

Notices

- **Lent Bible Study** on Wednesdays at GGH at 2.30-3.30pm over tea/coffee.
- **Food Parcels:** Thank you for continuing to support the food parcels. We need tins of soup, vegetables and packet of biscuits. For more information, please speak to **Elaine**.
- **Notice Sheet:** If you want to see the previous ones, please check here (<https://www.stannewestheath.org/news>).
- For health and safety reason, for a while, we will minimise our physical contact, such as hugging, shaking hands, etc. and keep using disposal cups for the communion. Please read the Church of England Coronavirus Guidance for Churches. (<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>)

Future dates for diary

22nd Mar Mothering Sunday
Thur 2nd Apr Barbara's Ball (1:30pm) *suspended*
Sun 5th Apr Palm Sunday
Tue 7th Apr Mother's Union(2pm)
Thur 9th Apr Maundy Thursday Service (7:30pm)
Fri 10th Apr March of Witness and Vigil on Good Friday
Sun 12th Apr Easter Sunday (11am)
Sun 26th Apr APCM (Within 11.00am service)
Sun 3rd May Choir Concert

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St Anne's Parish Church West Heath



The Third Sunday of Lent

15th Mar 2020

Welcome: A warm welcome to St Anne's especially if you are a visitor with us. We hope you will enjoy your worship with us today. Whether you're just visiting or looking to stay, it is great to have you with us. We would love to welcome you personally and get to know you.

Collect: Almighty God,
Whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he
suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Readings

This week	Next week
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exodus 17:1-7• Romans 5:1-11• John 4:5-42	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 Samuel 16:1-13• Ephesians 5:8-14• John 9:1-41

Calendar

Sun 15 th Mar	The Third Sunday of Lent	
	9:15am	Holy Communion
	11am	Family Service with Sunday Club
Mon 16 th Mar	2pm	Tea and Chat in George Goodger Hall
	7-7:30pm	Office Time in GGH
Tues 17 th Mar	9:30am	Little Stars
Wed 18 th Mar	9.15am	Morning Prayer in St Francis Chapel
	2:30pm	Lent Course led by Stuart Kimber
Thur 19 th Mar	9:30am	Little Stars
	10:30am	Holy Communion in St Francis Chapel
Fri 20 th Mar	Morning	Church Cleaning
Sat 21 st Mar	10am	Choir practice in the Church
Sun 22 nd Mar	The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)	
	9:15am	Holy Communion
	11am	Family Service with Sunday Club



Coffee/Tea is served between the Services on Sunday

Prayers:

Anglican cycle of prayer

Pray for the Church of England The Most Revd and Right Hon Justin Welby
- Archbishop of Canterbury

The Sick and Needy

Joyce Arnold, Michael Cook, Kaitlin Johnston, Be Be Harbun, Tracey Hartley, Stuart Kimber(Priest), Mike and Anne Lane, John Oakes (Priest), John and Debbie Parker, Cathy Price, Sharon, June, Tim, David, Yvelte Veitch, Ingrid Veitch, Sue and Don, Linda, Robert, Lena, Kadolina, Russ, Julia and Monica, Maryanna. Pray for our neighbours who are hungry and lonely. Also, for those who are looking after their family or friends, physically, mentally, and financially.

Those who died recently: Lesley Green

Special prayers:

PCC members and churchwardens to be; Joan Ayre who is in training to become a Reader.

Request for Prayer: email to stannewestheath@gmail.com

GOD'S BUSINESS

Bing Crosby told the story of how, with a friend who was a Roman Catholic priest, he was caught in a downpour out on the golf links. As the two of them became wetter and wetter, Bing asked if his friend could pray for fine weather. With a wry smile, the priest replied: 'Sorry, but that's not my department, that's management. I'm in sales.'

The business of the whole world is in God's hands. Our job is to share God's living water, making it known not only by what we say, but by what we do and the way we live.

We're either drinking from the living water of Jesus, or we're dying of spiritual thirst, because only Jesus has what we need to get across the divide into Paradise.



Today's Bible Readings

Exodus 17:1-7

The whole Israelite community left the desert of Sin, moving from one place to another at the command of the Lord. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water there to drink. They complained to Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses answered, "Why are you complaining? Why are you putting the Lord to the test?" But the people were very thirsty and continued to complain to Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt? To kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" Moses prayed earnestly to the Lord and said, "What can I do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Take some of the leaders of Israel with you, and go on ahead of the people. Take along the stick with which you struck the Nile. I will stand before you on a rock at Mount Sinai. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." Moses did so in the presence of the leaders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites complained and put the Lord to the test when they asked, "Is the Lord with us or not?"

Romans 5:1-11

Now that we have been put right with God through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. He has brought us by faith into this experience of God's grace, in which we now live. And so we boast of the hope we have of sharing God's glory! We also boast of our troubles, because we know that trouble produces endurance, endurance brings God's approval, and his approval creates hope. This hope does not disappoint us, for God has poured out his love into our hearts by means of the Holy Spirit, who is God's gift to us. For when we were still helpless, Christ died for the wicked at the time that God chose. It is a difficult thing for someone to die for a righteous person. It may even be that someone

might dare to die for a good person. But God has shown us how much he loves us—it was while we were still sinners that Christ died for us! By his blood we are now put right with God; how much more, then, will we be saved by him from God's anger! We were God's enemies, but he made us his friends through the death of his Son. Now that we are God's friends, how much more will we be saved by Christ's life! But that is not all; we rejoice because of what God has done through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has now made us God's friends.

John 4:5-42

In Samaria he came to a town named Sychar, which was not far from the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by the trip, sat down by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw some water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink of water." (His disciples had gone into town to buy food.) The woman answered, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan—so how can you ask me for a drink?" (Jews will not use the same cups and bowls that Samaritans use.) Jesus answered, "If you only knew what God gives and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would ask him, and he would give you life-giving water." "Sir," the woman said, "you don't have a bucket, and the well is deep. Where would you get that life-giving water? It was our ancestor Jacob who gave us this well; he and his children and his flocks all drank from it. You don't claim to be greater than Jacob, do you?" Jesus answered, "Those who drink this water will get thirsty again, but those who drink the water that I will give them will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give them will become in them a spring which will provide them with life-giving water and give them eternal life." "Sir," the woman said, "give me that water! Then I will never be thirsty again, nor will I have to come here to draw water." "Go and call your husband," Jesus told her, "and come back." "I don't have a husband," she answered.

Jesus replied, "You are right when you say you don't have a husband. You have been married to five men, and the man you live with now is not really your husband. You have told me the truth." "I see you are a prophet, sir," the woman said. "My Samaritan ancestors worshiped God on this mountain, but you Jews say that Jerusalem is the place where we should worship God." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the time will come when people will not worship the Father either on this mountain or in Jerusalem. You Samaritans do not really know whom you worship; but we Jews know whom we worship, because it is from the Jews that salvation comes. But the time is coming and is already here, when by the power of God's Spirit people will worship the Father as he really is, offering him the true worship that he wants. God is Spirit, and only by the power of his Spirit can people worship him as he really is." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah will come, and when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus answered, "I am he, I who am talking with you." At that moment Jesus' disciples returned, and they were greatly surprised to find him talking with a woman. But none of them said to her, "What do you want?" or asked him, "Why are you talking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar, went back to the town, and said to the people there, "Come and see the man who told me everything I have ever done. Could he be the Messiah?" So they left the town and went to Jesus. In the meantime the disciples were begging Jesus, "Teacher, have something to eat!" But he answered, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about." So the disciples started asking among themselves, "Could somebody have brought him food?" "My food," Jesus said to them, "is to obey the will of the one who sent me and to finish the work he gave me to do. You have a saying, 'Four more months and then the harvest.' But I tell you, take a good look at the fields; the crops are now ripe and ready to be harvested! The one who reaps the harvest is being paid and gathers the crops for eternal life; so the one who plants and the one who reaps will be glad together. For the saying is true, 'Someone plants, someone

else reaps.' I have sent you to reap a harvest in a field where you did not work; others worked there, and you profit from their work." Many of the Samaritans in that town believed in Jesus because the woman had said, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they begged him to stay with them, and Jesus stayed there two days. Many more believed because of his message, and they told the woman, "We believe now, not because of what you said, but because we ourselves have heard him, and we know that he really is the Saviour of the world."

