



St. Michael & All Angels

CHURCH IN THE PARK | LIVING, LOVING, SERVING

11 February 2024 : Sunday next before Lent

Welcome to our services today. If you are a visitor and usually take communion in your own church, we hope you will share the sacrament with us. We are now using the Common cup again when sharing the wine. If you are not a communicant, please still come to the altar, but carry a book, and you will receive a blessing. Do join us for Fairtrade refreshments in Church House after the 9.00 am service and at the back of church after the 11.00 am service.

Please take this sheet home with you as a reminder of events in the coming week which you might want to join in with, or pray over.

COLLECTS FOR TODAY'S SERVICES

Collect:

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion:

**Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Today's readings with their pew bible page numbers are:

Old Testament Reading: **2 Kings 2: 1-12** (page 369)

Today's readings all speak of the mystery of glory sometimes revealed when earth and heaven are united. When Elijah's great prophetic work was done, we are told he was taken up to heaven with wind and fire, and his powers were inherited by Elisha.

New Testament Reading: **2 Corinthians 4: 3-6** (page 1160)

This passage is chosen to harmonise with today's theme of glory. Christ is glorious, says Paul, with the glory of God himself, and the light he brings shines in our hearts.

Gospel Reading: **Mark 9: 2-9** (page 1012)

The Lord's closest friends see him transfigured upon a mountain-top, in a disclosure of his true identity. In the presence of the figures of Moses and Elijah, a cloud of glory comes upon him and the voice of the holy one is heard.

*We welcome Heather Stanley from Wycombe Homeless Connection,
who will be speaking at our services today.*

9.00 am Matins (Sung) (BCP)

Psalm 50: 1-6 (Oxford Psalter page 104)

11.00 am Family Communion

6.00 pm Evensong (Sung) (BCP) (No sermon)

Psalm 2 (Oxford Psalter page 24)

1 Kings 19: 1-16 (page 361)

Hymn 176

2 Peter 1: 16-end (page 1222)

Hymns 177 & 389

Intercessions: In our prayers this week we remember Cerys, Rex & Mary, Janet, Freddie, Anu, Andrea, Denise, Bex, Kay & Clive, Imelda & Mike, Hugh, Charlotte, Arthur, Ian, and all who care for and about them.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

MONDAY 12 February

7.30 pm Hughenden Community Singers: Church

TUESDAY 13 February

11.00 am Holy Communion: Church

WEDNESDAY 14 February Ash Wednesday

7.00 pm Holy Communion: Church

THURSDAY 15 February

10.30 am Friendship Group (with Quiz): Church House

Next Sunday:

18 February : First Sunday of Lent

9.00 am Choral Communion (Common Worship)

11.00 am Service of the Word

6.00 pm Evensong (Sung) (BCP)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27 February – Mothers' Union Coffee Morning from 10.00 am till noon in Church House. Do join us for the morning. Produce stall and raffle too.

2 March – Men's Breakfast in Church House. Our speaker for this upcoming event is Professor Angela Waller, a botanist whose fascinating talk is about how plants carry the hidden ability to kill us but also, thankfully, their potential to alleviate pain and suffering or cure illnesses. In detail, she will explain how many of today's medicines are still extracted from plants. Men's Breakfast is a genuine opportunity for engaging fellowship over a full-English. Also, it may be the occasion when someone finds, reunites with or enriches their relationship with God, so friends are always welcome. Please, login to ChurchSuite to notify your attendance.

16 March – Barn Dance in aid of Growing Hope High Wycombe at St Andrew's Church HP13 7NJ. Doors open 6.30pm. Dancing, a buffet meal and fun for all the family. All proceeds will help provide free therapy for children with additional needs and support for their families. Tickets £20 adults, £10 children from growinghope.org.uk/events

Save The Dates:

21 April – Annual Vestry Meeting & Annual Parochial Church Meeting

9 June – Love Wycombe Celebration at 11.00 am on The Rye

20-22 September – Parish Weekend Away at High Leigh Conference Centre

GENERAL

Wycombe Homeless Connection's Big Sleepout is on Saturday 2 March 2024 and they need more people to take part. Can you swap your bed for a sleeping bag

to change the lives of people who are homeless in our community! There are three ways to take part. Join other sleep-outers at Adams Park, home of Wycombe Wanderers FC, and at All Saints Church in Marlow. Or sleep out 'at home' by choosing a location which suits you, maybe your churchyard, workplace, garden or the school playground. You can take part on your own or with groups and if the challenge itself isn't for you perhaps sponsor those who are. Sign up here, or sponsor the Sleepout: wyhoc.org.uk/bigssleepout2024 or call 01494 447699. Thank you.

Kevin and Jen Cable have sent a recent update from Israel, a summary of which is on the notice board. If you would like the full email version, please speak to David Tester. Please pray for them both as they relocate back to Jaffa from Jerusalem and resume their ministry there. Pray especially for renewal of their visas.

NQ Challenge: How are you getting on with the challenge in Outlook? Think what birds you've seen in the last few days. Keep your eyes open this month: can you add at least one more variety this week and each week of the month? By the end of the month, decide which was the most unusual or special. Praise God for that bird and also for the many ordinary unspecial birds that we take for granted.

Outlook The editor for the March issue is Sylvia Clark. Items for inclusion should reach the editor by the 15 February. Email to mag@hughendenparishchurch.org.uk or hand-written articles can be delivered or posted to Sylvia Clark, 'Failte', Boss Lane, Hughenden Valley, HP14 4LQ.

Unloved and Unwanted Bras in aid of Against Breast Cancer. There will be a box at the back of church on the first two Sundays of Lent into which old bras can be put. If people don't know about Against Breast Cancer, please read the item in February's Outlook for a bit more information! Lin Smit.

Please let Keith or Helen know of any member of our church family who is unwell, in hospital, housebound, lonely or in need of support.

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