

The Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Nunthorpe

22nd February, First Sunday of Lent

10:00 am	Eucharist	Hall
5:30 pm	Choral Evensong	Church

Evening readings: Ps.50:1-15. Deut..6:4-9, 16 end.
Luke 15:1-10.

This Week in the Parish

Wed 25 th Feb 10:00 am	Eucharist	Church
Fri 27 th Feb 6:00 pm	Confirmation Course	Narthex

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) The date for this year's meeting is Tuesday, 24th March, 7.00 for 7.30 in church. Yearbook contributions are due today!

If you are part of the St. Mary's family please make sure you are on the **Electoral Roll**. You can fill in a form (to be found at the back of the church and on the notice board in the hall) and hand it to one of the Church Wardens or to Christine Young before 23rd February (tomorrow) please, when the roll will close.

Singers Wanted to make up the Centenary Chorus, for their concert on Sunday 17th May (with an all day workshop on Saturday 16th). The only qualification is enjoyment of singing. Please see the Centenary page of the church website for details. *Bill Colombi*.

Quiz Night on Friday, 20th March, 7:00 pm at the Church Hall. A pie and pea supper will be included and tickets cost £12 from any SET members.

100 Club: SET have decided not to continue with 100 Club. Thank you to everyone who has supported this in the past, and will hopefully continue to support future fundraising. Many thanks to John and Margaret Cundall, for running what was quite a time consuming fundraiser, for quite a few years now. *Linda Smith*

Closure of Level Crossing: a reminder that the Nunthorpe level crossing will be closed to vehicles and pedestrians this week (Monday-Friday).

Neighbourhood drop in events: Saturday 28th February 9 am–1 pm and Monday 2nd March, 6-8 pm at the Methodist Church. These sessions are an opportunity for Nunthorpe residents to meet each other, help strengthen our neighbourhood spirit and explore how to best use the new Community Centre. Full details will be available in the next Greater Nunthorpe News.

Linen: There are a small number of volunteers who wash and iron the altar cloth and communion linen each week. We are always looking for others to help. It's very easy and a privilege to keep everything in perfect condition for the whole congregation. I'm happy to talk to anyone who may be interested in helping. *Christine*

World Day of Prayer: Friday, 6th March will be World Day of Prayer and a service will be held at St. Bernadette's Church at 2pm. The worship will be prepared by the women of Nigeria. Everyone welcome! *Edith Dobson*.

Confirmation: Believing and Belonging:

We now have a number of young people signed up and the first session will be in the Narthex on Friday 27th February at 6pm with the confirmation service scheduled for Sunday 26th April. It's not too late to join in, so please let me know if you would like to find out more. *Tessa*

The funeral of Basil Eddershaw will take place on Monday 9th March at 1 pm in church.

For prayer and reflection this week:

Today, the Diocese of York prays:

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness and grew closer to you in the desert. Help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray for the Church of Ireland

We also pray for All Saints, Middlesbrough which is currently in vacancy.

Those seeking comfort and healing, or who have requested prayer:

We pray for Harry B, Doris L, Becky, Edytha B, Joan L, Madge M, Marie H, Jess, Evelyn & Keith B, Mary H, Diana W, and Amy R.

Years Mind: We remember with thanksgiving: Dora Hudson, Audrey Vigors, Edna Featonby, Alan Stone, Winifred Lowes, James Hill, Margaret Dale, Marie Walker, Julia Horrocks-Taylor, Olwen Jopling, Phylis Normington, Catherine Radigan, James Lee, Margaret King, Eleanor Bater, Heather McMaster, Edward Hempston, Stella Jowett, Valerie Scott, Annie Parkin, Audrey Blance, June Wigglesworth, Catherine Gaw, and Hannah Nevin. May all whom we remember rest in peace and rise in glory!

Next Sunday:

1st March, Second Sunday of Lent

9:30 am	Café	Church	Hall
10:00 am	Eucharist	Church	Church
5:30 pm	Eucharist	Church	Church

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