

# In Touch



St LAWRENCE CHURCH  
BOVINGDON

*Serving the Community*

**Sunday 18th February 2024**

**First Sunday of Lent**

## 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.

**This Sunday 18th February 2024**  
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Genesis 9.8–17  
1 Peter 3.18–end  
Mark 1.9–15

9.30am Family Praise  
10.30am Parish Communion

## Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,  
you have renewed us with the living  
bread from heaven;  
by it you nourish our faith,  
increase our hope, and strengthen  
our love: teach us always to hunger  
for him who is the true and living  
bread, and enable us to live by every  
word that proceeds from out of your  
mouth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Prayer List

Mark Freeth	Carol O'Hara
Kuldip Dhadda	Linda Harding
Philip- Karen's Dad	Mary Beard
Derek Wright	Chris O'Hara
Michael Havercroft	Peter Swinney
Peter Vallis	Pam Hoskyn
Rosemary Evans	Ann Harrison
Brenda Wood	Josie Woodhams
Jean Rose	Carol Leonard
Marie Shilling	Bishop Alan
Tom Morkill	Jane Coles
Alaina Parsons	
Margaret Horwood	

## Those who mourn the loss of

Dean Burman	Trevor Slade
Peter Harrison	Neil Milbank
Barbara Caudle	Sylvia Briden
Harry Druce	Harrison Osborn

## This week at St Lawrence:

Wed 12.30 —2pm	Lent Lunch
Thurs 9.00am	Morning Prayer
10.00am	Welcome Café
Fri 6.00pm	Choir practice
Sat 12.30pm	Interment of ashes
Sun 25th 3pm	Recital in church

**Next Sunday 25th February 2024**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 17.1–7, 15–16  
Romans 4.13–end  
Mark 8.31–end

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Family Praise
10.30am	Morning Prayer
3.00pm	Baroque music concert & tea (church)

## Notices for 18th February

Our first **Lent lunch** will take place in the Hall on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 12.30pm. A simple lunch of soup, bread and cheese with a short discussion based on the Lent booklet 'Watch and Pray'. All welcome.

We are forming two User Groups to help us plan the detail of what we would like to see in our new building and reordered church. What should the kitchen contain? How much storage do we need? What Audiovisual facilities would we like? What about lighting? If you are interested in any of these and would be prepared to join a group please speak to Charles, Alison Woodhams or Kully Dhadda.

This is a very exciting time to be on our PCC as we make important decisions about our new facilities! If you'd like to find out more about being on the PCC, or being Church Warden, have a word with Chris West or any member of the PCC. Elections take place at our Annual Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

There is a temporary change to our Sunday service pattern in March and April, with Family Communion moving to the second Sunday. See separate card or website for details

### Dates for your diary:

25<sup>th</sup> February at 3.00pm: **Baroque music concert** followed by tea. Free admission.

1<sup>st</sup> March at 10.00am: **World Day of Prayer** service, St Paul's, Chipperfield

1<sup>st</sup> March at 7.00pm: **Quiz Night** at the Memorial Hall

3<sup>rd</sup> March: Drinks after church (c 11.45am) with **Gill Barrett** to thank her for her long and dedicated service

7<sup>th</sup> March at 12.45pm: Thanksgiving service for **Trevor Slade**

### Lent resources: Watch and Pray

Sign up sheets are available at the back of church for:

- The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 'Tarry awhile' (cost £10)
- Real Easter Eggs

You can pick up a booklet of daily Lent reflections based on the Lent book from the back of church. Or you can get these via e-mail or the Church of England app. for both iOS and Android – including daily audio.

The DENS High Needs list is on display in church. In addition to our DENS collections, we are supporting local families with regular food parcels. Please donate items such as tinned ham / corned beef, tinned soup, long life milk, long life juice/squash, tinned potatoes, tinned veg/ sweetcorn/ fish/ rice pudding, sponge puddings, jars cooking sauces, sanitary products.



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