

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. For more information, please speak to **Elaine**.
- **Notice Sheet:** If you want to see the previous ones, please check here (<https://www.stannevestheath.org/news>).
- **Photo:** Thank you for ordering the church family photo. It raised £60 for the building project. If you haven't collected or paid, please see Charitas.
- 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

- Thur 12th Mar** PCC (7pm)
Thur 2nd Apr Barbara's Ball (1:30pm)
Sun 5th Apr Palm Sunday
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)

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St Anne's Parish Church West Heath



The Second Sunday of Lent

8th 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,**
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.
Amen

Readings

This week	Next week
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Genesis 12:1-4• Romans 4:1-5, 13-17• John 3:1-17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exodus 17:1-7• Romans 5:1-11• John 4:5-42



Calendar

Sun 8 th Mar	The Second Sunday of Lent (Led by Paul and preached by Ian) 9:15am Holy Communion 11am Family Service with Sunday Club
Mon 9 th Mar	2pm Tea and Chat in George Goodger Hall 7-7:30pm Office Time in GGH
Tues 10 th Mar	9:30am Little Stars 2pm Mother's Union in GGH 6pm Ministers' meeting at the Vicarage
Wed 11 th Mar	9.15am Morning Prayer in St Francis Chapel 2:30pm Lent Course led by Stuart Kimber
Thur 12 th Mar	9:30am Little Stars 10:30am Holy Communion in St Francis Chapel 11:30am Home Service (Austin Rose) 7:30pm PCC in GGH
Fri 13 th Mar	Morning Church Cleaning
Sat 14 th Mar	10am Choir practice in the Church
Sun 15 th Mar	The Third Sunday of Lent (Led by Stuart and preached by Paul) 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 Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo The Most Revd Zacharie Masimango Katanda - Archbishop of the Congo & Bishop of Kindu

The Sick and Needy

Joyce Arnold, 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

Thoughts for Sunday: **Getting Busy On The World**

Today, let us face the world with joy, for the world is desperately anguished, desperately lost, desperately sad, and desperately hungry for the real, deep-down, lasting joy that we, in Christ, have to offer it.

It's not a happy-clappy, short-lived happiness, but the serious, committed, business-like joy that comes from fellowship with the Holy Spirit. Other people will look at you and say: How is it you're kind of 'lit up'?

And then you can smile and tell them why.

Genesis 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, "Leave your country, your relatives, and your father's home, and go to a land that I am going to show you. I will give you many descendants, and they will become a great nation. I will bless you and make your name famous, so that you will be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you, But I will curse those who curse you.

And through you I will bless all the nations." When Abram was seventy-five years old, he started out from Haran, as the Lord had told him to do; and Lot went with him.

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What shall we say, then, of Abraham, the father of our race? What was his experience? If he was put right with God by the things he did, he would have something to boast about—but not in God's sight. The scripture says, "Abraham believed God, and because of his faith God accepted him as righteous." A person who works is paid wages, but they are not regarded as a gift; they are something that has been earned. But those who depend on faith, not on deeds, and who believe in the God who declares the guilty to be innocent, it is this faith that God takes into account in order to put them right with himself. When God promised Abraham and his descendants that the world would belong to him, he did so, not because Abraham obeyed the Law, but because he believed and was accepted as righteous by God. For if what God promises is to be given to those who obey the Law, then faith means nothing and God's promise is worthless. The Law brings down God's anger; but where there is no law, there is no disobeying of the law. And so the promise was based on faith, in order that the promise should be guaranteed as God's free gift to all of Abraham's descendants—not just to those who obey the Law, but also to those who believe as Abraham did. For Abraham is the spiritual father of us all; as the scripture says, "I have made you father of many nations." So the promise is good in the sight of God, in whom Abraham believed—the

God who brings the dead to life and whose command brings into being what did not exist.

John 3:1-17

There was a Jewish leader named Nicodemus, who belonged to the party of the Pharisees. One night he went to Jesus and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher sent by God. No one could perform the miracles you are doing unless God were with him." Jesus answered, "I am telling you the truth: no one can see the Kingdom of God without being born again." "How can a grown man be born again?" Nicodemus asked. "He certainly cannot enter his mother's womb and be born a second time!" "I am telling you the truth," replied Jesus, "that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. A person is born physically of human parents but is born spiritually of the Spirit. Do not be surprised because I tell you that you must all be born again. The wind blows wherever it wishes; you hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. It is like that with everyone who is born of the Spirit." "How can this be?" asked Nicodemus. Jesus answered, "You are a great teacher in Israel, and you don't know this? I am telling you the truth: we speak of what we know and report what we have seen, yet none of you is willing to accept our message. You do not believe me when I tell you about the things of this world; how will you ever believe me, then, when I tell you about the things of heaven? And no one has ever gone up to heaven except the Son of Man, who came down from heaven." As Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the desert, in the same way the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its saviour.