

St Andrew's Church

Sunday Next Before Lent

Pew sheet for 19th February 2023

10.00am Mass in Church and on YouTube

Celebrant and Preacher; Fr Paskal

Welcome to Fr Paskal on his first Sunday

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 190 349 66 62 275

Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Exodus 24; 12-end

The 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." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To 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." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The 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. Now 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. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Second Reading

2 Peter 1; 16-end

For we 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. For 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." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So 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. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture

is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Gospel

Matthew 17;1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then 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."

While 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!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As 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."

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please pray for people who are sick or in need of prayer: Gill Ludford , Linda Daniels, Najah Abdi, Fiona Williams, Gloria Boothe, Gloria James, Harry Wilkes, Monica, Linda, May Joseph, Nancy Forbes, T Clarke, Steadford Clarke, Beverly and Elaine Mitchell, Jacqueline Cole, Mr and Mrs Gordon, Deb Jones, Caroline P.

Anniversary of death: Joseph Lazarus, Elsie Swift.

Birthdays:

Notices

- **Ash Wednesday Services 10.00am, Group Service 7.00pm.**
- Wednesday no Zoom Evening Prayer; Thursday Coffee Morning 10-12 Good Shepherd Hall; Friday Choir Practice 6.30pm Choir vestry; Saturday 11-1pm gardening around Church.

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, as we come to worship, give us a sense of awe and wonder, an awareness of the privilege we have in knowing you, receiving your Spirit and being called your people. Grant us a glimpse of your glory that brings home to us your greatness and goodness, care and compassion, purpose and pardon – a foretaste that fills us with joy and causes us to kneel in adoration, overcome with amazement, thankfulness and love. Teach us never to become casual in our devotion, complacent or indifferent, but to come rather with reverence and humility, eager to offer you, through word and deed, the adulation you deserve. In your name we pray. Amen.