

The Parish of Bledlow with Saunderton & Horsenden

1st Sunday of LENT - 18th FEBRUARY 2018

First Reading (NRSV)

Genesis 9: 8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.' +

Second Reading (NRSV)

Mark 1: 9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.' +

The Collect (CW)

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Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ did fast forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to thy Spirit; and, as thou knowest our weakness, so may we know thy power to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME

TODAY'S SERVICES

(18th February 2018)

10.30am FAMILY PRAISE

with Holy Communion

Bledlow

3.00pm Holy Communion at Home

Cherry Tree

6.00pm Evensong

Saunderton

with our thanks to the Revd Derek Wittchell

and the Revd Ian Ogilvie for officiating at our Sunday services

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICES

(25th February 2018)

9.00am Matins

Horsenden

10.30am Holy Communion

Bledlow



CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX OPENING: Please return your boxes to church or Debby Scott/Mary Abbis by the end of February. Thank you.

MORNING PRAYER: No Morning Prayer until further notice.

CHOIR PRACTICE: 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, on Wednesday 21st February

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING: Wednesday 25th April 2018 at 7.45pm.

CHURCH GARDEN PARTY: Saturday 30th June 2018

Please contact Camilla Fawkner if you would like to help:

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During the interregnum, please make every effort to support our Church, the Church Wardens (Martyn Thomas - 01844 344508, & Phil Goding - 01844 342570) and the visiting clergy. THANK YOU.

If you require any relevant information to be included on the Pew Sheet, please advise Colin Lees by email on colin.lees@tesco.net by NOON on the preceding Thursday. Thank you.

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