**Newsletter for the week commencing 3rd March 2024**

**THIRD SUNDAY of LENT (B)**

**Entrance antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare.  Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.**

**First Reading: Exodus 20: 1-17**

**Psalm 18 Response: You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.**

**Second Reading:  First letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1: 22-25**

**Acclamation:  Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

**Gospel:  John 2: 13-25**

**Communion antiphon:  For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.**

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners

The collect from the Third Sunday of Lent presents fasting, prayer and almsgiving as medicine for the soul. Jesus comes to heal us and offers us the gift of equilibrium. With his grace and our cooperation, he wants to restore balance in our lives. We are made for the happiness of Heaven not for this passing world.

As we grow in the grace of his love we are drawn into a deeper relationship in prayer, we realise our need for God, we hunger for the Eucharist and express our Love for Jesus in acts of charity.

*O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.*

Fr Behr

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased:**Olga Agraso – died 30/12/2023, Funeral 22/03/2024

**Those ill or infirm:** PaulLane, Mara McDermot, June Munton, Ailish Cantwell (Jones), Sylwia Dorosz, Joe Adams, Ellie Lawrence, Patricia Hook, Josie Payne, Pat Holland and all those who are unwell and in need of our prayers.

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:**Irene Lacka, Mary Jackson, Brian McGinty, John Wolfe, Jennifer Ansell, Anne Knox, Sally Cudator and Marie Josee Masters.

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| **This week’s services (2nd – 9th March), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** |
| **Saturday 2nd March**Feria | No public Mass am10.30 -11am Confession6pm Vigil Mass*People of the Parish***Reader: Peter** |
| **Sunday 3rdMarch****THIRD SUNDAY of LENT (B)** | 10am Mass  *Christina Roberts RIP***Reader: Lynton**12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  |
| **Monday 4th March**Feria | 10am Mass *Holy Souls* |
| **Tuesday 5th March**Feria | 10am Mass  *Donor’s  Intention* |
| **Wednesday 6th March**Feria | **10am Mass***Mark, Anna and Families* |
| **Thursday 7th March**Feria | **No Mass or Adoration today** |
| **Friday 8th March**Feria | 10am Mass *M J Masters RIP (Anniversary)*10.30 – 11.30am Adoration |
| **Saturday 9th March**Feria | No public Mass am10.30 -11am Confession6pm Vigil Mass*Thanksgiving (Beresford)***Reader: Lorraine** |
| **Sunday 10th March****FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT (B)** | 10am Mass  *People of the Parish***Reader: Brian**12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  |
| **No Flowers in Lent** |
| **Cleaners: for 9th / 10th March – Christine & Wendy** |

**Confession**

Fr Behr is available for Confession every Saturday from 10.30am - 11am. He is also happy to visit those who are not able to come to church.

**Children’s Liturgy**

At the 10am Mass is on the first Sunday of every month. All children who have not made their First Holy Communion are welcome to attend.  The next lesson with Lorraine is**this**Sunday, March 3rd, 2024.

**Second Collections:**

**The 2nd collection for the clergy support fund raised £389.24.**

**There is a second collection for Poor Parishes on March 16th/17th.**

**Season of Lent:**

During Lent we have the opportunity to grow in faith and deepen our relationship with Our Lord.

There is something extra for every day of the week during Lent here at St Andrew.

* Monday Stations of the Cross 10.30 am
* Tuesday Coffee Morning with a Film from 10.30 am
* Wednesday Stations of the Cross after the Word and Communion service
* Thursday No Adoration
* Friday Adoration and Rosary from 10.30 am

**‘Grief in Loss, Hope in Christ’ Weekend:**

If you are mourning after the death of a loved one, this weekend may be for you.

Aylesford Priory. 22-24 March 2024. Please Tel: 01622 717272 or email: reception@thefriars.org.uk

**Beginning Experience Weekend:**

Beginning Experience is a special residential weekend programme for widowed, separated and divorced people, which helps participants with natural feelings of grief and loss.  This next programme will be held on 12-14 April; contact: Mary: 0208 647 4760, or Maura: 07795 498445, email besouthofengland@gmail.com

**CARITAS**:

This March, we celebrate the first anniversary of Caritas Southwark. To mark the occasion, Archbishop John will celebrate Mass at St George’s Cathedral on Saturday 16 March at 12.30pm. Kindly save this date in your diaries and invites will be sent out shortly. There will also be an event in Amigo Hall afterwards, where you can hear about some of the wonderful projects happening in our parishes.

**Archbishop John Wilson BOOK LAUNCH Wed 6th March, 6.00pm for 6.30pm. Amigo Hall, adjacent to** St George’s Cathedral, Southwark.   “Pondering and Praying Vatican II.”

**FIVE WEEK LENTEN COURSE: ‘We Dare to Say’.**

A resource for faith-sharing groups on The Lord's Prayer. Drawing on the Scriptures, with each session clearly rooted in a passage from the Bible. As the Second Vatican Council Fathers emphasized ‘in the sacred books the Father comes lovingly to meet his children and talks with them’ (Dei Verbum, 21) :<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/we-dare-to-say/>.

**The Shroud of Turin:**

We have a talk on the Turin Shroud Tuesday 19 March starting with refreshments at 10.30am.

 "A brief Introduction to the Shroud of Turin, A mysterious piece of linen",

**Southwark Catholic Youth Service:**

Several diocesan activities are being launched this year. For more details see [www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork](http://www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork).

**A Day with Mary 2024:**

Further information about pilgrimages to Fatima (7-14 June) and Italy (4-12 September) is available at [www.adaywithmary.org](http://www.adaywithmary.org) or email adwmary.uk@gmail.com

**Tenterden Christian Breakfasts:**

You are invited to join us for Breakfast on Saturday 23rdMarch. This Breakfast is open to all.

Time: 8.15 for an 8.30 start Finish at 10.

Venue this time: Zion Baptist Church.

Enjoy a cooked breakfast and good fellowship.

We are delighted that Ian Templeton, Chair of Tenterden Social Hub (Day Centre), is able to join us to tell us about the incredible work of the Social Hub.

Please book your place by Friday 15th March at the latest so we can confirm numbers with ourcaterers chris@thecheesmans.plus.com.

Cost £10 payable on the day.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Best wishes,

Chris Cheesman

On behalf of the organising committee

Freddy Farias, Martin Giles, Jolyon Vickers, Lindsay Hammond

**The World Day of Prayer Service:**

This was held at St Mildred’s Church on Friday afternoon 1st March 2024. It was a prayerful and poignant service written by the Christian Women of Palestine.

The congregation, consisted of many members of the Anglican, Baptist and Methodist Churches and a member of St Andrew’s.

This year it was hosted by St Mildred’s Anglican Church

Many made comments saying how appropriate and moving the service was.

Next year it is the turn of St Andrew’s Church to host the service and I hope that many of you will support and participate in the World Day of Prayer, which will be written by the women of the Cook Islands.

**Churches Together in Tenterden and District:  Forthcoming Events involving Saint Andrew’s:**

* **Saturday 2nd March 09:00** Saint Peter’s Newenden. *The Joy of the Gospel* Reflective Service & Breakfast
* **Friday 8th March 12:30 to 14:00** Zion *Lent Lunch*funds to Christian Aid
* **Saturday 9th March 09:00** St Mary Ebony *The Joy of the Gospel* Reflective Service & Breakfast
* **Friday 15th March 12:30 to 14:00** Zion *Lent Lunch* funds to Christian Aid
* **Saturday 16th March 09:00** St Michael’s Nr Tenterden *The Joy of the Gospel* Reflective Service & Breakfast
* **Friday 22nd March 12:30 to 14:00** Zion *Lent Lunch* xxx funds to Christian Aid

**xxx Saint Andrew’s leading the catering team – help will be needed please.**

* **Saturday 23rd March 09:00** St Mary Stone in Oxney *The Joy of the Gospel* Reflective Service & Breakfast
* **Saturday 23rd March 08:30** Zion *Christian Breakfast* Speaker Ian Templeton, Tenterden Social Hub
* **Friday 29th March 10:00** Tenterden Town Hall *Witness Service*
* **Saturday 30th March 09:00** St Mildred’s *The Joy of the Gospel* Reflective Service & Breakfast
* **Saturday 18th May 08:30** Christian Breakfast hosted by Saint Andrew’s – Christian Aid Big Breakfast – Help will be needed please
* **Saturday 20th July 08:30** Christian Breakfast hosted by Saint Andrew’s – Bishop Rose Hudson – “feasting with Rose” – Help will be needed
* **Saturday 14th September 08:30**Christian Breakfast hosted by Zion – Mike Rose – The road from Amsterdam – How to become a vicar
* **Saturday 23rd November 08:30** Christian Breakfast hosted by Saint Mildred’s – Ashford Street Pastors