

Wykeham Benefice Pew-sheet and Newsletter

Sunday Before Lent

February 11th 2018

Collect

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.

2 Kings 2:1-12

2 Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

⁴ Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. ⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' ¹⁰He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Mark 9:2-9

² Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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The week ahead

Mon 12 th	9am Morning Prayer in Epwell 11am Funeral of Edwin Freeman in Epwell Church followed by burial
Tue 13 th	9.15am Morning Prayer in Broughton 10am Holy Communion in Tadmarton 7.45pm Epwell PCC at The Ford House
Wed 14th	ASH WEDNESDAY
8.45am	Morning Prayer in Sibford 9.30am Holy Communion in Epwell 7pm Holy Communion in Sibford
Thu 15 th	Ronald's Day Off
Fri 16 th	9am Morning Prayer in Swalcliffe 3pm Wedding rehearsal in Shutford
Sat 17 th	9am Morning Prayer in Shutford 1.30pm Wedding of Luci and Dan in Shutford
Sun 18 th	8am BCP HC Broughton 9.30am HC@ Sibford & Swalcliffe and 9.45 @ Epwell, 11am HC@ Tadmarton, Morning Praise @ Broughton and Shutford

Wednesday 14th is ASH WEDNESDAY and the start of Lent. HC and Imposition of Ashes 9.30am & 7pm

For Prayer

St Hugh's Banbury: Anita Smith, Colin Smith

For the work of Relate, Samaritans and all counsellors helping those in crisis.

For LLMs and all other authorised Ministers who work throughout our Deanery and are such a blessing..

BGN the pupils, staff, governors

The Sick

Geoff, Linda Nunneley, Sue Colquhoun, Doreen Pratt, Frank, Jennifer Taylor

RIP

Erica Wimbush, Edwin Freeman, Jeanne Wright

Erica's funeral service will be in Holy Trinity at 2.30pm on Thursday March 1st followed by cremation. The Village Hall car park will be available, and please park on the grass too, taking great care on the slope if it is wet.

Lent Activities. Do look at the posters in churches with all the Lent study groups, lunches, and talks listed and do your best to attend at least some of them.