

PRAYER STATION - Please take time to visit the Prayer Station for Ukraine in the Lady Chapel. It will be there for the foreseeable future.

SERVICES IN THE NEXT WEEK

Wednesday 9th March
10am SAID EUCHARIST

Next Sunday 13th March 2nd Sunday of Lent
8.45am SAID EUCHARIST (and Audio Service)
10am SUNG EUCHARIST
7pm COMPLINE (on Zoom)

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 8th March

7.30pm Lectio Divina (on Zoom)

Please email Hil on hilsavage@gmail.com if you wish to participate.

Thursday 10th March

2 pm MOTHERS' UNION Afternoon Delights

Saturday 2nd April

10am-12pm Lenten Appeal: Coffee & Cake and Bring & Buy

See flyers and posters around church for details.

Please leave the hymnbook on your seat. Take this leaflet home with you and return the service booklet to the Attendants.

Thank you.

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SUNDAY 6th March 2022
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

4.30pm Celtic Eucharist

Welcome to St Cross for our evening eucharist.

Please remember

'Hands - Face - Space' at ALL times.

A reading from the Book of Jonah:

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: 'By the decree of the king and his nobles:

No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.' When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Jonah 3

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke:

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

Luke 18.9-14

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

The Collect for the Day

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save;
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.**

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NOTICES

LEARNING TO LIVE WITH COVID - *As yet no guidance has been issued by the CofE since January 25th. We await further detail but as domestic restrictions have been removed and replaced by 'guidance' I would like to know how you feel we should move forward, if at all.*

What are your opinions on matters like:

Face Coverings, Spaced Seating with marked places - keep everywhere or only in a designated area like the North Aisle, Manner of Communion Distribution, the early 8.45am service returning to the Chancel, use of sanitiser.

You can tell / email Grahame, myself, or any PCC member as I plan to discuss this at PCC on March 23rd.

Rev'd Paul.