

10 February 2019
4 Before Lent

“The lord shall make good his purpose for me
Your loving kindness, O Lord endures for ever,
Forsake not the work of your hands.”

Paul gives this message to the Corinthians – for them to ‘hold on to firmly’. This message is not the modern ‘party line’ as in politics it is for every single person on earth. Paul explains to the Corinthians that he did not in fact ever see Jesus in person as the Apostles had done, in fact he had persecuted the Christians until a vision showed him the error of his ways and he received ‘the message’, which also gives us one of the many gifts of understanding that we can all change our ways. We hear the message again from Jesus in today’s Gospel in the story of Jesus at the Lake side surrounded with so many people who wanted to hear his teaching that he got into the fisherman’s boat to speak to them’ He goes on to ask Simon to cast out his nets again even though they had been fishing all night and caught nothing. Simon gives the lovely reply “If you say so”- we know the result, thus giving us again the gift of understanding that with God’s help we can change ourselves and how we do things.

The more we read the Gospels and Paul’s letters the more we begin to understand what God’s love for us really means. The fact that the message comes from more than two thousand years ago is a miracle in itself.

“I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the Gods I will sing praise to you”.

Daphne Himmel

*Growing in Faith,
Reaching Out
to All*

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We welcome all, especially visitors and those attending for the first time.

If you need gluten free wafers at Communion, please speak to someone at the door before the service.

Please take this newsletter home with you for the week ahead.

Please stay after the morning service for tea and coffee, to meet folk and ask any questions. God Bless

READINGS - for you to use today and during the week

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COLLECT:

Lord of the hosts of heaven,
our salvation and our strength,
without you we are lost:
guard us from all that harms or hurts
and raise us when we fall;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

PSALM 138 *(For Morning Prayer)*

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods will I sing praise to you.
- 2 I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.
- 3 In the day that I called to you, you answered me;
you put new strength in my soul.
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 6 Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly;
as for the proud, he regards them from afar.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you will preserve me;
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand will save me.

8 The Lord shall make good his purpose for me;
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;
forsake not the work of your hands.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Paul writes of the resurrection of Jesus as the foundation for faith.

¹ I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you - unless you have come to believe in vain. ³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them - though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

At the end, the Reader says:

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL READING

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel Reader

When the Gospel is announced, the Reader says:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *John*

Glory to you, O Lord.

(Glory be to thee, O Lord.)

Luke 5:1-11

Jesus calls the first disciples

¹ Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' ⁵ Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷ So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

At the end, the Reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(At the end, the Reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.)

(c) New Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Go before us, Lord, in all we do
with your most gracious favour,
and guide us with your continual help,
that in all our works
begun, continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.



GARY OUT & ABOUT : *Monday*, Benefice of the Future Group Day at Old Alresford Place, followed by Staff Dinner and Meeting in the evening. *Tuesday*, meetings during the day, and Hyde School Governors in the evening. *Wednesday*, Communion at Fordingbridge in the morning, Hyde School Assembly at lunchtime, followed by 'Story and Song' at Fordingbridge Nursery, and leading Evensong at Winchester Cathedral. *Friday*, leading Prayers at Fordingbridge URC at 9.45, followed by catching up and preparation for the weekend. *Saturday*, Wedding Meetings and Jigsaw Puzzle Festival all day.

ELECTORAL ROLLS : The Electoral Roll for each Parish (we have four in the AVP) has to be renewed every sixth year - including 2019. The Roll is the list of all of those people who are entitled to Vote at the Annual Parish Celebrations, and to be elected to PCCs, etc. - you don't have to be on the roll to be a 'Member' of the Church, but it is the list of all of those who have chosen to sign up, and it is something we encourage everyone who belongs to the Church to do. If you are currently on the Roll (you can be on more than one), you will be contacted soon to complete a form to continue - or pick one up in Church. If you would like to be on one of the Rolls, please pick up a form in Church and complete it. This all has to be done quite quickly in time for the Annual Parish Celebrations in March and April. Thank you, Gary.

JIGSAW PUZZLE FESTIVAL : Saturday 16th to Monday 18th February. Thank you to everyone who has signed up for the weekend. there are gaps, so please think about whether you can spare a couple of hours. ROTAS are up at the back of the church for you to sign up. Help is needed in the Church and Hall. Thank you for your support, if you would like to know more, ring Viv on 01725 512267 or Judith on 650335. PS. Has anyone got any spare twist and ties to seal up the bags as puzzles are packed please?

JIGSAW FESTIVAL ADVERTISING: A4 posters are now available for display. Please take one to put in your window, club notice board etc. If you are able to email your friends and family and invite them to come along over the Festival weekend that would be brilliant. We have a Festival Flyer/Poster that you can email which will give them all the information they need. Please advertise it near and far! Just email Judith (j.dowsett7@btinternet.com) and/or Viv (viv@theshallows.co.uk) and we will email it to you. Thank you very much indeed. We are very grateful to Fox & Sons, estate agents, for generously agreeing to print the posters and flyers.

HYDE MESSY CHURCH : Last month we were delighted to welcome 28 children, plus siblings, parents and carers, everyone had a great time. We are hoping that we will have even more this time - Monday 11th February. If your child is primary school age and hasn't tried Messy Church yet - do come along. If anyone can spare a couple of hours once a month we would welcome more helpers to join us and any of us can talk you through what is involved!

FORDINGBRIDGE MOTHERS' UNION : We meet on Wednesday February 13th at 2.30pm. We shall welcome Mrs Ruth Dakin as our speaker.

CALLING ALL SEWERS – we need your skills! Days for Girls (D4G) is an international charity working to empower women through health education and income generation opportunities. Part of their work involves producing hygiene kits, including washable cloth sanitary pads to help girls who would otherwise miss their education.

Inspired by Highcliffe's D4G 'Eve' project, which has supplied hygiene kits to girls in our deanery link Diocese of Kinkiizi in South Western Uganda, we want to set-up another team of sewers in Fordingbridge,. During March we will be promoting the project and appealing for volunteers with sewing machines to join us—we are calling AVP (Avon Valley Partnership) Sowers, but this may change if those involved go beyond our churches. Which would be wonderful!

It is planned to hold some workshops for the core sewing team in April and to then roll out the project to include others who can help in so many ways with other tasks. It is NOT JUST sewers we need to produce the kits – card makers, tea makers and people to put the kits together etc are needed too! It will be a fun, sociable time together! We hope this is something you will want to get involved with? Do look at the Days for Girls Website www.daysforgirls.org

Or call/email us for details: Irene Canton: irenecanton@hotmail.co.uk; Sarah Perrelle: 01425 291397 or Rev Nicky Davies: 07931 413629.

SP6 FRIENDSHIP GROUP : We are having our usual Friendship Group Coffee Morning at Bridges, 25 High Street Fordingbridge on Tuesday 12th February between 10.00am and 12.00md. This is a group of people who have suffered a bereavement of any kind. A warm friendly welcome is assured. If transport is needed, please let Kate know on 01425 540669.

HYDE MOTHERS' UNION : The next meeting of the Hyde Mothers Union will be held on Tuesday February 12th at 7.30pm at Frogham Chapel. Our speaker will be Alan Hollands, who will speak to us about the world wide fight to eradicate Polio and the part that Rotary have played in this important work. New members and visitors are very welcome to join us.

CONCERT AT ST MARY'S FORDINGBRIDGE : “ Rejoice in the Lord” with the Nota Bene Singers on Sunday, 3rd March at 5.00 p.m. Supper in the Church Hall afterwards. Tickets £10. Concert only £5. To book please contact Helen Tague 01425 655462 or email thetagues@fordingbridge.com

ECO DIOCESE AWARD : Last month Bishop Tim received a Bronze Eco Diocese Award from Andy Atkins, CEO of A Rocha UK. We are only the fourth Diocese to achieve this. A huge thank you went out to all the parishes who are either working towards an Eco Church Award or have obtained one as we have at St Boniface Church in Woodgreen. Without the amazing work at a local level this Diocesan Award would not have been possible. Please continue to push forward with Eco Church... Bishop Tim is very keen we obtain the Silver Award as soon as we can! For help to achieve this contact Rev Nicky 07931 413629.

ST BONIFACE, WOODGREEN : Room at the Inn, our pop-up pub is back again during February—Fridays 6pm to 11pm and Saturdays 12pm to 2.30pm. Licenced and selling wine, ciders and local beers—come and raise a glass! We raised over £800 during December for church funds.

LAUDAMUS QUIZ NIGHT : Friday 15 February at 7pm at Rockbourne Village Hall. Tickets £10, including light supper, available by contacting 07810 683698. Proceeds go towards the choir's annual donation to St Mary's for use of church/hall to rehearse.

VIVIAN RIDLEY : we are sad to announce the death of Vivian Ridley who was a former Church Warden at St Mary's Hale. A memorial service for him will take place at St Mary's Hale at a later date.

TOFSS (Too Old For Sunday School) plan to meet on Tuesdays 12 and 26 February at 10am at 15 Provost Street, to have some coffee, watch a dvd, discuss what we have seen, and to pray. All welcome. Want to know more? Speak to John and Pat Bloomfield (837735).

MICHAELMAS GROUP : Our next meeting is on Tuesday 19th February at the **Methodist Church Hall** in Fordingbridge at 7.30pm. Jo Heath will be talking about her role as our Youth, Children and Families Development Worker. All are welcome.

OBERAMMERGAU, May 2020 : Although both church holidays this year are fully booked, we have a twin room and two theatre tickets available for **Austria and the Passion play in May 2020**. Please phone or email for a brochure (01425 471490, jer.178@tiscali.co.uk) ASAP if you are interested in joining us. *Michael Anderson*

CHURCH OFFICE : The Church Office will be closed on Friday 15 February for staff training.

REFLECTION : Our moods are affected by the weather. Some people suffer depression every winter. This year there has been much darkness – relieved by snow with it's silent, still beauty if only briefly before it became slush and ice. 'Winterwatch' has given us relief from the darkness. Seeing the birds and little animals coping with the winter. It is always amazing to see how they know exactly what to do and how to do it. Watching them can be very amusing sometimes. Last Spring I watched the cattle being released after being shut up for the winter. They all galloped out into the meadow expressing delight in many ways. One cow jumped high into the air with all four feet off the ground. I laughed out loud remembering the nursery rhyme we sang with the children – 'and the cow jumped over the moon' – not so impossible as we might have imagined? In noting how we feel and our changing moods we might begin to understand the enormous number of God given gifts. We give thanks for all His wondrous gifts in a truly wondrous world.

Daphne Himmel

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Sunday 10	8.00am	Holy Communion	Fordingbridge
February	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	Fordingbridge
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Hyde
	10.00am	Iona Morning Service	Woodgreen
	10.45am	Morning Service	Sandleheath
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Breamore
Monday 11	9.00am	Morning Prayer	Fordingbridge
	3.30pm	Messy Church	Hyde
Tuesday 12	9.15am	Alpha Course, The Vicarage	Hyde
	7.00pm	Alpha Course, The Vicarage	Hyde
	7.30pm	Hyde Mothers' Union	Frogam Chapel
Wednesday 13	9.00am	Morning Prayer	Fordingbridge
	10.00am	Prayer Meeting	Frogam Chapel
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Fordingbridge
	2.30pm	<i>Burial of ashes of the late Tony Young</i>	<i>Woodgreen Cemetery</i>
Thursday 14	7.30pm	Bell Ringing	Fordingbridge
Friday 15	All day	Church Office closed	Fordingbridge
	6.20pm	Choir practice	Fordingbridge
Sunday 17	8.00am	Holy Communion	Fordingbridge
January	8.30am	Holy Communion	Hyde
	9.30am	Café Church Communion, Church Hall	Fordingbridge
	10.00am	Morning Service	Hale
	10.00am	Worship for All	Hyde
	10.45am	Morning Service	Sandleheath
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Breamore
	4.00pm	Baptism meeting in Church	Fordingbridge
	6.30pm	Evensong	Fordingbridge

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