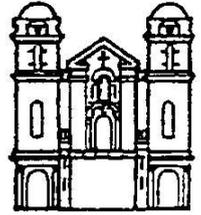


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## 19 FEBRUARY 2017 – 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

*If you wear a hearing-aid, please switch to T to benefit from the inductive loop*  
**Large-print hymn books are available from sidesmen**

*The high altar may be approached via the side steps, which have handrails*  
*Please inform a Churchwarden if you wish to receive a gluten free wafer*  
*or receive Communion in your seat.*

### Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever.

**08.30**

### Holy Communion

Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)  
Celebrant: The Very Reverend Dr Derek Hole  
Assisted by: Rosemary Freer  
Churchwarden: Julia Walker

**10.30**

### Sung Eucharist

Common Worship, Order 1  
**see service sheet and music card**  
Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Peter Mackenzie  
Assisted by: Vicky Roe and David Kibert  
Churchwardens: Phil Jones and Simon Edwards  
Sidesmen: Cherry Fulloway, Jan Vaughan and Jean Warren  
Servers: Ian Stapleton, Angela Finn and John Finn  
Setting: Viadana (Gloria: Darke in F)

**HYMN 106** (T.332) **Lord of beauty, thine the splendour**  
 READING Genesis 1. 1 – 2. 3 *read by Vicky Roe*  
**HYMN 468** (T.263ii) **God who spoke in the beginning**  
 GOSPEL Matthew 6. 25-end  
 SERMON The Reverend Canon Peter Mackenzie  
 INTERCESSIONS Vicky Roe  
**HYMN** (separate sheet) **There's a wideness in God's mercy**  
 ANTHEM For the beauty of the earth *Rutter*  
**COMMUNION HYMN 259** **My God, and is thy table spread**  
**HYMN 336** **All my hope on God is founded**  
 ORGAN VOLUNTARY – *please be aware of those remaining to listen*

*Everyone is invited to the Hall for refreshments after the service*

**18.30**

## **Choral Evensong**

*see service card and music sheet*

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Phillip Norwood

Churchwardens: April Rule and Julia Walker

Sidesmen: Owen Shepherd and Chris & Jan Geere

Servers: Rod Eynon-Baldock, Sara King and Hilary Rees

**HYMN 9** (omit vs 4&5) **At even, ere the sun was set**  
**CONFESSION** *see buff service card*  
 RESPONSES Sung by the Choir *Sanders*  
**PSALM 37 vs 1-11** *see green music sheet*  
 FIRST LESSON Proverbs 8. 1, 22-31 *read by Rhaana Starling*  
**MAGNIFICAT** *see green music sheet*  
 SECOND LESSON Luke 12. 16-31 *read by Mike Bull*  
 NUNC DIMITTIS Sung by the Choir *Wood in D*  
**THE CREED** *see buff service card, p 3*  
**RESPONSES**  
 ANTHEM Cantique de Jean Racine *Fauré*  
 PRAYERS Tony Bentley  
**HYMN 109** **When all thy mercies, O my God**  
 SERMON The Reverend Canon Phillip Norwood  
**HYMN 365** (T.262) **God is love: let heav'n adore him**  
 BLESSING  
 DISMISSAL *Plainsong* The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**  
 Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**  
 ORGAN VOLUNTARY – *please be aware of those remaining to listen*

## **Our Prayers are asked for:**

**All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week**

Arthur Higginson : Charles Wicksteed : George Daley

### **Unwell**

John Ball (after emergency surgery)

### **Recovering**

Mollie Drake : Pat Ireson

### **Rest in Peace**

Reverend Canon Henry Evans (88)

*The chancel steps flowers this week have been kindly given by Rosemary Freer.*

## **The Rest of the Week**

### **Thursday**

10.15 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order I (traditional)

Celebrant: The Reverend Jane Sharp

Assisted by: Vicky Roe

10.45 Coffee Drop-In in the Hall (access from the Church via the lift)

17.00 41st Leicester Scouts (boys *and* girls) meet in the Undercroft

19.30 St James Singers Choir Practice

### **Friday**

18.00 Choir Practice

### **Saturday**

11.00 Stop-by in the Undercroft

## **Sunday Next – Sunday before Lent**

08.30 **Holy Communion** Celebrant: The Reverend Jane Sharp

10.30 Sunday Club meets in the Large Hall, starting off in Church

10.30 **Sung Eucharist** Celebrant: Very Rev'd Dr Derek Hole

Preacher: Very Rev'd Dr Derek Hole

Readings: Exodus 24. 12-end & Matthew 17. 1-9

18.30 **Evensong** Officiant: Canon Peter Mackenzie

Preacher: David Brunning

**PETITION** Some of those who live in the Parish have become very concerned by the deterioration of the neighbourhood and the exploitation of those in rented accommodation by unscrupulous, absentee landlords. At the suggestion of the local Councillor, we are gathering signatures on a petition to ask the City Council to increase its regulation of landlords, as other Councils have done, to improve the situation for those in rented accommodation. ***If you feel able to support this endeavour, please sign the petition at the back of church today.***

**DAVID CLARK WRITES:** Over 420 people came to Fr Henry Evans' Funeral. We had lost a very dear and holy man, whose friendship touched many of us deeply. I wonder if the younger members of the choir realised how poignant the service was, and how appropriate were the words of the hymns and anthems? Of course they have only known him as a frail old man with a quavery voice and Welsh accent, supported by a tricycle walker. But they sang like angels.

Derek spoke brilliantly and for all of us. Angela read 'You can shed tears' with such sense of the meaning. The congregation sang powerfully. The organ swelled.

And the choral music! It carried such passion and power in Matt's hands that I was profoundly moved: Byrd's *Agnus Dei* with its clean lines touched me, especially at the end with 'dona nobis pacem' – grant us peace. I knew that Henry had found perfect peace, and that I had found peace in letting him go.

The John Ireland anthem had many texts of power, but perhaps the greatest was 'That ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath call'd you out of darkness into his marvellous light.' And of course Henry did that – all his life. The other text was 'I beseech you, brethren, . . . that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.' Marvellous music, words beautifully set. And I realised that Henry had done that all his long life, working long hard hours in the service of his congregations, reconciling, listening, convincing people that they were loved by God, and that their sins were forgiven. He did this for me too!

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** This year's services, prepared by the women of the Philippines, will take place on Friday 3rd March in St. Thomas More at 2pm and the Friends Meeting House at 7.30pm. ***If you are willing to participate as a reader at one of the services, please speak to Vicky Roe.***

**CHOIR TOUR** This summer the Choirs are touring Abbeys in the West of England including Tewksbury, Bath and Sherborne. A full itinerary is available from the Church Office and please join us for some of our engagements! The cost has been kept as low as possible but £350 is beyond the means of some of our choristers. We would like to be able to offer bursaries so everyone who wishes to go can. ***If you are able to make a donation of any amount to assist, please place in a gift aid envelope marked CHOIR TOUR.*** Thank you for your help.

**GIVING TO ST JAMES THE GREATER** YOUR GIFT is a vital contribution to the costs of ministry and maintenance of this fabulous place of worship. ***Please be as generous as your means allow.*** If you are a UK tax payer please use Gift Aid envelopes available in front of each seat. Gift Aid increases the value of your gift by 25%. ***Further information on Giving to St James and the Parish Giving Scheme is available at the back of the Church. Please ask a Church Warden or call the Church Office for further information.***