



## MESSENGER

**Sunday 25th February 2018**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**

**TODAY WE PRAY FOR**  
**RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Pamela Thompson, Grace Burgess

**YEAR'S MIND**

[25] Eleanor Mary (Elma) Bristow, Hilda Morris [26] Helen Davis, Marie Shurmer [27] Jenny Lawson, Norman Mark [28] Winifred Hart [1<sup>st</sup>] Violet Vittles, Alison Manley [2] Pauline Taylor [3] Ellen Rose, Amanda Joyce, Alice Mary Cook

**BAPTISM**

Please pray for Isla Rose Hoye, who will be Baptised at S. Mark's today, also her parents, Godparents, family and friends who will be supporting her on this special occasion.

**EASTER FLOWERS**

Donations for Easter flowers will be greatly received, in all churches. Please sign the list at the back of Church if you would like names to be listed at S. Mark's.

**Worship This Week**

<b>MONDAY - Feria</b>	<b>S. Mark – 6pm Mass</b> <b>S. Saviour – 9pm Compline &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>TUESDAY - Feria</b>	<b>S. Aldhelm – 10.45am Mass</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY - Feria</b>	<b>S. Saviour – 9.30am Mass</b>
<b>THURSDAY - S. David</b>	<b>S. Luke – 9.00am Morning Prayer,</b> <b>S. Luke – 9.30am Mass</b>
<b>FRIDAY - Feria</b>	<b>S. Aldhelm – 12 noon Mass</b>
<b>SATURDAY - Feria</b>	<b>S. Mark – 9.30am Mass</b>

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## EASTER EGGS

The Rainbow Bookshop has a limited stock of Meaningful Easter Eggs. If you would like to reserve any, please sign the form at the back of church by Sunday 11th March. Pat will also have an assortment of Easter cards for sale in the Church hall after Mass. (SM)

## CHURCH CLEANING

at S. Mark's will take place on Thursday 1st March from 12 noon onwards.

## FRIDAY MASS

will be held at S. Aldhelm's at 12pm followed by Lent lunch in the hall.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

this evening will be at S. Saviour's at 6pm

## LENT COURSE

on Mondays, during Lent, there will be a study group, called the Elephant of Indostan, following the **6pm Mass at S. Mark's**. It is now an extended session. Do come along- there will be nothing to scare you. Compline and Benediction will now be at **S. Saviour's at 9pm**

## WOMAN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

will be held at The Friends Meeting House, Eastcott Hill at 10am on Friday 2nd March.

## BRING AND BUY

at S. Saviour's next month will be on the **11th March**, not the 4th as is usual.

## For Your Weekly Intercessions

<b>Monday</b>	Norma Allum, Elaine Baker, Muriel Avenell, John Vittles, Tiffany Stephen, Maggie Burge, Beverly Mitchell
<b>Tuesday</b>	Peter Dance, Tamsin Davis, Shirley Driver, Robin Langton, Michael Pain
<b>Wednesday</b>	Constance Groves, John Glass, Jean Holley, Gail Royle, Evelyn Hart, Bob Stace, Barry Linnegar
<b>Thursday</b>	Betty Mitchell, Barbara Tomkins, Doris Rumming, John Wilson, Adrian Hill
<b>Friday</b>	Preston, Donald Thompson, Jonathan Pitt
<b>Saturday</b>	Terry Venn-Adams, Clive Viner, Sam Slade,

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Exodus 20: 1-17; Ps 19; 1Corinthians 1: 22-25; John 2:13-25

# TODAY'S READINGS

## First Reading

Genesis 22.1-2,9-13,15-18

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

God put Abraham to the test. "Abraham, Abraham" he called. "Here I am" he replied. "Take your son," God said "your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you." When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. "Abraham, Abraham" he said. "I am here" he replied. "Do not raise your hand against the boy" the angel said. "Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son." Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. "I swear by my own self—it is the Lord who speaks—because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience."

## Second Reading

Romans 8.31-34

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us—he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

## Gospel

Mark 9.2-10

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly

bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: "Rabbi," he said, "it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what "rising from the dead" could mean.