

**Please remember in your prayers**

Pray for those who are not well at this time and pray for the souls of the recently departed, may they rest in peace.



**Somebody missing?**

Checking on 'missing persons' in church is everybody's responsibility. If you are aware of someone who is not attending church due to illness, please let one of the Pastoral Panel know. If we do not know, we cannot support.

Father Simon, Jill Spragg, Janet Pugh, Andrea Dawson, Mike Spragg.

**Memorial Service Today**

The Memorial Service gives us an opportunity to remember those we have loved and see no more.

Please join us today (Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February) 4pm. Everyone welcome.

**Ash Wednesday Sung Eucharist**

There will be a Parish Sung Eucharist on Ash Wednesday. This year it will be held at Holy Cross.

**7.30pm Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

**DCC Meeting**

The next meeting of the Bilbrook District Church Council is at 7.45pm (after the 7pm Eucharist) on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February**.

**Women's World Day of Prayer**

This year's service has been written by the women of Suriname. It is entitled:

**'All God's Creation is Very Good!'**

The service will be held at Holy Cross at 2pm on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Everyone welcome.

**Sunday 4th February 8am**

Sides, Reader, Offertory, Assist: Mike

**Sunday 4th February 10.45am**

**Welcomers:** Jean H, Victor

**Reader:** Andrea

**Prayers:** Carole

**Offertory:** Rita, Sheila, Malcolm

**Assist:** Janet, Malcolm

**Pebble Pool:** Victor

**Sunday 11th February**

**Welcomers:** Ruth, Malcolm

**Reader:** Kathryn

**Prayers:** Andrea

**Offertory:** Gill, Grace, June

**Assist:** Carole, Mike

**Pebble Pool:** Mike



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(10am-12noon Monday-Friday)



**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Second Sunday before Lent**

**8am Eucharist**

(Celebrant: Revd Simon Douglas)

**10.30am Sunday Club**

**10.45am Sung Eucharist**

(Celebrant: Revd Simon Douglas)

**Coffee/Tea will be served at the back of church after the 10.45am Eucharist.**

**Please stay and join us.**

**4pm Memorial Service**

**Hymns for Sung Eucharist**

Introit: **46** At the name of Jesus (Camberwell)

Gradual: **9** All creatures of our God and King

Offertory: **394** O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness (omit 2,3)

Communion: **273** Jesus, name above all names

**279** Jesus, stand among us

Recessional: **532** We have a Gospel to proclaim

**This Week**

Mon	5	2pm Bible Study Group
Tues	6	2pm Craft Group <b>7pm Eucharist</b> Deanery Synod (at St Bart's)
Wed	7	6.30pm Friendship Club
Thur	8	<b>9.30am Eucharist</b> LOCAL ELECTIONS (No Coffee Pop-In)
Fri	9	<b>12noon Eucharist</b>
Sat	10	10am Place of Welcome
Sun	11	10.30am Sunday Club <b>10.45am Sung Eucharist</b> <b>6.30pm St Valentines' Service</b> (St Michael's)

## ***Second Sunday before Lent***

### **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 forever.

### **FIRST READING Proverbs 8.1, 22–31 A reading from the book of Proverbs.**

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth – when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God**

### **SECOND READING Colossians 1.15–20 A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.**

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of

God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God**

### **GOSPEL John 1.1–14 Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.**

**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

### **POST COMMUNION**

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.