



STOKE ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Notice Sheet

18th February 2024
The First Sunday of Lent

Mission Statement

Loving God
Learning God's ways
Living for others



A warm welcome to you all to our services,
especially to visitors or new worshippers.

Collect

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom
and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Post Communion

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread
from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the
true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word that
proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Weekly Diary

Today
Sunday Lunch

Monday & Tuesday
Morning Prayer

Wednesday 10am
Holy Communion

Thursday 2pm
Janet's Lent Group

Friday 7pm
Choir Practice

Upcoming Events

Space to Breathe
24th March 4pm

GENESIS 9.8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

Next Sunday – 25th February The Second Sunday of Lent		Next Sunday's Readings
8.00am	Holy Communion	Genesis 17 1-17 15-16
9.30 am	All Age Service	Mark 8.31-end
11.00am	Holy Communion	

This Week's Gospel

MARK 1.9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Sing it Loud

Sing it Loud are recruiting for a one-off choir to perform in the Warwick Arts Centre on the 25th May 2024. The massed choir is open to all with some exiting music to sing. It is an exciting opportunity to gather over 150 singers on one stage in a big local venue!

All of the information is online, go to <https://www.singitloud.co.uk/massedchoir> for more information. Rev Claire will also be playing in the orchestra!

Coventry Foodbank

Foodbank are in great need of the following food items: ***Tinned meat and fish, jam, vegetarian options, condiments, fruit juice, squash.*** To donate with a monetary donation, please use the following link

<https://coventryfoodbank.org.uk/>

Children in Need

It is with regret that we are giving up collecting for Children in Need.

We have just sent a donation of £100 being the money collected during the past 14 months. Many thanks to all who have given me their small change in the past. Please continue to support Pudsey.

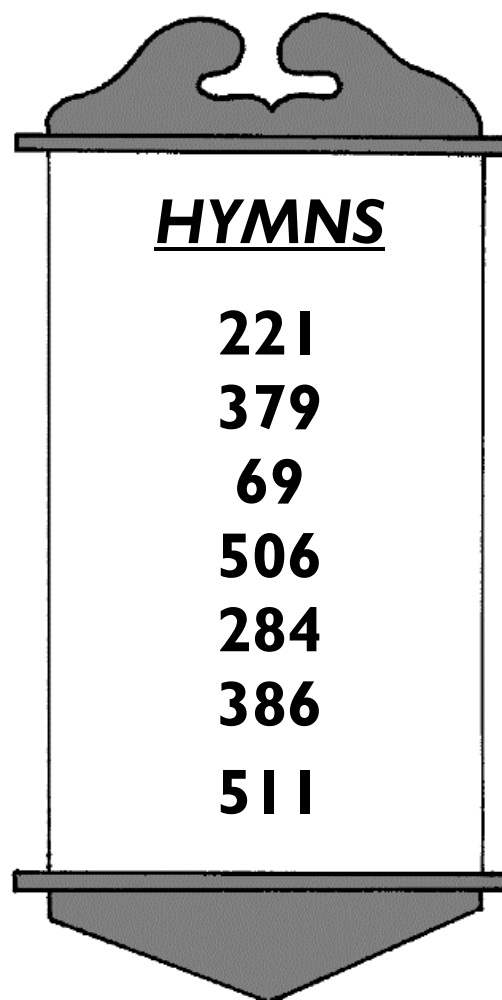
Ann & Colin Hayles

Please pray for The Sick

Meg Hayles	Shannon
Hayden Jones	Tom Holland
Jerry Taffe	Philip Sergeant
Lynn Sergeant	Sue Baxter
Sarah Hopper	Howard Williams
Carol Wood	Sam
Margaret Haughton	Matt Spicer
Geraldine Hayes	Lynda
Sarrha	Mick Roberts
Adela Carter	Nathan
Ray Carter	Beverley Ellis
Russell Charly	Ryan Carr

The Departed

Betty Thorpe
Kathleen Hancox
Rev'd Canon George Warner
Barbara Johnson
Margaret Tayton



Revd Canon George Warner Funeral

George's funeral will be held on Weds 21st February, at 11.30.
We will be live streaming the service if people would like to
come together on that day.

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