

*Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership
St James' Church, New Bradwell*



5th FEBRUARY 2012
3rd Sunday before Lent

10.00am Eucharist

WELCOME TO ST JAMES' CHURCH

Welcome to everyone in church today.
We hope that you will all feel at home and be blessed by this time of worship.

Children are very welcome to use the "Children's Area" on the left of the church, with books, toys and activity sheets.

If you would like to find out more about the Christian faith or the life and work of this Church, please speak to one of the church leaders on duty today.

Please stay for coffee after the service.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

God our Father

whose Word has come among us:
may the light of faith, kindled in our hearts,
shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:21-31

Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded? He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in. He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing. No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, than he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff.

“To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing. Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God”?

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew

their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make full use of my rights as a preacher of the gospel.

Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel that I may share in its blessings.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

When the Gospel is announced the reader says:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 1:29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else — to the nearby villages — so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." So he travelled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

WORSHIP & EVENTS

Wednesday 8th February

10.00am Tiddlers

7.00pm Eucharist

Saturday 11th February

10.00am Church open for coffee

Sunday 12th February

9.00am Eucharist

10.00am Open Door Service

6.00pm Be Still Evening Service

Today

6.00pm Holy Communion

St Andrew's, Great Linford, all welcome

Sunday, 19th February

6.00pm

"Evening Praise" at Bradwell Church, led by John & Muriel Moffoot.

If you would like to nominate a favourite hymn, please contact John & Muriel (Moffoot@supanet.com)

Lent Courses

These will be held every Friday morning and evening during Lent.

Friday mornings will be at 24 Blackwood Crescent and Friday evenings at 29 Bradwell Road.

The sessions will be based on the film "Chocolat". what, chocolate in Lent! Yum.....

Accompanied Prayer through Lent 2012

See leaflet for full details

If you are wanting to join in this event please let Margaret Broadhurst have your application form by Wednesday 15th February.

Enquiries: Margaret Broadhurst 01908 606217

Dates for your diaries:

Future Band concerts are on 14th April, 3th June; 13th October and 15th December. The band will also play for our Patronal Festival on 29th July.

The M.K. Players will be producing a play for 3rd March.

31st March at 7.30pm an evening of popular classical music entitled "For joy and sorrow" given by the group that Mary Cotes plays in. The proceeds will be shared by St. James' Church and Willen Hospice.

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