

Sunday 4 February 2024

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

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Today's services

8am Said Eucharist		9.15am Joyful Noise	
Celebrant	Fr Daniel Sandham	Celebrant	Fr Daniel Sandham
Preacher	Mark Ashworth	Preacher	Sarah Elkins
		<i>Texts for this service are on the screen</i>	
10.30am Sung Eucharist			
Celebrant	Fr Pete Hopkins		
Preacher	Mark Ashworth		
Entrance hymn	810 Thou whose almighty word		
Offertory hymn	532 All creatures of our God and King (omit*)		
Anthem	WH Harris – Behold, the tabernacle of God		
Communion hymns	552 Think of a world without any flowers 752 O love that wilt not let me go		
Recessional hymn	541 Lord of beauty, thine the splendour		
Organ voluntary	WG Alcock – Fantasia in G		
12pm Holy Baptism		Montgomery Hezelgrave	

Today's readings

Joyful Noise

Luke 5.17-26 One day Jesus was teaching the people. The Pharisees and teachers of the law were there, too. They had come from every town in Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. The Lord was giving Jesus the power to heal people. There was a man who was paralyzed. Some men were carrying him on a mat. They tried to bring him in and put him down before Jesus. But because there were so many people there, they could not find a way to Jesus. So the men went up on the roof and made a hole in the ceiling. They lowered the mat so that the paralyzed man was lying right before Jesus. Jesus saw that these men believed. So he said to the sick man, "Friend, your sins are forgiven." The Jewish teachers of the law and the Pharisees thought to themselves, "Who is this man? He is saying things that are against God! Only God can forgive sins." But Jesus knew what they were thinking. He said, "Why do you have thoughts like that in your hearts? Which is easier: to tell this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to tell him, 'Stand up and walk'? But I will prove to you that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, stand up! Take your mat and go home." Then the man stood up before the people there. He picked up his mat and went home, praising God. All the people were fully amazed and began to praise God. They were filled with much respect and said, "Today we have seen amazing things!"

Said and Sung Eucharists

Colossians 1.15-20 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Psalm 104.26-end



I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.

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O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. There is the sea, spread far and wide, and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.

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There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan which you have made to play in the deep. All of these look to you to give them their food in due season.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.

When you give it them, they gather it; you open your hand and they are filled with good. When you hide your face they are troubled; when you take away their breath, they die and return again to the dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

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John 1.1-14 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Notices

ASH WEDNESDAY This is a day of fasting and abstinence, when we are expected to come to church to begin Lent well. (Ash Wednesday takes precedence over saints' days in the Christian calendar, so there's no St Valentine's Day this year. We suggest you romance your beloved on Shrove Tuesday instead!)

LENT 2024 Details of what's on offer this Lent are at www.spwh.org/lent, and there are leaflets available in church. On Sundays at 6pm you are invited to *Singing the Lord's Song: Lent through music*, which gives us the opportunity to explore how different types of music help us to worship and draw close to God.

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION The new Bishop of Edmonton will be with us to baptise and confirm on Sunday 14 July. Classes start for adults on Thursday 7 March, and for children (Years 5 and above) on Thursday 21 March. If you or your child would like to register for these classes, and make this next step on your/their journey of faith, please email the Parish Office (office@spwh.org) by 25 February. For more details about Baptism and Confirmation, including Q&As, head to our website.

GET INVOLVED Over the course of this term we're going to be showcasing some of our opportunities to get involved in life at St Paul's. Each Sunday we're focussing on a different team, with a short interview during the notices, and some information on social media. Last Sunday we focussed on **music**. Get in touch if you'd be interested in joining the choir or the band.

FR DANIEL'S SABBATICAL *As many of you know, I am taking a period of study leave (also known as a sabbatical) starting on 1 April. Church of England clergy are permitted to apply for three months' study leave after every ten years of ministry. I've been ordained now for almost 15 years, so I am looking forward to this*

opportunity to step back, reflect and renew. There will be more details in due course about arrangements for while I am absent. If you have anything which needs my attention before then please be in touch sooner rather than later, as most of March will be focussed on my preparations for being away and on Holy Week. And, if you want to know what I'm going to be up to for three months, then head to my blog or follow @walkingnorfolkschurches on Instagram! Fr Daniel

PALM CROSSES Please bring last year's palm crosses back to church by Sunday 11 February so that they can be burned to make ash for Ash Wednesday.

SIGNING IN FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS Parents with children with birthdates from 1/9/2020 (not 2010 as advertised last week) to 31/8/2022 need to be signing in when attending Sunday services using the QR code as you leave church if they are hoping to apply to a school which requires two years' attendance as part of its admissions policy. There is no need to sign in if your child's birthdate is not within this timescale (intake of 24/25).

This week's diary

Morning and Evening Prayer are usually said publicly Monday-Thursday at 9am and 5pm. The church is open for private prayer Monday-Thursday from 9am to 5.15pm.

Day		Observance	Time	Services/Events	Prayer Intention
Sunday	4	SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT	8am 9.15am 10.30am 12 noon	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist Holy Baptism	Our parish and its people
Monday	5		8pm	Standing Committee	Peace in Ukraine
Tuesday	6				Children's ministry
Wednesday	7		12.30pm 1.30pm	Eucharist Toddler Group	Victims of climate change
Thursday	8				Our volunteers
Friday	9				Racial justice
Saturday	10				The emergency services
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