

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY, PULBOROUGH

Lent



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

1st March, 2026

10.30am 'All are Welcome' Celebration

We are very grateful that the leaflets today have been generously sponsored

CONGRATULATIONS

To

Graham & Bridget for your Diamond Wedding Anniversary

On 5th March, 2026

Love from: Peter, Charlotte & Helen

Together with their 6 Grand Children and 9 Great Grand Children

Welcome to our 'All Are Welcome Service' on this Second Sunday of Lent

Celebrant: Fr Paul

Worship Team: Hannah Holloway, Austen Hindman and
Frances Hancock and Tony Holloway

Organist: Peter Allwood

Ministers of Communion: Graham Allfrey and Susie Hindman

In Lent we think of our **prayerfulness and giving** even more.

To keep our church heated, **lit and insured and to pay our parish contribution for the ministry we receive**, is a

weekly financial challenge for us. By joining the **Parish Giving Scheme**, our Treasurer is assured of a regular income, even when you are **unable to attend church**. Please consider using the PGS, details can be found at the back of the church. Cash is always welcome, please **ONLY** use a white gift aid envelope if you are tax payer and able to fill in your details on the front of the envelope.

We also have a **sum-up machine** at the back of the church for paying by card or you can use our **QR code to the right**.



Thank you so much for supporting our churches' ministry and mission

In the event of a fire or emergency in the Church, the exits available are: the West Door, the North Door, the South Door in the Chancel and the door through the Vestry. Please leave the building by an exit nearest to you

Refreshments are served after the service. Do join us.

*Introductory organ music: Mendelssohn, Sonata no 6 in D minor,
Chorale, Andante sostenuto I & III*

Please stand when the bell is rung

ENTRANCE HYMN: O&N 252

Arglwydd arwain drwy'r anialwch

William Williams (1717-1791), tr Peter Williams (1727-1796)

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy pow'ful hand:
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,
feed me till I want no more.
feed me till I want no more.**

- 2 Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
be thou still my strength and shield.
be thou still my strength and shield.**

- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.
I will ever give to thee.**

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

The Greeting

Grace mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ be with you
and also with you.

Fr. Paul introduces the day's celebration

Prayers of Penitence:

ALM:

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. Let us confess our sins remembering before God the times when we have fallen from temptation into sin.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:

A brief silence

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:

A brief silence

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:

A brief silence

The Kyries O&N 962 Michael Forster (born 1946)

- 1 **Lord, have mercy on us,
hear our humble plea;
Lord, have mercy on us,
set our spirits free.**

- 2 **Christ, have mercy on us,
hear us as we pray;
Christ, have mercy on us,
take our sin away.**

**3 Lord, have mercy on us,
hear our humble plea;
Lord, have mercy on us,
set our spirits free.**

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 Collect for today

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.....**Amen.**

The Reading: Genesis 12.1-4a.

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Please stand

**The Gradual Hymn: O&N 323
Anna Laetitia Waring (1823–1910)**

- 1** In heav'nly love abiding,
no change my heart shall fear;
and safe is such confiding,
for nothing changes here:
the storm may roar without me,
my heart may low be laid;
but God is round about me,
and can I be dismayed?

- 2** Wherever he may guide me,
no want shall turn me back;
my Shepherd is beside me,
and nothing can I lack:
his wisdom ever waketh,
his sight is never dim;
he knows the way he taketh,
and I will walk with him.

- 3** Green pastures are before me,
which yet I have not seen;
bright skies will soon be o'er me,
where the dark clouds have been:
my hope I cannot measure,
my path to life is free;
my Saviour has my treasure,
and he will walk with me.

The Gospel Reading: John 3. 1-17

The Lord be with you
And also with you

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

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.

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

The Creed

Fr. Paul: Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.**

**He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.**

**Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Intercessions – the Prayers of the Church

Beginning the intercessions we join with the choir to sing:
**Come, light of our hearts,
Come, light of our hearts.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Response to each prayer:

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

Merciful Father,

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



Concluding the intercessions we all sing:

Come, light of our hearts,

Come, light of our hearts.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

The Peace

Fr Paul introduces the Peace.

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

Romans 5.1,2

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

**Offertory Hymn: O&N 428 *omitting verses 3&4 (2nd Tune)
Charles Wesley (1707-1788)**

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.**

- 2 Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.**

- 3 Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

Prayer over the gifts

God of mercy and compassion,
your Word calls us home to faith and love.
accept all we offer you this day;
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

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

Fr Paul continues with the prayer

**O&N 969 Holy, holy, holy (Deutsche Messe)
Franz Schubert (1797-828)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory
hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna, in the highest,
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest
hosanna in the highest.**

Fr. Paul continues until the following is used:

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free
You are the Saviour of the world**

Fr. Paul continues and leads into the conclusion of the prayer:

Amen.

Please kneel or sit

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
On the 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 for ever and ever. Amen**

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.**



Fr Paul 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.**

*Receiving consecrated wine directly from the chalice is offered for those who feel comfortable to do this. **Please do not dip the consecrated wafer into the chalice.***

Please wait to be directed to communion.

**Post-Communion Hymn: O&N 29
John Newton (1725-1807)**

- 1 Amazing grace ! how sweet the sound
 that saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found,
 was blind, but now I see.**

- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 and grace my fears relieved;
 how precious did that grace appear
 the hour I first believed!**

- 3 Through many dangers, toils and snares
 I have already come:
 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
 and grace will lead me home.**

- 4 **The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**
- 5 **When we've been there a thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise,
Than when we first begun.**

Post Communion Prayer

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.**

**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**

Any notices will now be given out

Please stand

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

May God the Father,
who does not despise the broken spirit,
give to you a contrite heart. **Amen.**

May Christ,
who bore our sins in his body on the tree,
heal you by his wounds. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit,
who leads us into all truth,
speak to you words of pardon and peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty

The Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

**Recessional Hymn: O&N 337
Francis H Rowley (1854-1952)**

1 I will sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me,
how he left the realms of glory
for the cross on Calvary.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me—
singing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.

**2 I was lost but Jesus found me,
found the sheep that went astray,
raised me up and gently led me
back into the narrow way.
Days of darkness still may meet me,
sorrow's path I oft may tread;
but his presence still is with me,
by his guiding hand I'm led.**

**3 He will keep me till the river
rolls its waters at my feet:
then he'll bear me safely over,
made by grace for glory meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me-
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.**

***There is a separate sheet for the prayers, the diary
and the notices***