

ANNUAL MEETING of PARISHIONERS: SUNDAY 12th March
Noon, St Leonard's

VOTING TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY

Voting closes just before commencement of the Annual Meeting.

ELECTORAL ROLL closed 19 Feb. Parishioners can, however, enrol at any time for future meetings. The Roll is available to check your registration.

NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH COUNCIL (1 year term):

Bev Dixon, Jane James, Sally Prickett. **WE ARE ONE SHORT OF NEEDED**

FOUR parish councillors are to be elected.

Each must receive the support of at least 50% of voters.

PRIEST'S APPOINTMENTS TO PC: Victoria Castiglione and Marion Jamison

WARDENS: Harold Luxton and Tom Sheard continuing in 3rd of 3 year terms

Priest's Appointment of Warden: Judy Ross continuing in 3rd year of 2nd 3 year term

SYNOD REPS.: Victoria Castiglione, Alison Kenworthy continuing in 3rd of 3 year terms

Parish Council agree on alternate Synod Reps from among Parish Councillors.

Lent Study The Imaginary Doorway Study Groups: Denmark,
Rectory Thursdays 7pm ; Walpole, St George's - Fridays 2pm

Parish Diary: TONIGHT: Taize Evening Prayer, St George's 5pm

Mar 5 AMP Voting (and Mar 12)

Mar 12 Annual Meeting parishioners, noon St Leonard's

REGULAR SERVICES & GATHERINGS

Communion/Morning Prayer: St Leonard's **Sun 9.30am**; St George's **10am**

Weekday Eucharist: St Leonard's 1st Thursday of the month, 2pm

Taize Evening Prayer: St George's first Sunday each month, 5pm (*not 1st January*)

Twilight Meditations: St Leonard's, taking a break for 1st half 2023

Evening Prayer: St Leonard's last Sunday each month, 7pm (except 23rd Oct)

Choir Practice: St Leonard's Saturday 10.30-11, then coffee. *All welcome*

DIRECT GIVING: BSB: 706-001 ACCT: 3000 4673 *Online only*
quote 'Offertory' in description, or **HEF** for ramp fundraising
Cheques make out to Anglican Parish Denmark Walpole
& mail to PO Box 277 Denmark WA 6333

5th March 2023

Second Sunday in Lent
Year A



God of mercy,
you are full of tenderness and compassion,
slow to anger, rich in mercy,
and always ready to forgive:
grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ,
that in every way we may prove to be your loving children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**
APBA

Holy God, whose wild Spirit's breath
defies our frozen idols:
take the night time of our fear
and make it a welcoming womb
for us and all the world;
through Jesus Christ, in whom we are born anew. **Amen**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church, Stephen Shakespeare, 2008

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Parish Priest:

Revd Sally Buckley tssf

Assisting Clergy:

Revd Kevin Callegari

Licensed Lay Ministers:

Harold Luxton, Alison Kershaw, Sally Prickett, Jan Pattinson

Jane James, Tom Sheard

Wardens:

Judy Ross, Harold Luxton, Tom Sheard

*We endeavour to be an expression of God's love
in the community*

Genesis 12.1-4a

Now 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. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Psalms 121

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills:
but where shall I find help?
- ² My help comes from the Lord:
who has made heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not suffer your foot to stumble:
and he who watches over you will not sleep.
- ⁴ Be sure he who has charge of Israel:
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- ⁵ The Lord himself is your keeper:
the Lord is your defence upon your right hand;
- ⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day:
nor shall the moon by night.
- ⁷ The Lord will defend you from all evil:
it is he who will guard your life.
- ⁸ The Lord will defend your going out and your coming in:
from this time forward for evermore.

Romans 4.1-5, 4.13-17

What then 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')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

John 3.1-17

Now 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.

Next week: Exodus 17.1-7, Ps 95, Romans 5.1-11, John 4.5-42 NRSV