

# ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, SANDFORD ON THAMES

March 2025

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## ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

11.0 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

7.30 p.m. Parish Communion



Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March  
in the Village Hall.

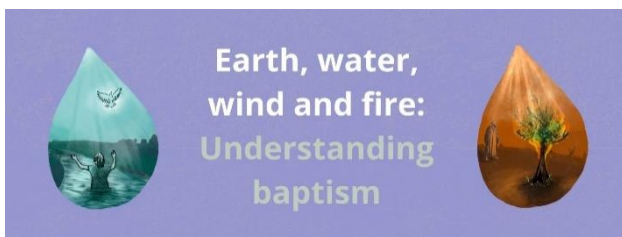
7.0 for 7.30 p.m.

Teams of 6

Bring your own food and drink. Questions courtesy of Vince Boyle. Tickets £5 per head from [john.findon@jesus.ox.ac.uk](mailto:john.findon@jesus.ox.ac.uk) or 01865 434256

## Talking Shop Mothers' Day Market

on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, with flowers and unique gifts.



## Come and See

Each Lent, Oxford Diocese explores a new aspect of Christian faith - this year it is baptism. For new and old Christians, on your own or with family and friends. Everyone who registers receives a short daily email to reflect on, and a weekly video from Bishop Steven. There are special materials for children and young people.

You can register to join *Come and See* at <https://oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see>

Highly recommended by a member of our congregation who followed the course last year.



will be sung  
in St Andrew's  
at 6.30 p.m.  
on  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April

**Our very remarkable organist, Sunil, will be playing Rachmaninov's 3<sup>rd</sup> Piano Concerto in a concert at the JR on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Details on porch noticeboard.**

Those who watch the BBC Young Chorister of the Year will have been cheering on Jihiyo, a member of Frideswide Voices - the girls' choir at Christ Church cathedral. She is the youngest singer, and has done amazingly well to get through to the semi-finals. The semi-final is on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> on BBC at 1.15 PM.

**Sandford Village Halls events:** from 6.0 – 7.30 p.m.

Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup> **Gardeners' Question Time:** A gardening panel answer questions/share tips

Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup> **Crocheting necklaces** with Prue Reynolds

To receive emails of future events, please email [sandfordhallevts@gmail.com](mailto:sandfordhallevts@gmail.com)

**COMMUNITY LUNCH at Talking Shop** next one 12.30 – 2.0 on the 12<sup>th</sup> March

A delicious three course lunch cooked by volunteers to save food waste. Pay what you can. No need to book.

**AFTERNOON TEAS** in the Village Hall 2.0 – 4.0 on the first Wednesday of the month:

Next one March 5<sup>th</sup>. Cost £4. Join us by booking at [pruereynolds96@gmail.com](mailto:pruereynolds96@gmail.com)

**Among the many local people who need our prayers, please especially keep in mind** all those we know who are unwell, including **Sue Bradshaw, Dick Rudman, Gwen Beaver, Ruth Tuckwell** and **Ray and Jennie Tinson;**

**John Bardwell** and the other residents of Vale House, and those who work there.

## SUNDAYS in March Year C

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March Next before Lent

#### 10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Exodus 34.29-35 *Moses has encountered God and his face is radiant.*

2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2 *St Paul reflects on Moses' experience and what it means for us. When we turn to Christ we can make new sense of the Old Testament and ourselves be transformed by God's Spirit.*

Luke 9.28-36 *The Transfiguration of Jesus on account of his being present to God. Moses and Elijah in the vision predict what lies ahead: the death and resurrection of God's son.*

#### 6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March ASH WEDNESDAY

11.0 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Parish Eucharist

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March Lent 1

#### 10.0 a.m. Parish Communion.

Deut. 26.1-11 Harvest thanksgiving. Recall all God's blessings.

Romans 10.8-13 *God's word is near us. We trust and confess Jesus as our Risen Lord. All are included..*

Luke 4.1-13 *In the wilderness Jesus rejects self-serving ideas for his ministry and tells us not to put God to the test by disobedience.*

#### 6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March Lent 2

#### 10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Genesis 15.1-12 and 17-18 *Abram's vision of God promising him an heir and descendants. He trusted God and is promised land too. Abram makes a sacrifice and has a religious experience.*

Philippians 3.17-4.1 *Paul in prison faces enemies but knows we are on God's side and we await our Saviour who will transform our mortal bodies as he himself was transformed. So stand firm!*

Luke 13.31-35 *The Pharisees warn Jesus that Herod wants to kill him. Jesus says he must complete his work and go to Jerusalem. He is overcome with grief at what is happening there and in the holy land. It will end badly.*

#### 6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March Lent 3

#### 10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Isaiah 55.1-9 *God invites us to come to him and get our priorities right. Listen to him, and so live! Seek the Lord while he can be found, call on him while he is near. Return to the Lord!*

1 Corinthians 10.1-13 *Paul recalls the wilderness wanderings and the disobedience of Israel to warn his congregation.*

Luke 13.1-9 *Why do bad things happen? Jesus offers no explanation, just a warning - if we do not bear good fruit we deserve to be removed. We are encouraged to keep on trying.*

#### 6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March MOTHERING SUNDAY Lent 4

Colossians 3.12-17 *Paul tells us the marks of a Christian and encourages us to cultivate them in ourselves – compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, tolerance, forgiveness, and above all love. Let Christ's peace rule in your hearts and sing joyfully.*

Luke 2.33-35 *Candlemass revisited. In the Temple Simeon blesses the holy child, and prophecies dark times ahead. Mary will suffer too, as mothers sometimes do.*

#### 6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Almighty God,  
who alone can bring order  
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful  
humanity:  
give your people grace  
so to love what you command  
and to desire what you promise,  
that, among the many changes of this world,  
our hearts may surely there be fixed  
where true joys are to be found;  
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.  
*Collect for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent*

#### *A poem for mothers and fathers*

Sundays too my father got up early  
and put his clothes on in the blueblack cold,  
then with cracked hands that ached  
from labor in the weekday weather made  
banked fires blaze. No one ever thanked him.

I'd wake and hear the cold splintering, breaking.  
When the rooms were warm, he'd call,  
and slowly I would rise and dress,  
fearing the chronic angers of that house.

Speaking indifferently to him,  
who had driven out the cold  
and polished my good shoes as well.  
What did I know, what did I know  
of love's austere and lonely offices?

*Robert Hayden*