

A Reading from Genesis *Genesis 1.1 - 2.3*

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights - the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night - and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude.

And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Psalm 136: For His mercy endures forever.**A Reading from Romans** *Romans 8.18-25*

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Hear the gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew *Matthew 6.25-34*

Jesus taught his disciples, saying: 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you— you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'

Post Communion Prayer God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your church may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's Cross and enjoy the delights of eternity: we ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

HYMN NUMBERS:

498 - Let us with a gladsome mind.

250 - All creatures of our God and King.

474 - Immortal, invisible, God only wise.

390 - Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine.

453 - Great is thy faithfulness.

**NO MORE JAM JARS FOR THE TIME
BEING PLEASE!**

LENTEN PROGRAM

17th February – SHROVE TUESDAY– Pancakes in the Rectory from 12.30

18th February – ASH WEDNESDAY – services with ashing
10.00am Said Eucharist in the chapel
7.00pm Sung Eucharist in the church

EVERY FRIDAY from 20th February – Stations of the Cross at St. Anne's

LENTEN LUNCHES.....Fridays from 1.00pm
20th February - tba
27th February - tba
6th March – Maureen Warwick, 21 Foxwarren Close
13th March - tba
20th March - tba
27th March – tba

**LIST AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH
FOR OFFERS**

LENT COURSE BASED ON THE BOOK, "LENT WISE". Books available from Myra for £8 – please place your order with Myra.

Dates:

Thursday 26th February 10.45 for refreshments
11.00am start

From then onward – **Wednesdays 10.45 for 11.00am**

HOLY WEEK DETAILS LATER

REGULAR EVENTS:

BIBLE STUDY:

MONDAYS – 2.00pm at St. Anne's church

QUIET PRAYER "PEACE ADVENTURE":

SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, at Wind Demons,
West Brack Drive from 2pm-4pm
& 7pm to 8pm

HEAR HERE CLINIC: 11-12noon

**FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
ALL UNLESS OTHERWISE UPDATED**

Services this Week

All services at St. Anne's unless otherwise stated

TUESDAY CANCELLED

WEDNESDAY 10.00am Said Eucharist

Midweek services are held in the side chapel

Services Next Sunday

(Last Sunday in the month 8.00am BCP)

15th February 2026 - Sunday Next before Lent

8.00am Said Eucharist St. Anne's

9.00am Sung Eucharist Earnley

10.15am Sung Eucharist St. Anne's

Readings: Exodus 24:12-18

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

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We welcome all visitors to our churches.

All communicant members of Christ's church are warmly invited to receive the Sacraments. If you do not receive the sacraments then please come forward for God's Blessing.
(All services are at St. Anne's unless indicated)

8th February 2026

2nd Sunday before Lent

Before the service and after the second bell, talk to God through quiet prayer and silent devotion, bringing to the Lord those events of your past week, and after the service, then talk to your friends.

If you are a visitor to our church, making a donation in the collection, and you are a taxpayer, the PCC would be very grateful if you could put your donation in one of the envelopes available at the end of the pews, and sign the Gift Aid Declaration on the envelope. In this way, the Church can claim a further 25p for every £1 you give. Thank you.

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO "E.W.P.C.C"

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8.00am Said Eucharist St. Anne's

9.00am Sung Eucharist Earnley

10.15am Sung Eucharist St. Anne's

4th SUNDAY of the month – Healing & Anointing

Intercessions

The sick and those who have asked of our prayers:

Fr. John, Judy Williams, Nick Carter, Lorraine Hall, Len Holliday, Jean Church, Florence Sumakoloyl, Margaret Bate, and members of our congregation who are unwell today.

From our families and friends, we remember

Baby Phoebe, Gerry Davies, Millie Polhill, Sally, Sherline Smith, Matthew Finch, Suzy Tyne, Sue Knight, Ann & Jeff Parks, baby Logan, Pat & John Cox, Jules Pettitt, Dorothy Dixon, Lizi Benjamin, Alan Wilson, Tula Hunt and her family. Also, all those in our local nursing homes & rest homes, the housebound, those who care for them, and all who have been recently bereaved

The Recently Departed

Ursula Foster

Those whose years mind falls at this time

Phyllis Winfield, Robert Rumbelow, Rita Stevenson, Minna Littlejohns, Laura Tilley, John Harrison, Eric Cooper, Diane Hawkins, Graham Tilley, George Andrews, Douglas Lanston, Jennifer Gibbs, Tilly Douglas