, Allelujah, Allelujah, Allelu, Allelujah

Ask and it shall be given unto you

Seek and ye shall find

Knock and the door shall be opened unto you

Allelu, Allelujah

Allelujah, Allelujah, Allelujah, Allelu, Allelujah

All are warmly invited to join with us for coffee and biscuits in the Church Hall after the service

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