



**The Parish Church of St. Peter
West Blatchington**
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17th March 2019
The Second Sunday of Lent

Mass Setting: New English Folk Mass

Hymns: 73; 461; 311(vs 1-3); 381*; 466 (* denotes from yellow hymnal)

Welcome to St Peter's Eucharist with Celebrant Erika Howard

Please join us for refreshments in the Community Centre after the service.

☞ **The Collect** - Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

☞ **First Reading - Genesis 15. 1-12, 17-18** — 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.' 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?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' 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.' 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.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' 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.' 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. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. 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 Response** - “The Lord is the strength of my life, if whom then shall I be afraid?”

☞ **Second Reading - Philippians 3. 17- 4.1** - Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. 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. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. 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. 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 Reading - Luke 13. 31-35**

☞ **Post Communion Prayer** - Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For our prayers:

The Anglican Communion: The Church of England, The Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby - Archbishop of Canterbury

Our Diocese: The Property Department

Our Parish: especially those who live in Clayton Way and Cobton Drive and for the Fundraising and Social committee

The sick and those in any kind of need: Alex, Chris, Margaret Steer, Roy Light, LC, Laurence Jeffery, Wendy Colyer, Marion Langton, Ann O’Neil, Daphne Button, Sophie, May Parry, Fr Keith Wood, Daphne Bridle, Ray Batchelor, David Keeling, Father Daniel, Zoe Smith and family.

Those in need of continual prayer: Cathy Carter, Jackie Wood, Linda Wallis, Will Newman, Georgina Watts, Christine Browning, Isabel Batchelor, George Bennett, Peter Chapman, Margaret Dolle.

We pray for the repose of the souls of the recently departed and on the anniversaries of their deaths we remember: Brian Roach 17th, Douglas Reed, Father Will Pratt 19th, Eric Cook 20th, Kevin Costick 22nd, Reginald Miles, Emily Talbot 23rd

Pew News

St Peter's Pastoral Care Group - Our Pastoral Group exists to offer entirely confidential help and support on any pastoral matter. Perhaps you would like a friendly visitor for a good chat now and then, help with transport, a name included in our prayer list at Church, some professional advice which we can help find, or an offer of Communion at home? Please contact, in the first instance, Carol Gander on 01273 555414.

Friday Coffee Mornings - They will now be held on the first Friday of every month only. Sign up sheet at the back of Church if you are able to help. Please come along and join us for conversation and friendship between 10.30am and 12pm.

Charity of the Month - We are supporting the Allsorts Dog Rescue as our charity for March. Information on the charity, together with donation boxes, are at the back of Church, should you wish to contribute.

Lent Course - Father Daniel is off sick at the moment, however the lent courses will continue this week as planned with Jonathan Cooke leading the Tuesday evening course and William Holden the Wednesday morning, but it will be in Church. Please support them.

Preparation of the new Electoral Roll - The Electoral Roll is due to be revised this year. The new Electoral Roll must be completed at least two weeks before the Annual Parochial Church meeting on 28th April. All Church members need to complete an application form if they wish to be included in the new Electoral Roll. If you are not included in the new Electoral Roll you will not be eligible to vote at the APCM. Application forms can be found at the back of the old Church. Please ensure you have given your completed form to me as today is the final cut off for forms to be handed in. Many thanks. Pam Miles - 01273 552744

Friday Lunchtime Concert - Our next concert is on the 22nd March at 1.10pm - Musicians of Roedean School. Free entrance with refreshments provided.

Blue Jeans Saturday - Our next Churchyard tidy up is Saturday 23rd March. We would be delighted for any help you can give. Please turn up from 10am with any gardening equipment you have. Bacon sandwiches and soup provided. Hope to see you.

Film Night - We are showing 'Miracles from Heaven' on the big screen in the Community Centre on Saturday 30th March at 7.30pm. Admittance is £5 per person and includes a hot drink and biscuits. Pay on the door. Bring your hankies!!

Family Disco - With our very own Xavier Glineur as DJ. Saturday 6th April at 5pm. Entrance is £3 per person. Tuck shop available.

This Week at St Peter's

Sunday 17th March
The Second Sunday of Lent

10.00 Parish Eucharist (With Sunday School)

(Readings: Genesis 15. 1-12, 17-18, Philippians 3. 17-4.1, Luke 13. 31-35)

Monday 18th

16.30 Junior Choir

Tuesday 19th

09.30 Standing Committee

19.30 Evening Prayer

20.15 Lent Group in Church

Wednesday 13th

10.00 Morning Prayer

11.00 Lent Group in Church

12.00-14.00 Hangleton & West Blatchington Food Bank at St George's

Friday 22nd

13.10 Friday lunchtime concert

Saturday 23rd

10.00 Blue Jeans Saturday

Sunday 24th March
The Third Sunday of Lent

10.00 Parish Eucharist (With Sunday School)

(Readings: Isaiah 55. 1-9, Corinthians 10. 1-13, Luke 13. 1-9)