



The Benefice of St Mary's Bocking & Panfield Church



Sunday 25th February 2024
The Second Sunday of Lent
Staying in Contact

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Forthcoming Services

Hymns

St Mary's, Bocking

Sunday 25th February	8am	Said Mass
	10am	Sung Mass
Wednesday 28th February	9.30am	Said Mass
Sunday 3rd March	8am	Said Mass
	10am	Sung Mass

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Living Lord

Panfield Church

Sunday 25th February	11am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 27th February	5pm	Office Hour/Evening Prayer
Sunday 3rd March	11am	Holy Communion

Gospel Acclamation

The Son of Man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him must have eternal life

NOTICES

Charity of the Month - In February, the monies donated at tea and coffee after the main service at St Mary's will go to Farleigh Hospice. Last month £100 was raised for Dean Rogers Million Penny Fund.

Stepping Stones - Our next sessions of Stepping Stones will run through Lent, beginning THIS TUESDAY February 27th at 7pm, The remaining sessions will be March 5th, March 19th and March 26th. All welcome. More details on each session is available at the back of the church.

Lent Soup - Just to let you know that NEXT SUNDAY following the 10am service at St Mary's there will be a Lent Soup Lunch in the Church Hall. A signup sheet to help with numbers is at the back.

Quiz Night - The next Friends event will be a Quiz Night in the Church Hall with Fish & Chip supper, Saturday March 16th, 6.30 for 7pm. Tickets available now.

Stargazing Evening - On Friday March 1st from 7-9pm our friends from the North Essex Astronomical Society will be running a free stargazing session in the church grounds. All are welcome.

World Day of Prayer - The local World Day of Prayer service will take place at Braintree Baptist Church on Friday March 1st at 10.30am, the service created by the women of Palestine. All welcome.

Bring and Buy - We would love your support for the upcoming Bring and Buy sale which will follow the main church service at St Mary's on Sunday March 17th in the Church Hall. If you have items for it, or want to know more, please speak to Caron Francis.

Prayers - We keep in our prayers Barry and Janice Goody, Jean Goodwin, Sue, Roger, Frances, Jo Meech, and Tony & Ann. We remember our care homes Millard House, Larchwood, Fern Lodge, Aspen Grange, Braintree Mews, St Mary's Court and The New Deanery, and the following, whose anniversary of their passing falls this week Walter Draper, Micki Smith, Alfred Willshire, Mabel Blowers, Ethel Sach and Edna Need.

The Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Epistle Reading - Romans 4:13-end

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Gospel Reading - Mark 8:31-end

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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.