

St. James the Great, East Malling

Prayers, Readings & Notices for Sunday 10th February 2019

Collect

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 6.1-8[9-13]*

⁶In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.’

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!’

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’ ⁹And he said, ‘Go and say to this people:

“Keep listening, but do not comprehend;
keep looking, but do not understand.”

¹⁰ Make the mind of this people dull,
and stop their ears,
and shut their eyes,
so that they may not look with their eyes,
and listen with their ears,
and comprehend with their minds,
and turn and be healed.’

¹¹ Then I said, ‘How long, O Lord?’ And he said:

‘Until cities lie waste
without inhabitant,
and houses without people,
and the land is utterly desolate;

¹² until the Lord sends everyone far away,
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

¹³ Even if a tenth part remains in it,
it will be burned again,

like a terebinth or an oak
whose stump remains standing
when it is felled.’
The holy seed is its stump.]

New Testament Reading: *1 Corinthians 15.1-11*

¹⁵ Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Gospel Reading; *Luke 2.22-40*

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’ ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’ ³³ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’ ³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Gospel Reading: Luke 5.1-11

5 Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' ⁵Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Notices

Valentine's Dance Saturday 16th February 2019. The Friends of East Malling Church are organising this popular event to be held at 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall, East Malling. Dancing will be to local band "The Connections" and the ticket price will include a fish and chip supper. Tickets are £15 each and can be obtained from Alan Bramley, 01732 846800, Audrey Allen, 01732 846540 or Jean Spinks 01732 220515.

Church Electoral Roll

A completely new electoral roll has to be prepared by 10th March 2019.

Everyone aged 16 or over who wishes to be on the new electoral roll should complete a form (available at the back of the church), even if they are on the current electoral roll.

Being on the electoral roll means you may stand for election to the PCC or Deanery Synod and you are entitled to vote at the APCM (7th April 2019).

When the new roll is ready it will be available for 14 days for you to check the accuracy of your entry.

Completed forms should be returned to Don Payne (Electoral Roll Officer) as soon as possible, closing date for receipt of forms Sunday 10th March 2019.

APCM Reports - it's that time of year again!

Please email your completed reports to Sandra at parishofficeemwt@gmail.com as soon as possible but in any event by not later than Noon on Thursday 28th February 2019.

APCM date is;

Sunday 7th April - 11am

N.B. As Sandra works restricted hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays, please respect the report deadline. Any reports not received by 28th February may not be included in your church's APCM booklet, and may have to be presented separately at the meeting.

We will be holding a **World Day of Prayer** service here at St James at 10am on Friday 1st March 2019. All welcome. There will also be a service at 7.30pm on the same day at St Peter & St Paul, Leybourne. For further details, speak to Maureen Banfield.

Notices from around the Benefice

CMS Pioneers Youth Group, Teston

Meets on Wednesdays in term time, in Teston Village Hall or various locations depending on the activity. Do you know any youngsters who might like to join us? Contact 01622 812691.

Teston's **Jumble Sale** will take place on Saturday 2nd March 2019 from 2.30pm, in Teston Village Hall. If you would like to donate any items (anything & everything accepted) contact Dawn on 01622 812691. Come along on the day - you may find a bargain or two! Proceeds to Children's Church.

Teston's amateur dramatics group, "**Testonites**" will be performing their next show on Thursday to Saturday 14th, 15th, and 16th March, at 7.30pm, when they invite you to come "All Aboard". Tickets (out soon) are £10 adult £5 Student, and include a Theatre Supper. Contact Dawn on 01622 812691.

For your diaries ...

Simply Soup - Lunches in Lent

Wednesdays 13th March, 27th March & 10th April, from 12.15pm to 1.30pm in Wateringbury Church
There is no charge - donations are invited for a different charity each week. All welcome.



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For Baptisms, Weddings and other arrangements, please contact the Vicar - details below

For all other enquiries email Sandra at parishofficeemwt@gmail.com

Please respect that Monday is the Vicar's day off

**Services, and other happenings, up to
Sunday 17th February 2019**

Monday 11th

6.30pm Cubs Visit, EM (ABr)

Tuesday 12th

10am Funeral, Wateringbury (NW)

10am & 2pm Open Church, Teston

Wednesday 13th

10.30am Crafters Coffee Break, Wateringbury

1.30pm Toddlers, EM

7.30pm Pioneers Youth Group, Teston

Thursday 14th

9am Holy Communion, EM (NW)

11.45am Burial of Ashes, Wateringbury (NW)

Saturday 16th

7.30pm FoSJG Valentine's Dance, EM Village Hall

Sunday 17th

8.30am BCP Holy Communion, W'bury (NW)

9.45am Eucharist, EM (NW)

9.45am Parish Communion, Teston (BH)

10am Family Service, Wateringbury (BB/RD)

Please send all items for inclusion in the

Sunday Service Notice Sheets to Sandra at parishofficeemwt@gmail.com by 9am on Wednesdays

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(Hours: Weds 9.30am-3pm & Thurs 9.30am-Noon)

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