

# Sunday

in the Parish of Honley with Brockholes

26 February 2017 | Quinquagesima



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

Diocese of Leeds

**Welcome** If you are a newcomer or visitor, we welcome you and want you to feel at home. Please introduce yourself and join us for refreshments after the 9.30 and 11 a.m. services.

GEORGE Herbert is one of the great saints of the Church of England. He had been the Member of Parliament for Montgomery, but on the death of James I resolved to take holy orders. He was made deacon in 1626, and ordained priest four years later when he received the living of Bemerton, near Salisbury, where he became known as 'Holy Mr Herbert'. Holiness may sound dull, but God is holy, and in Jesus Christ he gives us life in all its abundance, and Herbert's poetry expresses the simple joy of the Christian life.

We sing some of Herbert's poems as hymns, among them *Let all the world in every corner sing* and *King of glory, king of peace*. As we approach Lent, we may make the words of the last stanza of *King of glory* our own: 'Seven whole days, not one in seven, / I will praise thee.' Christian discipleship involves daily Bible reading and prayer, and if we have let things slip, Lent is a good time to return to a disciplined routine. Please try to be in church at some point on Wednesday, as we begin Lent together.

The Collect of the First Day of Lent in the *Prayer Book* is appointed to be read every day during Lent. You may find it helpful to use it in your own prayers:

**Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Today's Worship

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (1662) – St Mary's  
9.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION – St Mary's  
11.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION – St George's  
6.00 p.m. Evening Service – St George's  
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (1662) – St Mary's

## Readings at 9.30 and 11 a.m.

Ephesians 3.14-end (p. 1174)  
Luke 9.18-27 (p. 1039)

## Hymns at 9.30 a.m.

9, 438, 485, 358, 505

## Hymns at 11.00 a.m.

238, 438, 485, 678

## The Collect of Quinquagesima

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness  
and your glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## DIARY

### Monday 27th February

*George Herbert, Priest, Poët, 1633*

### Tuesday 28th February

#### Wednesday 1st March

*The First Day of Lent*

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer (1662) – St Mary's  
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion – St Mary's  
5.00 p.m. PRAYER GATHERING – Parish Rooms  
7.30 p.m. Deanery Eucharist – All Hallows, Almondbury

#### Thursday 2nd March

*Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672*

9.00 a.m. Let's Play – Parish Rooms  
12 noon Bible Study – Parish Rooms

#### Friday 3rd March

11.00 a.m. Women's World Day of Prayer – St Mary's

### Saturday 4th March

#### Sunday 5th March

*The First Sunday of Lent*

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (1662) – St Mary's  
9.30 a.m. ALL AGE MORNING PRAYER – St Mary's  
11.00 a.m. ALL AGE HOLY COMMUNION – St George's  
6.30 p.m. Lent Course – Parish Rooms

## PRAYERS

1. Among the sick and the housebound, we pray for <deleted from on-line edition>
2. Our Parish Growth Prayer – please use this in your daily prayers:

Father, you have called us to be disciples of your Son in Honley and Brockholes. May your word be spoken and heard in our parish, and accepted by many with lasting joy. Give us the gift of growth: growth in discipleship, and growth in the number of disciples, to the praise of your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## NOTICES

1. Two dates for your diaries! Jenny Lockwood is organising a Picnic Concert at St Mary's. It will be in the evening of Saturday 6th May. And there will be a Lent Lunch on Thursday 30th March at 12 noon in St Mary's. Tickets (£5) must be bought in advance from Gillian Greaves.
2. The Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place in St Mary's on Saturday 22nd April at 10.00 a.m.
3. The next Deanery Synod meeting on Monday 6th March (7.00 p.m.) at St Michael's Emley, is a joint Deanery meeting with Huddersfield and Kirkburton, as well as Almondbury, and is an open meeting to which all members of the congregation are welcome. The speaker is our diocesan bishop, Nick Baines, who will be talking about the diocese and the diocesan vision.
4. This year, the Women's World Day of Prayer has as its theme, 'Am I Being Unfair to You?'. It has been prepared by the Christian women of the Philippines. St Mary's has the honour of hosting this event on Friday at 11 a.m. This thought-provoking service is open to all: women, men, and children. It would be good if as many as possible could share in this service to demonstrate our support and Christian solidarity with the women of the Philippines. Refreshments will be available after the service.
5. As a Lent Course this year, I propose an introduction to the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer* as a book which helps us to pray and to think about God. It will be suitable for people who know nothing at all about the *Prayer Book* (as well as those who are familiar with it), and I promise it will not be boring. We shall meet at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday evenings in Lent. Everyone is welcome!