

# **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

## **The Second Sunday before Lent**



### **Collect for the Week**

Almighty God,  
give us reverence for all creation  
and respect for every person,  
that we may mirror your likeness,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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#### **8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)**

President and Preacher: The Vicar

#### **10.00 am Parish Eucharist with Baptism (CW)**

President and Preacher: The Vicar

Minister: Tim Harrold

#### **10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom**

Lead: Liz Goodard      Link: Karen Miller

Hymns:              When I needed a Neighbour  
                            Beauty for Brokenness  
                            Christ's is the World (in which we move)  
                            Turning the World Upside Down  
Reading:            Isaiah 58: 1 – 9 a (page 746 NIV)  
Theme:              'Standing up for Justice'

#### **6.30 pm Choral Evensong (BCP)**

Minister:            The Vicar

Introit:              Almighty and Everlasting God - Gibbons  
Hymn:                NEH 377 Immortal, invisible, God only wise  
Responses:        Shepard  
Psalm:                41  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading:        Proverbs 8. verse 1 and then 22 – 31 Debbie Millar  
Magnificat:        Dyson in D  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:        Revelation Chapter 4                              Brad Collins  
Nunc Dimittis:    Dyson in D  
Anthem:              Lord, thou hast been our refuge - Bairstow  
Hymn:                NEH 466 Thou whose almighty word  
Amen:                Belfast - Stopford

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### MONDAY 9th February

- 9.00 am **Morning prayer at the Parish Church – the Vicar**  
10.00 am Church Centre open for private prayer

### TUESDAY 10th *Scholastica, sister of Benedict, Abbess of Plombariola, c 543* Parish Office closed

### WEDNESDAY 11th

- 9.00 am **Morning prayer at the Church Centre – the Vicar**  
9.00 am Playtime at St Paul's  
10.00 am Church Centre open for private prayer  
3.00 pm Chamberlain Court Communion with Tim Harrold

### THURSDAY 12th

- 10.00 am Church Centre open for private prayer  
11.30 am **Holy Communion at the Church Centre- the Vicar**  
12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre  
7.30 pm Living Hope with Tim Harrold at the Sanctuary

### FRIDAY 13th

- 10.00 am Church Centre open for private prayer  
12.30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre  
6.30 pm Junior Choir practice  
7.30 pm Full Choir practice

### SATURDAY 14th *Cyril and Methodius, missionaries to the Slava, 869 and 885* *Valentine, martyr at Rome, c 269*

- 10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café

### NEXT SUNDAY 15th February 2026

#### Sunday next before Lent

- 8.00 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**  
President and Preacher: The Vicar  
10.00 am **Parish Eucharist (CW)**  
President and Preacher: The Vicar Minister: Daphne Pilcher  
10.00 am **Family Service at the Church Centre +Zoom**  
Lead: Wendy Anderson Link: Chirs Bassett  
10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café  
6.30 pm **Evensong (BCP)**  
Minister: The Vicar

## NEWS AND NOTES

### The Vicarage

Greetings to you all, and a warm welcome to our services today, the second Sunday before Lent.

A special welcome to Darla, who is being baptised at the 10.00 am service at the Parish Church, and to her family and friends.

As we approach the season of Lent, I pray that the Holy Spirit will prepare our hearts and renew our minds so that we may journey through Lent in humility, to his praise, and for his glory.

### Tunbridge Wells Half Marathon 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026


Please be aware that the Langton Green Road will be closed from 9.45 am to 11.30 am. If you are arriving by car you will need to arrive early.

### Daytime Lent Group

From Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February we will be starting a weekly daytime Lent Group. The group will meet at the Church Centre at 2 pm. It would be wonderful to see as many of you join us as are able as we journey through the Lenten season together. Sign-up sheets are available in both the Church and the Church Centre. Please see Tim Harrold for further details.

## P Church Parking P P

With a wonderfully growing congregation the pressure on the avenue for parking is ever increasing, particularly for our large services.

It is vital that emergency vehicles  should be able to reach the church with ease at all times. The PCC are therefore actively looking for two or three people who would be interested in managing the newly devised parking plans for these occasions. This is probably only four times a year plus large weddings and funerals and will carry remuneration each time. If you are interested please contact either Helen in the Church Office or Chris Dobson Applicants must be over 18.



The Altar flowers are given today by  
Jill and Clive McAllister in loving  
memory of friends and family.

## **PILGRIMAGE - SAVE THE DATE**

The date for our 2026 Pilgrimage will be **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July**, when we will be tackling the second half of The Martyr's Way. As with last year, a weekday will give us the opportunity to visit the greatest number of Churches. This is a 5-mile route starting from the Tyburn Convent where we will be given a guided tour of "The Shrine of the Martyrs" by one of the Benedictine nuns from the Convent. 10 Churches and chapels later, the pilgrimage will conclude in Holborn and after sharing in a meal of fellowship in a building designed by Sir Christopher Wren and from where he drew up the plans for a certain Cathedral, we will bring the day to a close with a service of Evensong from his greatest masterpiece. To register your interest, sign-up sheets will be available in the Church and Church Centre. For any further information please see Tim Harrold.

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