

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.



The Church of England

Holy Cross Church

Serving the Community of Bilbrook in the Parish of Tettenhall Regis

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(10am-12noon Monday-Friday)



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.

Sunday Club

There will not be a Sunday Club next week (Sunday 18th February).

LENT 2018

Ash Wednesday 14th February

- **School Assembly** at Bilbrook Middle at 1.15pm. All Welcome
- **Parish Sung Eucharist** at 7.30pm, at Holy Cross. All Welcome

(If you have a Palm Cross from last year, please bring it into church in order that it can be burnt for this year's Ash Wednesday ash)

Lent Groups

Carole will be leading a study group each Monday at 2pm. The first session is in church on Monday 19th February. (Details of other Lent groups to follow)

Bishop' Lent Appeal

This year's Lent Appeal is looking to support families in difficulty in this Diocese and internationally, whatever their shape or circumstance. (More information at the back of church)

DCC Meeting

The next meeting of the Bilbrook District Church Council is at 7.45pm (after the 7pm Eucharist) on **Tuesday 27th 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 2nd March. Everyone welcome.

Sunday 11th February

Next Sunday before Lent

10.30am Sunday Club

10.45am Sung Eucharist

(Celebrant: Revd Ruth Brooker)

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

Please stay and join us.

6.30pm St Valentines Service

(St Michael's Church)

Hymns for Sung Eucharist

Introit: **82** Christ whose glory fills the skies

Gradual: **203** He is exalted

Offertory: **53** Be still

Communion: **335** Meekness and Majesty

52 Be still and know

Recessional: **56** Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart

This Week

Mon	12	
Tues	13	2pm Craft Group 7pm Eucharist
Wed	14	Ash Wednesday 1.15pm Eucharist at Bilbrook Middle School 6.30pm Friendship Club 7.30pm Parish Sung Eucharist (at Holy Cross)
Thur	15	9.30am Eucharist 10am Coffee Pop-In
Fri	16	12noon Eucharist
Sat	17	10am Place of Welcome
Sun	18	8am Eucharist 10.45am Sung Eucharist

Next Sunday before Lent

COLLECT

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST READING 2 Kings 2.1–12

A reading from the second book of Kings.

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 4.3–6

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them

from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Mark 9.2–9

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

POST COMMUNION

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 11th February

Welcomers: Ruth, Malcolm

Reader: Kathryn

Prayers: Andrea

Offertory: Gill, Grace, June

Assist: Carole, Mike

Pebble Pool: Mike

Ash Wednesday 7.30pm

Welcomers: Jill, Sue

Reader: Rebecca

Prayers: Mark

Offertory: Jill, Mary, Victor

Assist: Janet, Rebecca

Sunday 18th February 8am

Sides, Reader, Offertory, Assist: Janet

Sunday 18th February 10.45am

Welcomers: Jean H, Gill

Reader: Mark

Prayers: Jo

Offertory: Grace, Rebecca, Malcolm

Assist: Carole, Malcolm

Pebble Pool: Mary