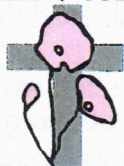


St John the Evangelist

Sunday Bulletin

Shirley



Week Beginning 25th February 2018

Lent 2

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light
of your truth, that they may return to the way
of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted into the
fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may
reject those things that are contrary to their
profession, and follow all such things as are
agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive
and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Hymns NHWS

35
306
305
198vv1-4,9-11

Anthem
Fauré: Tantum
Ergo

POST COMMUNION

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of
ourselves to help ourselves;
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all
adversities which may happen to the
body, and from all evil thoughts which
may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Worship

Sunday
Healing Service 6pm
Tuesday
TTFG 8-9.30am
Wednesday
Mass 10.30am

Meetings

Sunday
Tea Room 3-5.30pm
Monday
Standing Comm. Office 8pm
Wednesday
Communion Prep Office 8pm
Saturday

**Lent Lunch Tamberlin Rm
12-2pm**



Notices

Next Sunday

Lent 3

8am Said Mass
9.15 Easter People SM *
10am Growing Disciples and
Stations of the Cross
presentation
10.30am Sung Mass

Exodus 20.1-17
1 Corinthians 1.18-25
John 2.13-22

Please check the rota at the back
of church to see if you're on duty.

Growing Disciples Prayer

Lord, these children are all such treasured members of
our church family, we thank you for blessing us with them.
Guide them on their journey of faith and us as we care for
them. Amen

Prayers for those who have died - if you would like
someone added or removed from the anniversary
list, please amend the calendar at the back.

Thank you to those who have made
donations to the Loo Twinning. We
are hoping to get more! Donation
box at the back of church.



Please join us for refreshments after Mass

**Easter People: Please read the
noticeboard and pick up a leaflet for
further information**

Yellow Collection Envelopes available for
visitors. If they put their donations in the envelopes
provided & fill in their name and address, we can
claim the tax back on their donation.

**Confirmation and First Communicant's groups
will start after Easter. We will be hosting a
Confirmation Service on 17th June.**

Notices for the Bulletin to lugale2@zoho.com

* Shirley Methodist Church

Readings: The Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading Genesis 17.1-7,15-16

A reading from the book of Genesis

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.'

Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him,

'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations.

I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.'

God said to Abraham,

'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Second Reading Romans 4.13-25

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

The promise that Abraham would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For 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, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')

Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations,' according to what was said,

'So numerous shall your descendants be.'

He 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.

No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him,' were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in God who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Gospel Mark 8.31-38

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to Mark*

Jesus began to teach his disciples 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.

He said all this quite openly.

And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But 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.'

He 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. For 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. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

Those 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.'