



Sun 1 March 2026 - Lent 2

Sun 1 Mar	10.30am: Holy Eucharist at Oak Cottage School President & Preacher: Fr Simon
Wed 4 Mar	9.30am: Morning Prayer at St Michael's Chapel
	10am: Holy Eucharist at St Michael's Chapel
Thurs 5 Mar	The Art of the Lord's Prayer 1.45pm-3pm at St Michael's Chapel
	3pm-4pm Chapel Chat at St Michael's Chapel
Sun 8 Mar	10.30am: Holy Eucharist at Oak Cottage School President & Preacher: Rev'd Nick Parker

WE PRAY FOR

In need: Megan, Angela, Hazel, Rosie Hayler, David Yarnold, Morwenna Nicholls, baby Shae.

The departed: Lois Eason, Matthew Murray, Barbara Sears.

In memory: Sally Derry, Pamela Troup, Alistair Troup, Daisy Bishop, Jane Yarnold, Tony Atkinson.

COLLECT PRAYER

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 12.1-4a

Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

GOSPEL READING: John 3.1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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NOTICES

Chapel Chat Thurs 5th Mar will follow the Lent Group at 3pm until 4pm.

To see the latest images from The Art of the Lord's Prayer, visit: <https://artandlent.blogspot.com/>

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1. As pants the hart for cooling streams

When heated in the chase,
so longs my soul, O God, for Thee
and Thy refreshing grace.

For Thee, my God, the living God,
my thirsty soul doth pine;
O when shall I behold Thy face,
Thou majesty divine?

Why, restless, why cast down, my soul?
Hope still, and thou shalt sing
the praise of Him who is thy God,
thy health's eternal spring.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom we adore,
be glory as it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

2. God forgave my sin in Jesus' name.

I've been born again in Jesus' name
I come to you to share his love
As he told me to.

*He said freely, freely you have received;
Freely, freely give.*

*Go in my name, and because you believe,
Others will know that I live.*

All power is given in Jesus' name,
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name.
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share his power as he told me to.
He said freely, freely you have received...

God gives us life in Jesus' name,
He lives in us in Jesus' name.
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share his peace as he told me to.
He said freely, freely you have received...

3. She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters,

Hovering on the chaos of the world's first day;
She sighs and she sings, mothering creation,
Waiting to give birth to all the Word will say.

She wings over earth, resting where she wishes,
Lighting close a hand or soaring through the skies;
She nests in the womb, welcoming each wonder,
Nourishing potential hidden to our eyes.

She dances in fire, startling her spectators,
Waking tongues of ecstasy where dumbness
reigned;
She weans and inspires all whose hearts are open.
Nor can she be captured, silenced or restrained.

For she is the Spirit, one with God in essence,
Gifted by the Saviour in eternal love;
She is the key opening the scriptures,
Enemy of apathy and heavenly dove.

4. Lord of all life and power

at whose creative word
in nature's first primeval hour
our formless being stirred,
you made the light to shine,
O shine on us, we pray,
renew with light and life divine
your church in this our day.

Lord of the cross and grave
who died and lives again,
who came in love to seek and save
and then to rise and reign,
we share, as once you shared,
in mortal birth and breath,
and ours the risen life that dared
to vanquish sin and death.

Lord of the wind and flame,
the promised Spirit's sign,
possess our hearts in Jesus' Name,
come down, O Love divine!
Help us in Christ to grow,
from sin and self to cease,
and daily in our lives to show
your love and joy and peace.

Lord of the passing years
whose changeless purpose stands,
our lives and loves, our hopes and fears,
we place within your hands;
we bring you but your own,
forgiven, loved and free,
to follow Christ, and Christ alone,
through all the days to be.

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chooses, and you hear the
sound of it, but you do not
know where it comes from
or where it goes. So it is
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of the Spirit. ~ John 3.8*

