

COMING UP...

Saturday 7 March – The BIG Sing at St George's 2pm. An uplifting performance led by Tim Dowland raising money for Forest Holme and St George's.

Sunday 8th March Mission Gift Day

Please prayerfully consider and place your gift in an enveloped marked 'Mission Gift Day'.

Sunday 22nd March after the 10 am Service ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Sunday 29th March – Palm Sunday

Volunteers required for the dramatized reading of the Palm Sunday Gospel. List at the back of church, please sign up if you are willing to read.

Remembering our mothers



Mothering Sunday is special.

Café Church

Wednesday 4th March 2pm

St George's Church Hall

All Welcome

Come and join us for tea, cake and chat

More information church office 01202 660612

THIS WEEK

Sunday 1 March – Lent 2

8.30am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

10am Holy Communion and Zoom. Prayer Ministry after both services

JaM (Family Ministry) in the small hall

3pm Community Afternoon Tea in the hall

Monday 2 March

Please pray for all who use St George's complex Shottsford Road and Somerby Road

7pm Lent Course in the small hall

7.30 pm Bell Ringers practice

Tuesday 3 March

Please pray for all Lay Pastoral Assistants St Edward's School and Stanley Court

2 -4 pm Lent Course in the Choir Vestry

Wednesday 4 March

Please pray for our Cafe Church today Stanley Green Road and Infants Academy

10am Holy Communion in the Choir vestry

10.30-12pm Bereavement Support Group

2pm Café Church in the large hall

Thursday 5 March

Please pray for ways to reduce your carbon footprint. Staple Close Lane and Stenhurst Road

12 noon Lunch Club in the small hall

Friday 6 March

Please pray for all who attend The Big Sing concert tomorrow. Trigon Road and Tudor Court

Saturday 7 March

9am Prayers for the Parish on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8430477988?pwd=VFpUVlpxXU0VwUzFjSWp3WHZNTGpWdz09>

Meeting ID: 843 0477 9888 Passcode: 266213

Please pray for all St George's services Vicarage Road and Waverley Crescent

2pm The Big Sing in the Church

Sunday 8 March Lent 3

8.30am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

10am Holy Communion and Zoom

JaM in the small hall

5pm Iona in the choir vestry



THIS WEEK AT OAKDALE ST GEORGE Lent 2 1st March

Dear Friends,

The world seems to be endlessly troubled in so many ways, and the constant feed of media news keeps reminding us of those terrible things that are happening around the world. The human inclination to lie, cheat, murder, steal, wage war and any other bad behaviour, to enrich, gain more power, seems inevitable.

Our readings from scripture this Sunday includes my favourite passage, John 3 v 1-17, the conversation between Nicodemus and Jesus. It reveals the true nature of God and the full scope of his amazing love for us all. Even for those who are causing the mayhem in our world.

As we reflect on God's love for us we start to realise that there is a power greater than the evil that seems to rule our world, and by prayer we can channel that love God so freely gives through our lives into the world around us.

Blessings

Tom



**Next Sunday - 8th March - Lent 3
Readings - Romans 5. 1-11. John 4. 5-42
Iona in the Choir Vestry 5pm**

Hearing loop available in church.
Turn your hearing aid to the T switch

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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. **Amen**

Readings

Romans 4.1–5, 13–17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he 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')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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.

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. **Amen**

Please pray for

Worldwide: Diocese of Tokyo –

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Diocese St Martin de Gouray, Jersey Deanery

Local: Sherrin Close and Simmonds Close



Immediate Prayer: Joan Copp, Jacob Mason, Beverley Mitchell, Alison, Frances, Judith, Nancy, Val and Willow.

Continuous Prayer: Mandy Barrington, Carol Burridge, Tony Burse, Bethany Cook, Hazel Day, Barbara Fairbrother, Richard and Anita Glynn, Hilary Henson, Jim L, Chris Moody, Sue Rowledge, Carrie Spencer, Ginny Williams, Chris, Dorothy, Julie, Kezia

Also, we remember those who have died recently **RIP Jean Frake** and those whose anniversaries fall at this time:

Jean Frake's funeral will be held at St George's on **Wednesday 11th March at 12noon.**

Refreshments after the service in the hall.

All welcome

Jean was part of The Flower Team for many years and if you would like to donate towards the church flowers at Jean's funeral, please place in an envelope and mark 'flowers for Jean's funeral'

Thank you

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Revision of Church Electoral Roll – deadline 4th March 2026. If you wish to have your name added to the roll, please speak to either Penny or Jenny Read (Electoral Roll Officer). Forms are available at the back of church.

A REMINDER!

Sue Colborne is standing down as Honorary Secretary to the PCC at this year's APCM.

If you feel that you would be able to take on this role or would like to know more, please speak to either Sue or Penny.