



## Celebrating Second Sunday before Lent Weekly update Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

“You can tell the real Christians, they’re the shiny ones!” So said a visiting missionary I once met. And I know what she meant, there are those people who seem to radiate God’s love and goodness. They are at peace with themselves and the world around because they are at one with God. Being a former mariner, I often remind people the moon has no light of its own, it simply reflect the light of the sun. Similarly, as Christians we have no light of our own we simply reflect the light of the Son. And the nearer we draw to him in devotion, prayer, and service the brighter we will shine.

### Verse of the Week

*Jesus was transfigured before them, his clothes became dazzling white, whiter than any one in the world could bleach them. Mark 9:2b,3*

### Collect for today!

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.



### Bible Readings

This week’s bible readings; 2 Kings 2: 1-12 and Mark 9: 2-9

Next week’s bible readings; Genesis 9: 8-17 and Mark 1: 9-15

### Services in the Parish this week beginning Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024



8.00am Holy Communion (BCP), Lady St Mary, Wareham

9.00am Breakfast Church, Sandford St Martin’s

10.00am Holy Communion Service, Lady St Mary, Wareham

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP), St John the Evangelist, East Holme

10.30am Holy Communion, Sandford St Martin’s

10.30am Parish Online Service - Watch here: <https://tinyurl.com/warehamchurches>

you can listen to the service by dialling: 01202 078008 (charged at local rate)

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 11.00am Ash Wednesday Holy Communion (BCP) – St Martin-on-the-Walls**

## Services in the Parish for beginning Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP), Lady St Mary, Wareham

9.00am Breakfast Church, Sandford St Martin's

10.00am Praise Communion Service, Lady St Mary, Wareham

10.30am Morning Worship, Sandford St Martin's

10.30am Holy Communion (BCP), St Nicholas, Arne

10.30am Parish Online Service - Watch here: <https://tinyurl.com/warehamchurches>

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**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February** at 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP), St Martin-on-the-Walls

## What is happening in the Parish?

**Team Vicar's Licensing Service** will take place this afternoon Sunday 11th February at 3pm and will be conducted by the Bishop of Salisbury. All are welcome and hopefully there will be a good attendance from all five churches but do invite friends and neighbours. The service will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.

**This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent.** There will be the usual Holy Communion service at St Martin on the Wall, 11.00am and within this there will be the imposition of Ashes, to remind us of our human weakness and our need to repent.



**Ladies That Lunch and Pray:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Please bring a sandwich, lovely cake and drinks will be provided. 12.00 - 14.00pm at the Rectory. For further information or RSVP please contact Linda Tel: 01929 289236 or [l.everett1@icloud.com](mailto:l.everett1@icloud.com)

During Lent you may also wish to read one of the **Lent Books available from the Church Bookstall books for Lent:** Finding Mercy on the Way of Sorrows, 40 daily reflections from Lamentations by Robin Ham £2.99 Heaven How I got there, the story of the thief on the cross by Colin Smith £2.99.



**Open House** - at Sandford St Martin's Church - **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024, at 2 pm.** Talk on "A Lighthearted Account of My Dealings with Bats", followed by a cup of tea, chat, and a raffle. All are most welcome.

## The Showing of the God's Outlaw Film

This film tells the remarkable story of William Tyndale the man responsible for translating the Bible into English. It will be shown in the Parish Hall, Wareham on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 6.30pm for refreshments, showing 7pm finishing at 8.30pm and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2.30pm for refreshments, showing 3pm finishing at 4.30pm.**

Tickets are £5 each and are available from the Parish Office and A F Joy, North Street. Please do tell your friends and family, and thank you for your support. This event is in aid of Parish Fund Raising for 2024.

## Parish of Wareham Pilgrimage 2024

This year's Pilgrimage will depart Wareham on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October for 7 days and we will be visiting Yorkshire. Please contact Pat Cherrett on 552087 for further information.



## Prayer Focus:

### We give thanks to God for

- Jesus Christ, the image of the invisible God. We lack the intellectual capacity to comprehend you, Lord, or understand Your will, so we thank you for sending your Son to be our ultimate guide and interpreter.
- Being able to isolate the uncertainties and fragility of our lives when worshipping you: confident in your immutable, eternal promise of your Kingdom. You bear all our fears and pain, and we find healing, wholeness, and refreshment with you.
- The simplicity of faith and worship that grants us a life overflowing with grace. Jesus gave everything for us; help us to share the truth of His living word and the power of His love in our broken World.
- Accepting our prayers, whether spoken or silent in our hearts. We know you are always there, listening, guiding, and strengthening us, whether in times of anxiety, doubt, loneliness, or despair, or in joy and celebration.

### We pray to God for:

- Being able to begin each day by counting the blessings you bestow upon us knowing that we will still counting as we settle down to sleep at night.
- Your healing touch on our World and in our hearts. We have abused creation and exploited your gifts. Heal our hearts to turn to protecting and rebuilding our planet for future generations.
- Wisdom and courage for all who seek peace throughout the World. Bless their endeavours to end violence, especially in the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, and Myanmar. Save, nurture, love, and protect the children who are both victims of, and witnesses to, human atrocities.
- Help in preparing for the forthcoming Lenten season. We pray for forgiveness for the times when our thoughts, words, and actions have taken us away from you, Lord; for guidance in returning to you, and for deepening our relationship with you.

### Those asking for prayer:

The Reverend Hilary Bond, Rose Diment, Mary Binks, Anne Mills, Peter Wood, Sheila Chant

### Those who have died recently and those who mourn:

Anne Peters, Carol Selwood

**Our Mission Prayer:** Ruth Guinness based in Malawi asks for prayer for growth spiritually as well as in knowledge and skills at the Bible College. May the government of Malawi tackle effectively the many challenges the nation is facing. Protect and encourage Ruth as she travels and networks throughout the world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

**Parish Prayer Meetings** We are now holding our Tuesday prayer meetings at 7.30pm via Zoom which will be sent out by email each Friday or please contact Debs at the Parish Office Tel: 550905. Please see below:

Month	Meetings by Zoom on Tuesdays	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Sandford Prayer*
February	6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>

\*The Sandford meeting is in Sandford St Martin's Church. All are welcome to join us to pray.

## Prayers for Peace

With the conflict in Israel and Gaza continuing and open warfare persisting on many other parts of the world (much of it not covered by the media) we should, as a church, have a renewed concentration on praying for peace. Prayers are said every day in Lady St Mary church at 5pm for all this affected, please do join us if you can, and if you cannot why not stop for a minute or two at home or work to pray for all affected.



## Confirmation Classes

Are you interested in confirmation classes? We have some people that are interested but it would be nice to have a group of people so if you would like to find out more please talk to a member of the Ministry Team.

**GREEN TIP** - If you haven't already done it now is a good time to put nest boxes up in your garden for hole-nesting birds. See leaflets on the Eco Church table for ideas and information.



### Readings for Daily Morning Prayer:

### \*Indicates Festival

	Psalm (s)	Old Testament	New Testament
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>30</b>	Genesis 37:1-11	Galatians 1
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>36</b>	Genesis 37:12-end	Galatians 2:1-10
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February*</b>	<b>38</b>	Daniel 9:3-6, 17-19	1 Timothy 6:6-19
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>77</b>	Genesis 39	Galatians 2:11-end
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>31</b>	Genesis 40	Galatians 3:1-14
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>71</b>	Genesis 41:1-24	Galatians 3:15-22

**Parish Office** - The Parish Office is open on **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday** 9am to 1pm. At all other times enquiries and queries can be made by email and they will be dealt with as soon as possible.



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