

Sunday

in the Parish of Honley with Brockholes

12 March 2017 | The Second Sunday of Lent



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.

ON Monday, those of us who were at Deanery Synod heard Nick Baines, our diocesan bishop, tell us a bit about the Diocese of Leeds's strapline: 'Loving, Living, Learning'. I trust we work hard at all three, but learning is proving to be a particular emphasis this Lent: through our parish's learning partnership as part of *Water of Life*, at our Lent course on Sunday evenings, in our personal Bible reading, and, not least, at the superb *Water of Life* day conference which took place on Thursday at the University of Huddersfield.

Bishop Jonathan Gibbs opened the day with a robustly Trinitarian outline for a theological framework. His first point was that 'God exists as a community of love between three inter-dependent persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.' It is into the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit that Tommy Rochford-Howell is baptized this morning at St Mary's. A baptism service reminds us of God's call on all of our lives: a call to know, love, and follow Jesus Christ in the life of faith.

Such faith is not a mere crutch – we believe it is true in the deepest sense – but it can help us when things are tough. It is a sobering thought that none of us knows when something terrible might happen. Indeed, no one who heard Mary Dhonau speak on Thursday about the pain of having her house flooded could have failed to be moved by what she said. As Christians, we look to the future with neither despair nor complacency, but with sure and certain hope. God in Jesus Christ has plumbed the depths of human despair, and he alone is able to help us in our time of deepest need. The abstinence of Lent is one way of helping us to remember that.

Today's Worship

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (1662) – St Mary's
9.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION AND INFANT BAPTISM with Sunday Club – St Mary's
11.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION – St George's
6.30 p.m. Lent Course – Parish Rooms

Readings at 9.30 and 11 a.m.

Ephesians 4.1-16 (p. 1175)
Matthew 16.13-18 (p. 983)

Hymns at 11.00 a.m.

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The Collect of Lent 2

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. **Amen.**

DIARY

Monday 13th March

Tuesday 14th March

Wednesday 15th March	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

Thursday 16th March	9.00 a.m.	Let's Play – Parish Rooms
	12 noon	Bible Study – Parish Rooms
	1.30 p.m.	Funeral (Darren Moorhouse) – St Mary's

Friday 17th March

Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, c. 460

Saturday 18th March

Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher of the Faith, 386

Sunday 19th March <i>The Third Sunday of Lent</i>	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (1662) – St Mary's
	9.30 a.m.	HOLY COMMUNION with Sunday Club – St Mary's
	11.00 a.m.	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 concert with a bring-your-own picnic (Glyndebourne-style) 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, for which 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. As a Lent Course this year we are looking at 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! Tonight: Morning and Evening Prayer.
4. An opportunity to serve! We need two people to serve on the coffee rota for Sunday mornings at St Mary's. If you're able to help, please speak to Jane Wardman.