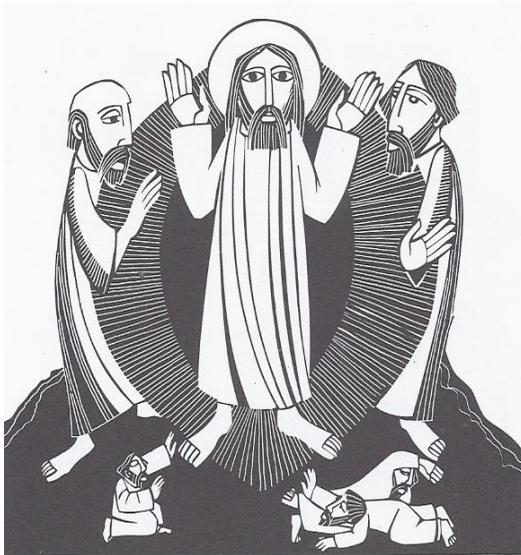


PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT MARY PULBOROUGH



THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

11th February, 2018

10. 30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST

1pm Holy Baptism

Phoebe Rose Western and Albie Ron Thompson-Brown

We are very grateful that the Service leaflets today have
been sponsored.

**“In loving memory of Joan Allfrey”
04.08.1920 – 08.02.2017**

If you require a gluten-free wafer, please mention this to one of the sidespeople or to a churchwarden at your earliest convenience.

If you feel able to make a donation during the offertory hymn and you are a UK taxpayer, please use and complete the Gift Aid white envelope you will find in your pew. Thank you.

After the Parish Eucharist we serve refreshments in the bell tower area. Do join us.

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THE BUILDING BY THE NEAREST AVAILABLE EXIT

Prayers of Preparation

Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:

cleanse the thoughts of my heart by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that I may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the
crumbs under your table.

But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.

Welcome to our Parish Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Paul

Organist: Phillip Duffin

Setting: Thorne

The Reading: Alyson Heath

The Intercessions: Tony Holloway

Please stand when the bell is rung

The Gathering

The Entrance Hymn: O&N 551
Robert Grant (1779-1838)

- 1 O worship the King all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.
- 2 O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
- 3 The earth with its store of wonders untold,
almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.
- 4 Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
it breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

**5 Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end!
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.**

**6 O measureless might, ineffable love!
While angels delight to hymn thee above,
the humbler creation, in lowlier ways,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.**

✠ In the name of the Father, and
of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

*The Priest introduces the day's celebration and invites people
to make an act of penitence*

The Prayers of Penitence

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in
newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon *us*, pardon and deliver *us* from all *our sins*,
confirm and strengthen *us* in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Thorne Gloria

Glory to God, Glory to God, glory to God in the Highest.
Glory to God in the Highest, and
peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, Heav'nly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, Glory to God, glory to God in the Highest.
Lord Jesus, Christ, only son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world; have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the
Father: receive our prayer.

Glory to God, Glory to God, glory to God, in the Highest.
For you alone are the Holy one,
You alone are the Lord, You alone are the most high,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the
Glory of God the Father.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest

The Collect for the Day

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit

The First Reading: 2 Kings 2: 1-12

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took

his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Please stand

**The Gradual Hymn : O&N 397
Timothy Dudley-Smith (born 1926) from a prayer of
Saint Augustine:**

- 1 Light of the minds that know him,
may Christ be light to mine!
my sun in risen splendour,
my light of truth divine;
my guide in doubt and darkness,
my true and living way,
my clear light ever shining,
my dawn of heaven's day.**

- 2** Life of the souls that love him,
may Christ be ours indeed!
the living bread from heaven
on whom our spirits feed;
who died for love of sinners
to bear our guilty load,
and make of life's brief journey
a new Emmaus road.
- 3** Strength of the wills that serve him,
may Christ be strength to me,
who stilled the storm and tempest,
who calmed the tossing sea;
his Spirit's power to move me,
his will to master mine,
his cross to carry daily
and conquer in his sign.
- 4** May it be ours to know him
that we may truly love,
and loving, fully serve him
as serve the saints above;
till in that home of glory
with fadeless splendour bright,
we serve in perfect freedom
our strength, our life, our light.



The Gospel Reading: Mark 9: 2-9

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

After the Gospel reading:-

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit

The Sermon

Please stand

The Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came
down from heaven, was incarnate from
the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and Son is
worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of Intercession

Please kneel or sit

Those who are in particular need

Nicky, Hilary and David Clow, Michael Batchelor, Jane Easterbrook, Laurie Gabriel, Peter Coleman, Michael Howarth, Ann Taylor, Vivienne Beament, Margaret Cross, Mike Etherington, Susan Scholefield, David Scott and Fr. Alan Sharpe

Rest in peace: *John Dunphy, Betty Sims, Jean Johnson, Marjorie Noble, Diane Jones and Victoria Hills*

Anniversary of death:

Jerry Lees, Sheila Bewley, Marshall Cooper

The following responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

or

Lord hear us,

Lord graciously hear us.



Rest eternal, grant unto them O Lord,

✠And let light perpetual shine upon them.

The Intercessions conclude with the following

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Please stand

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

The Priest introduces the Peace and then says:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace

**The Offertory Hymn: O&N 419
Graham Kendrick (born 1950)**

- 1 **Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining:
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth You now bring us -
shine on me, shine on me.
*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth Your word,
Lord, and let there be light!***

- 2 **Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
from the shadows into Your radiance;
by the blood I may enter Your brightness:
search me, try me, consume all my darkness -
shine on me, shine on me.
*Chorus***

**3 As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
so our faces display Your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story -
shine on me, shine on me.
*Chorus***

Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

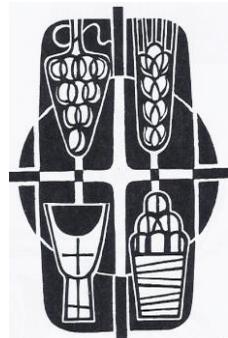
The Prayer over the Gifts is said

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give thanks and praise



The Priest continues with the prayer until all sing together:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Priest continues until the following is used:

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again

*The Priest continues and leads into the conclusion of the prayer to
which all respond:*

Amen

Please kneel or sit

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the Body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one Bread**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**



The Giving of Communion

The Priest issues the invitation to communion in these or very similar words:

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

All come forward to make their communion or receive a blessing.

**The Communion Hymn: O&N 694
Noel Richards**

- 1** To be in your presence,
To sit at Your feet,
Where Your love surrounds me,
And makes me complete.
*This is my desire, O Lord,
This is my desire.
This is my desire, O Lord,
This is my desire.*
- 2** To rest in Your presence,
Not rushing away;
To cherish each moment,
Here I would stay.
Refrain

**The Communion Hymn: O&N 194
Liturgy of St James, Anonymous Greek, Charles William
Humphreys (1840-1921) alt**

- 1** From glory to glory advancing, we praise thee, O Lord;
thy name with the Father and Spirit be ever adored.
From strength unto strength we go forward on
Sion's highway,
to appear before God in the city of infinite day.
- 2** Thanksgiving and glory and worship and blessing
and love,
one heart and one song have the saints upon earth
and above.
O Lord, evermore to thy servants thy presence be nigh;
ever fit us by service on earth for thy service on high.

Please kneel or sit

The Prayer after Communion

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and
save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The following prayer is then said by all:

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son
Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and
bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

The Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ
Thanks be to God.

**The Recessional Hymn: NEH 178
Joseph Armitage Robinson (1858-1933)**

- 1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.**

- 2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
Thy beauty to behold,
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Thy messengers of old.**

- 3 Fulfiller of the past!
Promise of things to be!
We hail Thy body glorified,
And our redemption see.**

- 4 Before we taste of death,
We see Thy kingdom come;
We fain would hold the vision bright,
And make this hill our home.**

- 5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount,
Come with us to the plain.**

FAIR TRADE STALL

Today Miq Kelland has a good range of Fairtraded goods for sale in the coffee area. Do try and support another very worthy charity.

To be included in our prayers this week

The people who live and work in Cray Lane, Blackgate Lane, Stall House Lane and The Toat, North Heath and Gay Street areas

LEAFLET SPONSORS NEEDED IN 2018

If you have any special dates to mark an anniversary or in remembrance of a loved one, please consider sponsoring the pew leaflets. **25th February, 18th March or 1st (Easter Day) 8th, 15th 22nd or 29th April** are all available at the moment. We ask for a £25 donation, gift-aided, if possible. Details from **Ann Kaiser 872819**

LENT GROUP

Fr. Paul will be leading two Lent groups this year. 'Finding God in all things', based on exploring aspects of spirituality following that of St. Ignatius.

There will be an opportunity to join a group on Tuesday evenings 7.30pm at the Rectory or Fridays at 2pm to 3.30pm in Church. Due to previous meetings the dates are **Tuesday 20th February, Tuesdays 6th, 13th 20th and 27th March.** Due to funeral commitments the dates for the Friday groups are **16th February, 2nd, 9th 16th and 23rd March.**

We will also be serving a Lent Lunch of home-made soup and sandwiches for the four Fridays in March at 1pm. Please add your name to the list at the back of the church if you would like to join either group.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – SUNDAY 4th MARCH

Cake Sale in aid Family Support Work – FSW in the North Porch from 8.45am. Offers of home-made cakes and biscuits very welcome. Please speak to **Alyson Heath on 01798 873795** if you can help.

THE DIOCESAN LENT AND PARISH APPEAL this year will be in aid of Family Support Work (FSW)

FACULTY APPLICATION FOR REMOVAL OF FOUR PLAIN PEWS OPPOSITE THE FONT

Do take a moment to read the notice in the North Porch or Lych gate regarding this application. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to speak to Fr. Paul, either Churchwarden or Peter Gregory

This week's Church Diary and Liturgical Calendar
Monday 12th February

Feria

7.30pm Tower Belling practice

Tuesday 13th February

Shrove Tuesday

ASH WEDNESDAY: 14th February

10am The Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

11am The Holy Eucharist at The Anchorage

7.30pm Sung Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

Thursday 15th February

Feria of Lent

12oon Funeral of Marjorie Noble RIP at Worthing Crematorium

Friday 16th February

Feria of Lent

11.30am Funeral of Betty Sims RIP at St. Mary's Billingshurst
Fr. Paul officiating

Please note there is no Holy Eucharist at St. Mary's today

1pm Burial of Ashes: Freda Moore RIP

Tony Holloway officiating

2pm-3.30pm Lent group in Church

Saturday 17th February

Feria of Lent

11am Burial of Ashes: Dennis Giles RIP

Sunday 18th February: THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8am Eucharist

10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

Readings: Genesis 9: 8-17 and Mark 1: 9-15