

4th Sunday before Lent

10th February 2019

Collect

O God, you know us to be set
in the midst of so many and great dangers,
that by reason of the frailty of our nature
we cannot always stand upright:
grant to us such strength and protection
as may support us in all dangers
and carry us through all temptations;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading *Isaiah 6.1-8*

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.’

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!’

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods will I sing praise to you.

2 I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your love and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name
and your word above all things.

3 In the day that I called to you, you answered me;
you put new strength in my soul.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.

6 Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly;
as for the proud, he regards them from afar. *R*

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you will preserve me;
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand will save me.

8 The Lord shall make good his purpose for me;
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;
forsake not the work of your hands.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 15.1-11*

¹I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not

been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 5.1-11

¹While Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' ⁵Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Benefice Pew News

Church Electoral Roll revision. This year we are completely revising the electoral rolls for all of the parishes. If you would like to be on /remain on the roll, please fill in a form and hand to the

church electoral roll officer. Details will be posted in each church.

Intercessions Workshops will take place on Mon 25th Feb at 7.30pm and Thurs 28th Feb at 9.30am both at St Nics., Potterspurty. Please sign the sheet in church if you wish to attend. Contact Revd Sue for more info.

Lent Groups begin Tues 5th March with a showing of the film 'The greatest showman' at 11.30am at St Nics, followed by pancakes. A second showing will be at 7.30pm on the same day with nibbles and drinks. **Small group meetings** will be on Tuesdays at 7.30pm at the Rectory, Potterspurty and Wednesdays at 10am at St Nics., Potterspurty.

Mon 11th 10.30am Funeral of Mrs June Higgs at St John the Evangelist, Wicken

Thurs 14th Feb., 6pm. Meditation at Kerry End, Grays Lane, YG

Sat 16th Feb., 10.30am-noon. Coffee Shop at St Leonards, Yardley Gobion.

Sun 24th Feb., 6pm. Sunday@Six with speaker from MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship) in St Leonards, Yardley Gobion

Sat 2nd March, 11am-3pm. St Nicholas, Potterspurty. Singing Hymns (again) for the first time. Tickets £5 including hot drink. Lunch available for £5, or bring a packed lunch. Pick up a booking form from the back of the Church.

Services Next Sunday 17th Feb

9.30am	Potterspurty	Holy Communion
9.30am	Wicken	Wicken Praise
11am	Yardley Gobion	Holy Communion
6pm	Cosgrove	Evensong