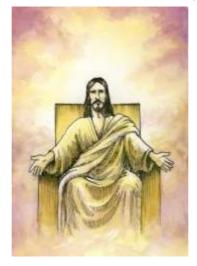
# PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

#### Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

WELCOME TO TODAY'S WORSHIP SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

Thank you for coming to church today, for choosing to worship God. You are most welcome in St. John's Church today. Refreshments are available after the service, please join us.



READINGS

<u>Today</u>

2 Kings Ch. 2 VV. 1 – 12. 2 Corinthians Ch. 4 VV. 3 – 6. Mark Ch. 9 VV. 2 – 9. <u>Next Sunday</u> Genesis Ch. 9 VV. 8 – 17. 1 Peter Ch. 3 VV. 18 – 22. Mark Ch. 1 VV. 9 – 15.

Vicar Team Rector Churchwardens Rev. Can. Tony Bundock Rev. David Williams Mrs Pat Rushmere Mr Dick Field 01844 347741 01844 344784 01844 345452 01494 562231

#### COLLECT

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen



#### **PRAYER NOTES**

- <sup>†</sup> The sick of this parish and those people known to us who need His grace: Ray Smith, Irene Foord, Ruth Barclay and Mary Mines.
- † Justice, mercy and grace for migrants. Safety for Christians and peoples of all faiths in danger.
- **†** Resolution for the peoples of the Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, Nigeria, and peace in Gaza and Turkey.
- † Peace, healing and mercy for the people of Syria.
- † Our mission and ministry in the community.
- † Thanks for our church community and our shared faith.
- † May communities of all faiths bring understanding that you call for love and peace, never hatred.
- † Thanks for our churchwardens, verger and servers.

# WORSHIP IN ST JOHN'S CHURCH

TODAY	
8:00 am	Said communion using BCP
10:00 am	All Age Sung Communion
TUESDAY	
9:30 am	Said communion

# **THIS WEEK**

ASH WEDNESDAY (14 <sup>th</sup> Feb) Service at 7:30 pm	We invite you to return last year's palm crosses for burning to form the ash for imposition at the service
<b>PANCAKE PARTY</b> at St Mary's on Tuesday 13th February from 4pm to 6pm	Fun, games, food and of course lots of pancakes. All welcome!

# LENT

Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February, 7pm for a
7:30pm start in St John's School Hall.
£12 per person including Fish & Chips.
See poster for details.
At St. Marys on Easter Eve 31st March
at 6pm. If you would like to explore
the possibility of being confirmed,
please speak to Tony or Graham.
At Old Stocks, Hets Orchard. The
course is "On the Third Day" written
by Bishop John Pritchard. Course
booklets for participants cost £3.60.

LENT LUNCHES Thursday lunchtimes 1pm	1 March (Old Stocks), 8 March (The Vicarage), 15 March (Maplehurst, Loosley Row), and 22 March (venue to
	be fixed).
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> April) Whiteleaf Cross car park at 6.00 am for 6.10 am	We meet with other local churches for a short 'sunrise service' above Whiteleaf Cross. This is followed by a bacon sandwich and hot drink.

### **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place on the 22nd April 2018, following the 10am service on that morning.

We will be needing PCC members and a Churchwarden for the coming year and it would be good to see as many members of the congregation (and particularly those listed on the Electoral Roll) at that meeting. If you are interested in standing for any of the above positions please speak to Rev Tony or to Pat.

### HOME INSURANCE

If you are looking to renew your Home Insurance policy the Ecclesiastical Insurance Company, which is used by the Church, are offering competitive rates and good benefits. To celebrate their 130 years' Anniversary, they are offering £130 to be paid to the Church when any member of the congregation takes out a policy with them.

This is a good opportunity to make money for the Church, whilst benefitting oneself. There is a poster in the porch with details or contact Pat.