



T H E P A R I S H O F
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H A R R O G A T E

Sunday 22nd March 2020
Lent IV: Mothering Sunday

All public worship has been suspended

to help keep people safe during this difficult time.

But that doesn't mean everything has stopped – far from it!

Masses are still being said, albeit 'in private' without a congregation:

Sunday - 10am

Monday – Friday - 6pm

You can join watch, listen and join in live:

[www.Facebook.com/Saintwilfrid](https://www.facebook.com/Saintwilfrid)

Orders of service for the 'livestream' are available on the parish website
in the 'coronavirus' section: www.stwilfrid.org

They are also available from church, or we can post them out on request.

The church will remain open for private prayer
and for you to light a candle whilst it is safe to do so.
Please make sure you use the 'social distance' protocol
and stay 2m away from the nearest person.

If you are self-isolated, or need assistance, please contact the Parish
Office: we have a team of people to help you.

We still need to pay our bills, so please help us:
Maintain your regular giving by standing order
Donate online at our parish website
Leave your weekly giving in the donations box in church.

The Collect for today

Merciful Lord,
absolve your people from their offences,
that through your bountiful goodness
we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins
which by our frailty we have committed;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 23

R./ I fear no evil; for you are with me.

The Lord is my shepherd,
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

R./

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

R./

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

R./

The Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,
'Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.'

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory
Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

✠ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.' They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.'

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes

from.’ The man answered, ‘Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.’ They answered him, ‘You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?’ And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, ‘Do you believe in the Son of Man?’ He answered, ‘And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.’ Jesus said to him, ‘You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.’ He said, ‘Lord, I believe.’ And he worshipped him. Jesus said, ‘I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.’ Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, ‘Surely we are not blind, are we?’ Jesus said to them, ‘If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, “We see”, your sin remains.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

For your prayers

Those who are acutely ill or undergoing treatment:

Bek Sunley; Les Simpson; Neil Baverstock

The long term sick and all who care for them:

William Kerridge; Jude King; Evelyn Todd; Kathleen Quilitz; Janet Marsden; Laura Gentry; Jean Chadha; Mervyn Legard

The Recently Departed:

Noreen Rogers; Susan Dart

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week:

Jessie Bradbury; Angus McKensie [Sunday]; Ann Ridley [Monday]; Annie Marsden; Selwyn Pennington [Thursday] Constance Mary Hainsworth [Friday] Irene Browning [Saturday]

Mass Intentions this week

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| 22 | Sunday | Lent IV | We pray for: | The parish and its people |
| 23 | Monday | Feria of Lent | We pray for: | Carers |
| 24 | Tuesday | Feria of Lent | We pray for: | Those in religious life |
| 25 | Wednesday | The Annunciation | We pray for: | The Shine of OL Walsingham |
| 26 | Thursday | Feria of Lent | We pray for: | The lonely |
| 27 | Friday | Feria of Lent | We pray for: | Those with mental illnesses |
| 28 | Saturday | Feria of Lent | We pray for: | Funeral Directors |

Mass is streamed live online at 6pm on Weekdays and 10am on Sundays:
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We pray for all who live or work within the parish:

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| Sunday | Queen Ethelburga's Park; Queen Ethelburga's Gardens; Young's Drive; Long Crag View; Birk Crag Court; Old Chapel Close; Evelyn Court |
| Monday | Harlow Moor Road; Harlow Moor Drive; Lascelles Road; Florence Road |
| Tuesday | Valley Drive; Valley Road; Valley Mount; Royal Parade |
| Wednesday | Cold Bath Road; Wellington Square; Kensington Square; Cold Bath Place |
| Thursday | Lascelles Grove; Margaret Road; Otley Road; St Peter's Square |
| Friday | Duchy Avenue; West Cliffe Grove; West Cliffe Terrace; West Cliffe Mews |
| Saturday | Harlow Oval; Harlow Manor Park; Manor Road; Manor Drive |

Parish Notices

Hall Use

In light of the current crisis, all hall users have suspended their activities and bookings. The hall is effectively 'closed' until further notice.

Charities

In view of the current crisis, please could Water Aid donations be given in to the Parish Office as soon as possible, instead of waiting until after Easter. Please do not forget the homeless and the food bank, who will need our support now more than ever. Janet and Shirley are required to self isolate and are unable to deliver items, so we hope that volunteers will step in to do deliveries and to spend the cash donations. Looking ahead, the annual Christian Aid appeal will also be affected. We may need someone to collect the envelopes and distribute them in church, but further advice from the local Christian Aid Committee is being awaited. **IF YOU CAN HELP: CONTACT Janet: janet.thomas6@btinternet.com or 01423 536064 for further information.**

Online Fundraising

An effortless way to make funds is to register with 'Give as you live'. This is a click through site from which we can earn a commission on your purchases:

<https://www.giveasyoulive.com/charity/stwilfridsdevelopment> please register and go via the site! 22 people have earned the parish nearly £800 at no cost to themselves.



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