



The Parish of St. Martin & St. Paul Canterbury

Sunday 16th February 2025

Third Sunday before Lent

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Today

9.00am Said Eucharist at St Martin's

Celebrant & Address: Reverend Lorraine Lawrence

10.30am Sung Eucharist with Sunday Zone at St Paul's

Celebrant: Reverend David Stroud

Address: Rosemary Walters

Hymns: 584, 602, 621, 812

Organist: David Rees-Williams

5.00pm Choral Evensong and Supper at St Paul's

Theme: Wrestling with God

Guest Preacher: Reverend Steve Horne

Parish prayers: We pray for Sophie, Sophie, Joyce, Becky, Bardie, Michael, and Nicola. We remember the memorial anniversary of Phil Shaddock.

Parish contacts:

We are currently in a vacancy. Please contact the Wardens via the office.

Rector-Designate: Revd Dr Mary Kells (From April 2025)

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The Collect: Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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.**

First Lesson: Jeremiah 17. 5-10:

⁵ Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. ⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. ⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. ⁹ The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? ¹⁰ I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1:

¹. Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners : and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful. ². But his delight is in the law of the Lord : and in his law will he exercise himself day and night. ³. And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side : that will bring forth his fruit in due season. ⁴. His leaf also shall not wither : and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper. ⁵. As for the ungodly, it is not so with them : but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth. ⁶. Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement : neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous. ⁷. But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous : and the way of the ungodly shall perish. **(We stand for the Gloria): Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.**

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15. 12-20:

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are

of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Luke 6. 17-26:

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. ²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴ 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Post Communion Collect: Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

NOTICES

Evensong and Supper: This Sunday our theme is Wrestling with God, and our guest preacher is Reverend Doctor Steve Horne, Curate of Ashford Town. As always, this sung service is followed by supper. 5pm at St Paul's.

Choral Evensong: The Choir is singing at the Cathedral on Monday 17th February at 5.30pm. As usual, we'd be delighted to see some friendly faces in the congregation.

Living Lent 2025: During Lent we will be having discussion groups on:

- Tuesday mornings in the Precincts using *On The Third Day* by John Pritchard, please sign up and order your book.

- Wednesday mornings at 11.30 in St Pauls using *Prizing The Passion* by David Steven, sign up to order the book.
- Wednesday Evenings in the Parish Centre Meeting Room, 7.30pm hosted by GIF *Searched Me Out and Known Me* by Charlie Bell – speak to Samuel KW.
- Tuesday evenings 7pm Zoom using *Searched Me Out and Known Me* by Charles Bell, contact Rosemary to order your book and get a Zoom invitation.

Meet, Eat and Explore: *Concern or Celebration? Legalising Assisted Dying* with Dr Claire Butler. Tuesday Feb 25th in the Parish Centre. Meal 6pm, Speaker and Discussion 7.15 Please sign up for the meal on the lists in the churches.

Almshouse vacancy at Longport, Canterbury. The John and Ann Smith charity are seeking applicants now. Please contact Doreen Laven on 01227 760372 or Felicity Bolton on 01227 638428 for further details.

Nosh and Knowledge: 1st March 7.30pm in St Paul's Church It's a year since we held one, so start getting your tables organised and book with Sue Spillet.

World Day of Prayer: Celebrate the International Day of Prayer on Friday March 7th, 10-45 for an 11am service. The service has been prepared by the Christians of the Cook Islands and will be at St Peter's Methodist Church Canterbury.

Anthem: The choir will sing *Blest are the pure in heart*, by H Walford Davies.

DIARY

Monday 17th February:	5.30pm Choral Evensong at Canterbury Cathedral – with our parish choir.
Tuesday 18th:	8.00am Daily Eucharist at the Cathedral
Wednesday 19th:	10:30am Prayer Book Eucharist and Coffee at St Paul's
Thursday 20th:	12Noon Midday Prayers at St Martin's
Friday 21st:	7.30pm Choir practice at St Paul's
Sunday 23rd:	Second Sunday before Lent
	9:00am Said Eucharist at St Martin's
	10:30am Sung Eucharist with Sunday Zone at St Paul's
	5.00pm Service of Silence and Compline at St Martin's