

Wykeham Benefice Pewsheets for 4th Sunday before Lent. February 10th 2019

Collect

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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.

Isaiah 6.1-8

6 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.'

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!'

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

1 Corinthians 15.1-11

15 Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Luke 5.1-11

5 Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' ⁵Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Post Communion

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The week ahead

Mon 11 th	9am Morning Prayer in Epwell 6pm Youth Group in Sibford
Tue 12 th	9.15am Morning Prayer in Broughton 10am Holy Communion in Tadmarton 7.30pm Benefice Meeting re Deanery Mission Plan in Sibford Village Hall
Wed 13 th	8.45am Morning Prayer in Sibford 9.30am Holy Communion in Epwell 9am onwards Ronald leads Godly Play in Bishop Carpenter School
Thu 14 th	Ronald's Day Off. Happy Valentine's Day everyone.
Fri 15 th	9am Morning Prayer in Swalcliffe 11.30am Funeral of David Durrant in Sibford Church followed by cremation 2.30pm Bishop Carpenter Family Service 6.30pm Swalcliffe PCC meets in Abingdon House
Sat 16 th	9am Morning Prayer in Shutford
Sun 17 th	8am BCP Communion in Broughton 9.30am HC in Shutford (BCP) HC in Swalcliffe MP in Sibford and 9.45 HC in Epwell 11am HC in Tadmarton and Broughton

Deanery Meeting to re-write the Deanery Mission Plan

The outgoing Area Dean, Philip Cochrane, has agreed to facilitate a workshop style meeting which lasts two hours with representatives of those benefices who want to participate. The format of the session is interactive and discursive. The purpose of the session is to inform both ways - Philip will outline the big picture and the opportunities and challenges (the feedback so far in this has been a revelation!) and also to reflect on life in the parishes that make up the cluster and to consider the challenges and opportunities which the Deanery Plan might look to address.

This will be fun but purposeful and focused on getting a solid foundation for the Deanery Plan. We would welcome your participation.

Sibford Village Hall. Tues Feb 12th. 7pm Refreshments, 7.30-9.30 meeting. You are ALL invited, indeed urged, to attend.

Grand Day Out to London, Thursday March 28th. Please let me know if you, family or friends would like to join this trip. Martins Coach to near the South Bank; free time to explore whatever site or sight takes your fancy, and we conclude with Evensong in St Paul's 5pm or Southwark 5.30pm. 23 takers so far so we need a few more otherwise the cost of the coach is excessive.