

Parishes News Sheet for ...

St Nicholas Charlwood & Emmanuel Sidlow Bridge



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28th February 2021 – 2nd Sunday of Lent



Details for Church By Telephone (CBT)

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Any telephone will work for the service by telephone,
a standard land line will be perfectly fine.


SERVICES PLANNED

LENT  2021


Sunday 28th February

10.30am Morning Service by telephone 
(Service for the Sundays of Lent - Purple)

Wednesday 3rd March

7pm Night Prayer by telephone 

Sunday 7th March

10.30am Morning Praise by telephone 
(Service for the Sundays of Lent - Purple)

PRAYER BOX

Please pray for:

Those who live and work in Partridge Lane and Perrylands.

Those who continue to care for our churches during lockdown and assist with the telephone services: church cleaners, intercessors, readers, vergers Church Wardens, PCCs and other committee members.

The sick, isolated and troubled, especially Maureen Pacey, Sheila W, David Jeffries, Andrew Hubbard and those who care for them.

Those we have loved but see no more, those who have recently died, particularly Ronald Crees and those who mourn for them.

LATEST UPDATE FROM REV SUE

Lent Groups: focused on prayer, sessions begin next Tuesday (2nd March) and runs for 4 weeks until 23rd March, all at 7.30pm via Zoom for 1 hour maximum. There is an option to join online or via the telephone. Its not too late to join up. Please send an email to Revd Sue Weakley (revsueweakley@btinternet.com), or call her on 01293 773954, 07887 888372, asap.

Bible Study Notes: Michael Toogood has asked me to let you know that the Prayer and Bible Study Group will be starting a new study, 'Joseph - God's man for God's plan,' next week so it might be a good time for anyone who would like to join the group to do so.

Please contact Sonia Tyndall (soniatyndall32@gmail.com, 01306 631965) and she will ensure that you get a copy of the notes each week. They can be delivered by email, or on paper so everyone's situation is catered for.

SUNDAY READINGS ETC.

COLLECT

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

FIRST READING — Romans 4.13-end

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace

and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ²³Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

PSALM 22.23-end

- 23 Praise the Lord, you that fear him;
O seed of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.
- 24 For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor;
neither has he hidden his face from them;
but when they cried to him he heard them.
- 25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.
- 26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever.
- 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 28 For the kingdom is the Lord's
and he rules over the nations.
- 29 How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in worship,
or those who go down to the dust kneel before him?
- 30 He has saved my life for himself; my descendants shall serve him;
this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.

31 They shall come and make known his salvation,
to a people yet unborn, declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

GOSPEL READING – Mark 8.31-end

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel,* will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words* in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

WEEKDAY READINGS

Monday - Psalm 26, Jeremiah 7.21-end, John 6.41-51
Tuesday - Psalm 50, Jeremiah 8.1-15, John 6.52-59
Wednesday - Psalm 35, Jeremiah 8.18-9.11 John 6.60-end
Thursday - Psalm 34, Jeremiah 9.12-24, John 7.1-13
Friday - Psalm 40, Jeremiah 10.1-16, John 7.14-24
Saturday - Psalm 3, Jeremiah 10.17-24, John 7.25-36

AND FINALLY ...

We were all holding our breath to see what Boris would say on 22nd February! In fact, nothing much has changed for the next month or so. The most comments I have heard is horror at the hairdressers not opening until after Easter! So lockdown hair stays, unless you have a buddy you can trust with the scissors?!

It is difficult to judge when it is appropriate to be back in church for a service and I would welcome your feedback as to whether you would welcome a service on Easter Day (a Communion Service in each church as we did at Christmas) or if you would feel safer to continue on the telephone at the moment until more people are fully vaccinated and the infection rates are well down.

Whatever the situation, we will celebrate as well as we can until we can meet without social distancing, hopefully in the summer.

Take care everyone and keep safe.
God bless you.

Sue