

St Andrew's Church

Fifth Sunday in Lent - April 3rd 2022

10.00am Mass in Church and on YouTube

Celebrant; Fr John - Preacher; Stuart

If you are in church, please remember to turn off your mobile phone during the service. Please take this sheet home with you at the end of the service. There are prayers which you may like to use at home at the end of the newsletter.

Hymn numbers for the Mass 36 205 743 507 454

Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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.**

Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the



fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please pray for people who are sick or in need of prayer: Caerwyn Roberts, the Clarke family, Mr and Mrs Gordon, Beverly and Elaine Mitchell, Baby King, Gloria Boothe, Gloria James, Hayden Lewis, Beryl Clayton, Gill Ludford, Rene, Linda, Hazel Smith, Ray and Rattan, Trevor King, Heather, Alice Masih, Claudette Binns, Heather Goodale.

For those who have recently died: Karen Clarke, Brian Arnold, Martin Bates.

Anniversary of death: Doug Tonks.

Birthdays: David

Notices

- Please take note of the services in Holy Week and over Easter. There are leaflets advertising activities at the back of church. In particular we hope you will be able to join the Walk of Witness from St Augustine's Avenue Road starting at 11am on Good Friday.
- Wednesday Evening Prayer – do join us. 7pm on Zoom. Thursday Coffee Morning 10-12 Good Shepherd Hall. Gardening at church Saturday 11-1pm.
- The Pilgrimage to Walsingham is from Friday August 19th to Monday August 22nd. For further details please see Chris Baker.
- There will be a parish magazine out for Easter. All contributions are welcome. Please email to parishmagazine949@gmail.com or leave articles in the marked box at the back of church .
- Pat Rowley's funeral will be at 4pm on 13th April at Rocky Lane Methodist Church. We are asked not to wear black.

Prayer

God of all glory, when the roar of the traffic recedes and even our hymns are stilled in our mouths, then we hear strains of an anthem sung since you called all things into being; how birds burst their breasts with gratitude at being alive; how waves on the shore lap a lullaby at your manger and spring lambs bleat delight at the empty tomb; how the wind in the tall pines whispers psalms to the Spirit.

As we begin to sing again, help us not to crave the melody but to find our place in the harmony of all creation. Amen.