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# WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S

## Sunday 17 March, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

*If you are a visitor, please do introduce yourself to the chaplain or one of our welcomers. Toilets are downstairs.*

### A prayer for Lent from St Ephraim of Syria

O Lord and Master of my life, do not give to me the spirit of laziness, faintheartedness, lust for power, and idle talk.

But give to me, Your servant, the spirit of purity, humility, patience and love.  
O Lord and King, grant me to see my own faults and not to judge my brother or sister, for blessed are You unto ages of ages. Amen.

**8:30 Holy Communion (traditional language)**

**11:00 Holy Communion** with Sunday school group for children. There is a play area for small children in the room beside the church. Refreshments and a simple lunch served after the service. All are welcome to stay. Donations for lunch will go towards the work of the Church Mission Society.

Leader and Preacher: The Chaplain

Intercessions: Pat Szymczak; Chalices: Rachel Culbertson, Louise Nanchen

**13:15 Lent course in the parsonage:** The Mystery of God's Glory, and **student bible study** in the church

#### Hymns

63 - Be thou my guardian and my guide  
560 - Put thou thy trust in God  
287 - I bind unto myself today  
223 - Go forth and tell

#### During communion:

422 - Lord, we turn to you for mercy  
331 - Jesu, grant me this, I pray  
786 - The Lord is my light

#### Collect:

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **Reading: Genesis 15.1-12,17-18 (Margret Satterthwaite)**

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' <sup>4</sup>But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' <sup>6</sup>And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. <sup>7</sup> Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' <sup>8</sup>But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' <sup>9</sup>He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' <sup>10</sup>He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup>And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup> As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

<sup>17</sup> When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup>On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

### **Psalm 27**

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?  
The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,  
came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.**
- 3 Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid,  
and though there rise up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.
- 4 One thing have I asked of the Lord and that alone I seek:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,**
- 5 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek his will in his temple.
- 6 For in the day of trouble he shall hide me in his shelter;  
in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me  
and set me high upon a rock.**
- 7 And now shall he lift up my head above my enemies round about me;
- 8 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness;  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.**
- 9 Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy upon me and answer me.

**10 My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.' Your face, Lord, will I seek.**

11 Hide not your face from me, nor cast your servant away in displeasure.

**12 You have been my helper;**

**leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.**

13 Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.

**14 Teach me your way, O Lord;**

**lead me on a level path, because of those who lie in wait for me.**

15 Deliver me not into the will of my adversaries,  
for false witnesses have risen up against me,  
and those who breathe out violence.

**16 I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living.**

17 Wait for the Lord;

be strong and he shall comfort your heart; wait patiently for the Lord.

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever. Amen**

***Reading: Philippians 3.17 - 4.1 (Olga Goncharova)***

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

<sup>4</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

***Gospel: Luke 13.31-35***

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' <sup>32</sup>He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!<sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

## Forthcoming services

**Morning prayer will be said this week in church at 8.30am on Monday - Thursday.**

**Tuesday 19 March** 17:00 Ladies bible study at the parsonage. Speak to Rachel or Alison if you would like more information.

### **Wednesday 20 March**

**19:00** Holy Communion

**20:00 Lecture (in Russian):** A history of the Church in England: Missionaries, Vikings, poets and St Augustine

### **Sunday 24 March**

**8:30** Holy Communion (traditional language)

**11:00** Holy Communion with Sunday school, followed by a simple soup lunch.

**13:15** (or after lunch): Lent course in parsonage and student bible study in church

## Other Dates

Sunday 7 April after lunch, **St Andrew's Annual General Meeting**

Please make sure that you have signed up on the new electoral role register, if you are eligible. If you are baptised, regularly worshipping with us (i.e. most Sundays or Wednesdays). Speak to Sara Harris for more details.

Monday 15 April 19:00 **Pub Quiz**

Saturday 15 June 12 noon - 17:00 **Summer fete.**

## Daily Bible Readings during Lent

Daily bible readings can be found on the ***Daily Prayer app***. We also have a prayer feed on the ***PrayerMate app***. Look for us under 'Churches – European'. Sign up for daily bible readings for Lent at [www.churchofengland.org/pilgrim](http://www.churchofengland.org/pilgrim) There is also a great app: ***Lentpilgrim***

## In our prayers:

- Pray for Josh and Nina Cleaver, Joni, Seb and Tallulah, as they settle back to life in Moscow, and for Josh as he begins as our ministry assistant
- Pray for the St Petersburg Anglican community as they seek registration
- Pray for the work of CMS: This week they ask us to pray for their work in prisons in SE Asia, where many prisons are overcrowded and disease-ridden.
- Pray for those in need: Irina, Luba, and Helen
- Pray for all who grieve the death of Harry Lawnds, Andrew Blythe and Amanuel

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