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17th March 2019

The Second Sunday of Lent

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Services This Sunday (17th March)

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St James 15:00 Evensong BCP

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Readings and Prayers
Common Worship
The Second Sunday of Lent

Collect

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

God's Covenant with Abram

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?"

He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

Gospel Reading **Luke 13:31-35**

The Lament over Jerusalem

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Our Prayers are asked for:

World concerns

Gods Peace and Gods Justice for all.

Our Diocese Bishops David, Mark & Mark; Archdeacon Cherry; Mark our Borough Dean, Karen our Area Dean.

Our Community; For all who suffer silently.

Our Team The Clergy, Ministers, Readers & people of the Benefice and the wider Deanery.

Sick Rene Smith, Sheila Anson, Linda Donkin, Pixie-Rose, Barbara Bisson, Eliza Bryning, Laura Sousa, Beth Price, Janice Dawson, David and Marjory Nunwick, Sue Holland, Cis Van Der Schanns, John Harrop, Sylvia Baron, Clive Houghton, Joan Hortop, Sheila Payne, Julian Gaucas, Philip Brierly, Tom Makin, Samantha Smith.

Departed For those we love and no longer see.

LENT COURSE – ‘You, me and God.’

This year we will be using centuries old art, religious items, musical masterpieces from the baroque and classical periods, and not least Biblical interpretation to provide a 1-hour period of meditation and reflection to guide us during Lent.



Three Tuesday evenings, 6:30-7:30pm, 12th, 19th and 26th of March at St Michaels Church. ***You, me and God.***

Lunchtime Recital @St Pauls

Lunchtime recital on Thursday 21st March- Music appropriate to Lent. All donations will go to Christian aid.

Harrogate Spring Flower Show

Friday 26th April 2019

Contact Margaret Taylor for details; 352972

Soup lunches at Jenny Buckley's house (01706 358686) each Wednesday in Lent starting 13th March. No charge, donations to Christian Aid.

MESSY CHURCH – St Michaels, Bamford

The Ultimate Church Service for young children!

Monday 8th April at 3:40-4:40pm (Always the 2nd Monday of the Month)