

A reading from the book of Exodus. *Exodus 17.1-7*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

PSALM 95: O, that today you would listen to His voice, harden not your hearts.**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.***Romans 5.1-11*

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. *John 4.5-42*

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him,

'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

HYMN NUMBERS:**556 - Praise the Lord ye heavens, adore him.****586 - The God of Abraham praise. Omit * verses****175 - Come down, o love divine.****211 - We love this place, O God.****368 - All my hope on God is founded.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

SUNDAY SCHOOL LENTEN ACTIVITIES

TODAY! – Cake Sale in Village Hall – offers of cakes appreciated. Please Support this event

WE WISH THEM WELL WITH THEIR OTHER CHALLENGES ON THESE SUNDAYS

15th March – Litter Pick – meet end of Shore Rod at 9.30am

22nd March – “The Great Walk” West Wittering Beach 9.30am

REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLL

If you are a new member of St Anne's Church please fill in an Electoral Roll Form, available from and to be returned to Myra Nichols or the Church Wardens.

LENTEN PROGRAM

EVERY FRIDAY– 12noon Stations of the Cross at St. Anne's

LENTEN LUNCHES.....Fridays from 12.30pm

6th March – Maureen Warwick, 21 Foxwarren Close

13th March – Julie Munro, 18 Elcombe Close, Brack

20th March – Rosie Hills, 33 Eton Drive

27th March – Deborah Pollecutt, 30 Shalbourne Cres.

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**

REQUEST FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY

As request for flowers, suitable for posies, for Mothering Sunday. These will be made up on the Saturday. Offers of help to Sue Wiltshire please.

Services this Week

All services at St. Anne's unless otherwise stated

TUESDAY 7.00pm – Said Eucharist

WEDNESDAY 10.00am Said Eucharist

FRIDAY 12.00noon Station of the Cross

Midweek services are held in the side chapel

Services Next Sunday

(Last Sunday in the month 8.00am BCP)

15th March 2026 – Lent 4

Nothing Sunday

8.00am Said Eucharist St. Anne's

9.00am Sung Eucharist Earnley

10.15am Sung Eucharist St. Anne's

Readings: Exodus 2: 1-10

Colossians 3: 12-17

Luke 2: 33-35

Please send any notices for Pews News to

Barbara Blundell no later than

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

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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 March 2026

Lent 3

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, Michael Pettman, 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, Gemma Hall, Paul Mitchel, Rod Willett, Ben,

Jess and 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

Heather Thomas, Brian Seamen,

The Right Revd. Andrew Watson Bishop of Guildford.

Those whose years mind falls at this time

David Humphrey, Rose Blanks, John Fethney (priest)

Noel Moore, Jim Phillips, Vera Norfolk