

## Notices

### Newsletter copy deadline

It's Newsletter time again. The copy deadline for the next issue, which covers March and April and therefore most of Lent and also Holy Week and Easter is **today Sunday, 18 February**. Please let David have all copy by this evening.

### Evening service at St Michael's on Sunday 25 February

There will be a shared evening service at St Michael's conducted by their Locum Minister Martin Pearce on the last Sunday of this month, 25 February. The service, which will not include Holy Communion, will begin at 6.30pm.

### Lent study sessions

These will take place in church after Celebrating Communion on the following Sundays, beginning today.

18 February, 4 March, 11 March, 18 March

They will take the form of discussions based on Bible passages and sections of *God's Green Book* which we have not previously used.

### Ladies' Tea Party 2018

The date has now been set for this and it is Saturday 26th May, 3pm – 5pm. Please keep this date free in your diaries and invite your family and friends too. There will be more information nearer the time.

### The St Cuthbert's Lecture

Tuesday 6th March 2018, 7pm at St Cuthbert's, Colinton. A chance to hear Prof. Paul Foster, Head of the School of Divinity at the University of Edinburgh, speaking about The Apocryphal Gospels. Refreshments will be served after the lecture.

## The First Sunday of Lent Sunday 18 February 2018

*Preacher: David Warnes*  
*President: David Warnes*



*Living out faith in our community  
through prayer, reflection and action*

### Old Testament Reading: Genesis 9: 8-17

*Read by: Roderick MacKenzie*

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

### The Epistle: 1 Peter 3:18-22

*Read by: Roderick MacKenzie*

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you - not as a removal

of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

### **The Gospel:**

*Read by: Stuart Robertson*

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

### **The Collect**

Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **Sunday 25 February 2018 Second Sunday of Lent**

### **10.30am Celebrating Communion**

President: Nicki McNelly

Preacher: Nicki McNelly

Readings: Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16

Romans 4.13-25

Mark 8.31-3

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