

THE PARISH OF JARROW AND SIMONSDIE

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Our Parish of Jarrow and Simonside aims to share our faith, hope and love in God with all, through our worship, witness and service.

8 MARCH 2020 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Welcome to all to our Worship today. Welcome also to the Ven. Bob Cooper, who will be presiding at St. Simon's and St. Paul's today. Children are most welcome at all our services. There are colouring sheets, books and toys available for younger worshippers

TODAY – 4.00pm. – Stations of the Cross – St. John's

Our prayers are asked:

For Paul our Bishop, Bishop Sarah;

For all suffering as a result of natural disasters, terrorism or warfare;

For the healing of divisions in our national life, for the Prime Minister and the Cabinet;

For the sick, the troubled, the anxious, and for all who mourn.

9 o'clock Coffee Stop - 9.00am – Thursdays in term-time at St. John's. All are welcome to drop in for coffee and chat. Bring friends with you. Children's play area provided.

NB. Helpers needed. More helpers are needed on Thursday mornings for a couple of hours in term time. The more volunteers we have, the easier the work load. Anyone willing to volunteer, please contact Carol Cowen on 07875204451.

Congratulations to Finley Thomas William Hudson, Maisie Louise Hudson, Gracie-Mai Merrigan and Freya Marie Harvey, who were admitted to Communion last Sunday. What a wonderful day!

Dates for your Diary

17 March – Possible date for Interviews for New Rector.

17 March – 6.30pm. Meeting for St. Peter's 50th Anniversary.

28 March – 2pm.- 4pm. Afternoon Tea, St. John's. Tickets £5.

Sunday 5 April – Palm Sunday – All Age Worship at St. Peter's. Anniversary of Laying of Foundation Stone at St. Peter's.

14 April – 7pm. PCC meets at St. Peter's.

19 April – 6.00pm. – Songs of Praise, celebrated by Revd. Keith Lumsden – St. Peter's

Electoral Roll. A revised Electoral Roll is being displayed on your Church's Notice Board for the next few weeks. Please could everyone check their details relating to yourselves and let Susan Short know if there are any amendments. *Thank you.*

Parish Office: Office hours are Monday to Thursday, 10am to 12.30pm., and Thursday 6.30pm.- 7.30pm., when Application forms for marriage or baptism can be obtained, telephone 0191 489 1925, email jarrowparish@yahoo.co.uk; or for further information for Jarrow and Simonside see the parish website www.jarrowparish.info

COLLECT

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, make us holy. May this eucharist
take away our sins that we may be
prepared to celebrate the resurrection.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
 which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts
 which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

READING: Genesis 12: 1-4a

The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Psalm 121

R: My help comes from the Lord, [the maker of heaven and earth].

READING: Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') – Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

GOSPEL: John 3: 1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

The Society of St Francis are holding a Quiet Day on Saturday 14th March at St. Peter's. There will be a Eucharist at 12 Noon, to which all are invited.

South Tyneside Prison Matters is supported by local churches and offers personal and practical support to ex-offenders. A part-time worker is to be appointed, initially for 6 months, but it is hoped the post will continue. Closing date for applications is 23rd March. For more information please contact southtynesideprisonmatters@yahoo.com

Churches Together Food Bank. Please remember when you come to Church to bring an item for the Food Bank. Donations can be taken to the Food Bank at Action Station on Boldon Lane, South Shields, weekdays 10am. - 4pm. For more information please contact Jo Benham Brown (Churches Together Poverty Alleviation development worker) on 07841 143482.

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 9 March 2020: *Feria in Lent*

Intention: Our PCC members

2.00pm. Parish Prayer Group (6 Clennel Ave., Hebburn)

Tuesday 10 March 2020: *Feria in Lent*

Intention: South Tyneside Council and Staff

10.00am. Holy Eucharist, (St. Peter's)

2.00pm. Knit, Natter and Play (St. John's)

Wednesday 11 March 2020: *Feria in Lent*

Intention: Evangelists and Missionaries

10.00am. Holy Eucharist (St. Simon's)

10.30am. Community Coffee Morning (St. Peter's)

12 Noon Holy Communion (BCP) (St. Paul's)

Thursday 12 March 2020: *Feria in Lent*

Intention: Military Chaplains

9.00am. 9 o'clock Coffee Stop (St. John's)

10.00am. Holy Eucharist (St. John's)

Friday 13 March 2020: *Feria in Lent*

Intention: The Church in Northumbria

Saturday 14 March 2020: *Feria in Lent*

Intention: HM Coastguard

NEXT SUNDAY 15 MARCH 2020: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Intention: Our Parish, Church Growth, Creation

9.00am. Service of the Word (St. John's)

9.15am. Parish Eucharist (St. Simon's)

11.00am. Service of the Word (St. Peter's)

11.00am. Parish Eucharist (St. Paul's)

4.00pm. Stations of the Cross (St. John's)

Next Sunday's Readings:

Exodus 17: 1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5: 1-11; John 4: 5-42

Churchwardens: **Rita Blakey, Carol Cowen, Gordon Scott, Evelyn Rutherford.**

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