

THIS SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY

The First Sunday of Lent

Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Hymn Numbers: 121, 116, 506, 128

8AM HOLY COMMUNION

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

10AM HOLY COMMUNION

ST CHRISTOPHER'S & LIVESTREAM

Readings: Peter Hughes

Intercessions: Stephen Vaughan

6PM EVENSONG

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Jeremiah 18:1-11; Luke 18:9-14

Readings: Hamish & Linda Donaldson

NEXT SUNDAY 1 MARCH

The Second Sunday of Lent (The Gift of Salvation)

Ephesians 2:1-9; John 6:35-40

Hymn Numbers: 595, 587, 732, 678

8AM HOLY COMMUNION

ST CHRISTOPHER'S

10AM HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY MORNING FAMILIES

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S & LIVESTREAM

Readings: Elizabeth Harvey

Intercessions: Debbie Peet

WEEK COMMENCING 22 FEB

9am Morning Prayer:

Monday | St Bartholomew's

Wednesday | All Saints

Thursday Communion | St Bartholomew's

Coffee & Hearing Clinic | St Bartholomew's



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PARISH INFORMATION

St Bartholomew's Church is open from 9am to 5pm, Monday - Saturday

St Christopher's Church is open from 10am to 4pm, Tuesday - Friday

Livestreamed services: Link to view and orders of service on the website. [Church at Home](#)

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(open: 9am-3pm Mon/Tues/Thurs, 1-3pm Fri*)

*Office hours are subject to change, visit www.haslemereparish.org/getintouch for up to date hours

Pastoral Visitors for February: Rita Bicknell, Claire Gratton and Jan Wickens

To request a visit or for any Pastoral matter please contact Rev Chris, Rev Justin or the Parish Office

Further information:

Please continue to check the website for updated information; www.haslemereparish.org

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Accessibility:

Both churches have hearing loops. Please switch hearing aids to T-coil.

Both churches have step free access and a wheelchair is available on request.

Large print service orders and hymn books are available—ask a sides person.



Collect

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled
with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow
in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Romans 5:12-19;

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— ¹³ sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷ If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹ For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Matthew 4:1-11

4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' ⁴ But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."'

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'

⁷ Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; ⁹ and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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.

PARISH PRAYERS FOR W/C SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

A Thought for Sunday: Matthew 4:1-11

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me" Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Jesus deals with the whispering voice of the devil by using scripture one temptation at a time. Our job during lent and beyond is to be wary of our own whispering voices, to understand the agenda of our ego and put it to one side, to find the image of God in which we are made, the personalities and characters that God wishes us to be and be them as fully as we possibly can, knowing that in the end we will not have to fight the battle with the devil, because Jesus has done it for us. Those whispering voices are indeed just that, whispering and temporary but the permanent voice of certainty and truth lies at our inner most core.

For our Local Ministry Work and Schools

- O Lord, as we enter this Lenten season, help us to not be distracted by our whispering voices. Help us to discern the image of God in which we are made and fully live by that image and not one which our egos might like to project.
- We pray that the Christian messages of hope and love shine through to all peoples as we begin the journey to the cross and resurrection. May the glory of your sacrifice be renewed in us and find new ears both in this country and around the world.
- As we witness spring and new life, we pray that all the peace initiatives around the world start to bear fruit leading to peaceful resolutions around the globe
- We pray for the Link Community Hub project, which will be opening this year Especially we pray for the team who work so hard to bring this new ministry to life.
- We pray for all schools but particularly St Bartholomew's School, as they await OFSTED inspection.

Those unwell or in need of prayer: Mavis Edge

Rest In Peace: Joyce Polley and Christopher Scholfield

Upcoming Life Events:

Thursday 26th February	Guildford Crematorium	12pm	Funeral of Joyce Polley
Thursday 5th March	St Bartholomew's	12pm	Funeral of Christopher Scholfield
Sunday 8th March	St Bartholomew's	12pm	Baptism of Phoebe Dell
Sunday 15th March	St Bartholomew's	12.30pm	Baptism of Alexandra Plenty
Sunday 22nd March	St Bartholomew's	12.30pm	Baptism of Heidi Inkeri
Sunday 29th March	St Bartholomew's	12.30pm	Baptism of Alfred Roseman

PARISH NOTICES

Day of Prayer for Bishop Andrew— Monday 23rd February, 12noon –10pm, Guildford Cathedral.

The sudden news of Bishop Andrew's inoperable cancer has shocked and saddened us all. In his letter to the Diocese last week, Bishop Andrew's request of us was for prayer. As a Bishop's Leadership Team, we have organised a Day of Prayer for Bishop Andrew. All are welcome and encouraged to join us at any stage during the day for as long as you are able to stay. There will be opportunity for silent prayer, to pray with others, or to light a candle. Teams from each deanery will be present throughout the day to welcome people and to pray with them. At 5.30pm, there will be the usual Choral Evensong, at which we will pray in particular for Bishop Andrew. We hope that as many as possible will join us for this act of worship so that we can pray together as a diocesan family.

Solo's Lunch club— Sunday 1st March, 12.30pm, The Coppa Club. If anyone wishes to come along, please contact Vera Ruane. (07940) 812767. vera@ruane.plus.com

Lent Course— The Gifts of Christ, starting Tuesday 24th February, 7pm at St Bartholomew's

The Season of Lent begins from Ash Wednesday on the 18th of February. Over the course of five weeks, Chris and Justin will be leading a series of spiritual services where we shall gather to reflect upon the Gifts that Christ has given to us. For more information visit www.haslemereparish.org/lent or speak to Rev Chris or Rev Justin.

Lent Reflections. This Lent, Bishop Andrew and his senior team have filmed a series of reflections which focus on Luke's description of Jesus' 40 days and 40 nights in the wilderness. Beginning the series is Bishop Andrew who draws too on his own testing month in which he and his wife Beverly have found themselves 'being led by the Spirit into the wilderness'. You can reach the video from our own parish website under the Worship menu, looking for Lent Reflections, or on the weblink: www.haslemereparish.org/reflections

Bereavement Café— Monday 23rd February 10am-12, Haslemere Methodist Church

This season can be a difficult time for those who have experienced loss. The Haslemere Bereavement Cafe is a safe space to share your struggles with others on a similar journey. Everyone welcome no matter how recent or distant your loss.

World Day of Prayer - Friday 6th March, 10.30am at Haslemere Methodist Church.

This service is prepared by Christian women of Nigeria. A wonderful opportunity to worship with members of the other churches in our area. Any queries, please contact Dorothea - 01428 653216

Holy Week and Easter Services 2026. We invite you to join us over the Easter season, across the various services. All of our services for Holy Week and Easter are as below. Many of these services will be live-streamed. For more details of our Easter services [visit www.haslemereparish.org/Easter](http://www.haslemereparish.org/Easter)

Passover Supper, Thursday 2nd April 7:30pm St Christopher's

Please join us as we celebrate and share a meal together. This will be a re-enactment of the Last Supper as a Passover meal, much as Jesus would have celebrated it. As well as being meaningful, this is a very social event much to be enjoyed and invite others to. You can sign up on the Parish Website (haslemereparish.org/passover) or contact the Parish Office. (There is a suggested donation of £7.50). This is a popular event, so early booking is recommended.

Easter Lilies and window displays- It is traditional at Easter to decorate the churches. If anybody would like to make donations toward the lilies at St Bartholomew's or the window displays in St Christopher's, possibly in memory of a loved one then please contact the Parish Office.

Pop-In Coffee Morning and Hearing Champions— next clinic 26th February in St Bartholomew's Church— please bring your own mug!