

Parishes News Sheet for ...

St Nicholas Charlwood & Emmanuel Sidlow Bridge



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21st February 2021 – 1st Sunday of Lent



Details for Church By Telephone (CBT)

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Any telephone will work for the service by telephone,
a standard land line will be perfectly fine.

SERVICES PLANNED

LENT  2021

Sunday 21st February

10.30am Morning Service by telephone 📞
(Service for the Sundays of Lent - Purple)

Wednesday 24th February

7pm Night Prayer by telephone 📞

Sunday 28th February

10.30am Morning Praise by telephone 📞
(Service for the Sundays of Lent - Purple)

PRAYER BOX

Please pray for:

Those who live and work in Norwood Hill and Norwood Hill Road.

Those families and households that are coping with COVID-19 infection, those infected and those caring for them.

The sick, isolated and troubled, especially Maureen Pacey and Sheila W and those who care for them.

Those we have loved but see no more, those who have recently died, particularly Ronald Crees and those who mourn for them.

LATEST UPDATE FROM REV SUE

Mardi Gras Quiz: 15 adult and 2 junior teams signed up for the quiz. It was a great hour with fun pictures, many featuring Mardi Gras masks, produced by Beth to set the evening off in the right spirit. Questions ranged across a variety of subjects, and of course featured a 'Name that tune' round. Its really strange how things you think you know vanish from your mind under the pressure of competition! Beth, ably abetted by scorer and referee Chris, kept things moving until the technology decided to intervene creating a mime section at the end! Never the less everyone had a great time and the winners, Penny and Barry Lambert, were crowned the first Emmanuel and St Nicholas' Brainiacs.

Many thanks to Beth and Chris for all the work that obviously went into giving us a lovely time together.

Lent Groups: focused on prayer begin Tuesday week and run for 4 weeks on 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd March at 7.30pm via Zoom for 1 hour maximum. There is an option to join online or via the telephone. If you would like to receive an invite to join us please send an email to Revd Sue Weakley (revsueweakley@btinternet.com), or call her on 01293 773954, 07887 888372.

Lent Services: I have had a few requests to vary the service that we have on a Sunday, so during Lent we will use a revised version of the Spiritual Communion service we have used in the past, possibly with something different on Mothering Sunday (14th March). The service sheet for the Sundays of Lent is being sent out with this News Sheet. I hope you will find it a good change.

SUNDAY READINGS ETC.

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your

power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING — 1 Peter *3.18-end*

¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

PSALM 25

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
- 2 O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me.
- 3 Let none who look to you be put to shame,
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.
- 4 Make me to know your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.
- 6 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
for you have I hoped all the day long.
- 7 Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
- 8 Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions,
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.
- 9 He will guide the humble in doing right
and teach his way to the lowly.
- 10 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

GOSPEL READING – Mark 1.9-15

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' ¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. ¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

WEEKDAY READINGS

Monday	- Psalm 10, Jeremiah 4.19-end, John 5.1-18
Tuesday	- Psalm 44, Jeremiah 5.1-19, John 5.19-29
Wednesday	- Psalm 6, Jeremiah 5.20-end John 5.30-end
Thursday	- Psalm 42, Jeremiah 6.9-21, John 6.1-15
Friday	- Psalm 22, Jeremiah 6.22-end, John 6.16-27
Saturday	- Psalm 59, Jeremiah 7.1-20, John 6.27-40

AND FINALLY ...

It doesn't seem possible that we are already in the season of Lent and approaching the anniversary of the original lock down. When we closed the churches just before Mothering Sunday last year, we had no idea it would go on so long, or that it would be such a rollercoaster ride. We still had thoughts of a grand Thanksgiving service in the autumn and just postponing holidays and visits for a couple of months. How wrong we were.

As time goes on, it becomes more difficult to cope with our restricted life. On the other hand, it is more frightening to think about venturing out and going back to 'normal', when we have new habits and patterns of living firmly embedded. We shouldn't underestimate the difficulty of that transition or be worried when we feel anxious about it.

On the news this morning one of the advisory groups was suggesting that there should be at least another 6 weeks before restrictions were lifted if we were not to suffer another spike in infections. So hang on in there. We need to get it right this time. Get vaccinated when it is your turn. I know many of you have already started on that path, as have I. And know that God is still faithful, there beside us with a strong, steadying hand and a comforting word, helping us to find the strength to see this out.

Do take care everyone and keep safe.
God bless you.

Sue