

St. James the Great, East Malling

Prayers, Readings & Notices for Sunday 24th February 2019 The Third Sunday before Lent

Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Readings

Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 2.4b-9,15-25*

⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— ⁷then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. ⁸And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’ ¹⁸Then the Lord God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.’ ¹⁹So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

‘This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.’

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

New Testament Reading: *Revelation 4*

4 After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, ‘Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.’ ²At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne!

³And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. ⁴Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. ⁵Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; ⁶and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: ⁷the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. ⁸And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

‘Holy, holy, holy,
the Lord God the Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.’

⁹And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

¹¹ ‘You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.’

Gospel Reading: Luke 8.22-25

²² One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, ‘Let us go across to the other side of the lake.’ So they put out, ²³and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. ²⁴They went to him and woke him up, shouting, ‘Master, Master, we are perishing!’ And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵He said to them, ‘Where is your faith?’ They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?’

Post Communion

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour’s cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Notices

“**Uneven Song**” a novel by Richard Dove, based in and around St James, will be available to buy in church for £10. All local sales revenues will be split 50:50 between the publisher and Church funds. Richard will also do a book signing for anyone who is interested.

Rotas - Sue Payne is in the process of preparing new rotas for sidespeople, readers, Sunday School and Creche helpers, tea and coffee makers, lay administrators and servers. If you feel you could help with any of these roles, please speak to Sue as soon as possible.

Safeguarding Training - if you have recently completed your C2 training, please provide Sandra with a copy of your certificate, for her records. Many thanks.

APCM Reports - 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.

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.

The Friends of St. James the Great Coffee Morning Saturday 2nd March. This will be held at the home of Jean and Clive Spinks, 70 Chatfield Way, East Malling and will start at 10.30a.m. until 12 noon. There will be the usual Bring & Buy Sale, Raffle and delicious refreshments. All are welcome to come along and enjoy the fellowship.

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.

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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.

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Organist required from 28th April 2019 to play for weekly Sunday services, principal festivals and (*if desired*) occasional offices. 2-manual Gray & Davison tracker action organ, well maintained. May need to attend Friday choir practice if requested. Fees in accordance with RSCM recommendations for a rural parish.

Choir Director - Voluntary choir director required from 26th April 2019 to arrange and conduct choir practices and accompany the choir at such practices.

To train all members of the choir to the appropriate RSCM standards, to prepare music lists (in consultation with the organist) for approval by the Minister.

Enhanced DBS check and Safeguarding training will be required.

If you are interested in either role, please speak to/contact Fr Nick direct.

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.

WATCH Club next meets on Sunday 3rd March, 4pm-6pm, in Wateringbury Village Hall, where there'll be Zorbs and games.

A Creative Lent. Would you like to join Dawn on most Mondays in Lent in Teston church at 9.30am, for a Prayer, and a Bible Reading? Then, using the reading as a stimulus, create your own piece of art work in whatever media you wish. Bring your own materials, if you have any. Some will be provided, including paper. These pieces of work can then be part of a Holy Week Display. Don't say "I Can't". Just come along and see what you can produce. It's not a Competition! Of course, teas etc will be on tap.

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.

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 3rd March 2019**

Tuesday 26th

10am & 2pm Open Church, Teston

11am Funeral, Wateringbury (NW)

Wednesday 27th

10am Women's World Day of Prayer Rehearsal, EM

10.30am Crafters Coffee Break, Wateringbury

1.30pm Toddlers, EM

7.30pm Pioneers Youth Group, Teston Village Hall

Thursday 28th

9am Holy Communion, EM (NW)

Friday 1st March

10am Women's World Day of Prayer, EM

Saturday 2nd

10.30am FoSJG Coffee Morning

2.30pm Jumble Sale, Teston Village Hall

3pm Messy Church, Wateringbury (RD)

Sunday 3rd

8.30am BCP Holy Communion, EM (NW)

9.45am Morning Praise, EM (ABr)

9.45am Family Service, Teston (DP)

10am Eucharist, Wateringbury (NW)

12 noon Baptism, EM (NW)

4pm WATCH Club Youth Group, W'bury Village Hall

<p>Please send all items for inclusion in the Sunday Service Notice Sheets to Sandra at parishofficeemwt@gmail.com by 9am on Wednesdays</p>

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