



**St Andrew's Whittlesey, St Mary's Whittlesey,
St Thomas' Pondersbridge and Holy Trinity Coates**
Church of England Team Ministry:

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Sunday 7 February 2021

Services 7 February 2021 2nd Sunday before Lent Green

09.30am Zoom Morning Praise
 Holy Trinity Holy Communion

Proverbs 8:1,22-31 Psalm 104:26-37 Colossians 1:15-20 John 1:1-14

Collect Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Anniversaries 31 January -6 February 2021

St Andrew's: Bertha Knight 31 Margaret Alice (Peggy) Phillips 2 David Stanley Spires 4 Reginald Gordon Peacock 4

St Thomas': Violet Savage 2

Holy Trinity: Albert Brown 5

St Mary's: John Noel Edwards 31 Ethel Mary Lefevre 1 Margaret Alice (Peggy) Phillips 2
John Charles Shepperson 4 Stan Richards 5 Lilian Edwards 5 Edward Thomas Elliott 5
Alfred Arthur Garratt 5

Monday 7 Saturday-13 February 2021

Monday	M P	Psalm 30	Ecclesiastes 7:1-14	John 19:1-16
Tuesday	M P	Psalm 36	Ecclesiastes 7:15-end	John 19:17-30
Wednesday	M P	Psalm 34	Ecclesiastes 8	John 19:31-end
Thursday	M P	Psalm 37	Ecclesiastes 9	John 20:1-10
Friday	M P	Psalm 31	Ecclesiastes 11:1-8	John 20:11-18
Saturday	M P	Psalm 42	Ecclesiastes 11.9-end of 12	John 20:19-end

Mid-week Communion Service - Wednesday 10 February 9.15am Holy Trinity

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A Prayer for the world

God of love and hope, you made the world and care for all creation, but the world feels strange right now. The news is full of stories about Coronavirus. Some people are worried that they might get ill. Others are anxious for their family and friends. Be with them and help them to find peace. We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists, and all who are working to discover the right medicines to help those who are ill.

Thank you that even in these anxious times, you are with us. Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe.
Amen

A prayer for those who mourn Gracious God, as we remember before you the thousands who have died, surround us and all who mourn with your strong compassion. Be gentle with us in our grief, protect us from despair, and give us grace to persevere and face the future with hope in Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus for daily use. Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

The Ely Prayer We praise and thank you, God of the journey, for all your gifts to us in the past. We look to you as fellow-traveller and faithful companion on the way ahead. Shelter and protect us from all harm and anxiety; give us grace to let go of all that holds us back; and grant us the courage to meet the new life you have promised us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Please remember in your prayers those who are in residential homes, hospital or hospice & those known personally to us including:

Marie Rogers, Terry Randells, Emma Aindow-Gregory, Lizzie Monk, Joan Kefford, Cheryl Tyner, Richard Willows, Mavis Connor, Joyce Jackson, Mary Widgery, Tony Barnett, Nicholas/Christine Dale Tom Cullup, Frank Wheatley, Megan Randell

Let us remember in our prayers

- all those working for the NHS and in research and the pharmaceutical industry
- all those who cannot work from home and have no choice but to be at risk of becoming infected and infectious
- those in severe economic need and those relying on foodbanks
- those struggling with their mental health in this third lockdown
- our friends in the Diocese of Kigali
- our friends in the Diocese of Vellore
- refugees living in unsanitary conditions
- the people of those countries who are a long way from obtaining vaccine
- all those with the responsibilities of leadership during this pandemic: locally, nationally and across the world.

The families and friends of those who have recently died:

William Winfield Frederick Hounsham

Mary Childs died at the age of 98. Mary was born in Coates and lived in Whittlesey until five years ago

Barbara Jordan 8 February Graveside service at Whittlesey Cemetery 10.30am

Edna May Anthony 9 February Fenland Crematorium 1030am

Judy Stewart 12 February Peterborough Crematorium 10.30am **Close family only**

If you would like to support Gary and his family remotely, use these login details

1. Log on to wesleymedia.co.uk/webcast

2 Enter Order ID 72753

3 Enter Password cvunhsmn (lower case)

4 Tick Terms and Conditions box

5 Select Login

Video will start automatically when service starts. Logout when finished

Angela Cullup 12 February St Mary's 2.15pm followed by Peterborough Crematorium 3.30pm

Ronald Harding 15 February Peterborough Crematorium 11.00am

Cyril Feekins 23 February St Mary's 12.45am followed by burial Whittlesey Cemetery 1.30pm

To support you with your daily prayer and contact with the wider church please make use of the following websites.

Church of England. <https://www.churchofengland.org/>

Prayer online. <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>

Diocese of Ely. <https://www.elydiocese.org/>

Ely Cathedral. <https://www.elycathedral.org/worship-at-home>

The diocesan prayer calendar can be found at

<https://www.elydiocese.org/growing-in-faith/prayer-calendar/>

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If there is anything that we can do to help, listen, collect something, pray, that will help you through this time please be assured that we will do our very best, please use contacts above.

Notices

Lent Course We are planning on holding a Lent Course with our four Churches this year, we will assume all those who came to the Prayer Course would like to attend, if not please pass your name to Laura Whitehouse or Jane Randells, if you would like to join please let us know so that zoom codes can be sent. Do feel free to share the zoom code to anyone that asks for it.

Additions to Newsletter If you have anything that you would like to share with members of our congregations through the Newsletter, please send to Jane our editor. It may be something in the parish you would like everyone to know about or perhaps something more personal - things that have encouraged me, or places where I have seen God at work. We would love to hear from you.

St Andrew's Church 100 Club. On behalf of St Andrew's, David and Ann Mason would like to thank everyone who has supported the 100 Club this year which has a record number of 96 entries. If anyone is still interested in joining please phone 01733 208215 or email annandave49@yahoo.co.uk The first draw was made after the end of the Zoom service last Sunday morning. The winners were Joyce Rogers (£25) and Sue Anthony (£15). Once again, thank you to all concerned.

Help needed The ministry team would like to request assistance with the notice sheet. We are looking for someone who can take on the responsibility for editing the notice sheet each week. If you would be willing, and want to find out what would be involved please email or ring any of the ministry team.

Whittlesea and Kinglake Australia Last Sunday we prayed at our Zoom service and at the Holy Communion service at Holy Trinity Coates for the vicar and people of Whittlesea and Kinglake as below. The prayer requests from the vicar there were not received in time to be included with last week's Newsletter and Revd Ruwan's message to us follows (the Op Shop is like our charity shops): I am so happy that our two parishes remain in fellowship in spirit and prayer.

We have the following prayer requests:

- Pray for the two congregations of Christ Church Whittlesea and St Peter's WW 1 Memorial Church Kinglake, and the Vicar, the Revd Dr Ruwan Palapathwala.

- That our work in partnership with the diocesan trust board to have the 16 acre Glebe Land at Christ Church Whittlesea released for development be successful. We are at the stage of having a feasibility study undertaken before the application to the Supreme Court could be submitted.

- That the development of the Christian Village (with 28 affordable housing) within the development project will be realised to extend the mission of the parish to the community of Whittlesea. The rest of the Glebe land for 40 houses will be sold to raise seed money for the project.

- That more young families come to the fellowship of the church from the growth corridor between Whittlesea and South Morang on Plenty Road.

- That our Op Shop continue to serve the community while raising funds to support the ministry of the church. Pray for Marg Jolly (the manager of the shop for 35 years) and the volunteers that work at the Op Shop

Thank you. With love and God's blessings Ruwan

2nd Sunday before Lent 2021

Proverbs 8:1,22-31 Psalm 104:25-37 Colossians 1:15-20 John 1:1-14

The passage from Proverbs talks to us about a mystery woman, named **Wisdom**, in some cultures she is known as Sophia. Wisdom was created, we are told in this passage, by God at the start of all things. Wisdom saw everything, she rejoiced, she delighted in everything God did. Wisdom was with God every day, all the time, not needing, not wanting to be anywhere else, not only that, but, she was His daily delight.

We are told else where that the start of Wisdom is the fear of God. Solomon being offered what ever he wanted by God, chose Wisdom.

This extract from Psalm 104 says that God made all things, in Wisdom. Not only the earth and what is on the earth, but the seas and all that is included in them. There is even mention of the **Spirit** being sent across the waters, remember Her from the creation stories in Genesis? Our response to this? Song and Praise,

Colossians tells us that **Christ** was the first born of all creation. Christ saw even more than Wisdom did, Christ saw Wisdom created. Christ was the reason why everything was created. Christ is the image of God, the head of the body, the Church, the first born of the dead. Christ made peace through His blood on the cross.

We identify ourselves as Christians, using his name as our identifier. Christ is our way to God, the one who intercedes for us, our redeemer and mediator. Christ is our sure and certain thing. If we have the wisdom to look through him to God, we cannot go wrong. Do we have this wisdom, do we even think to share it? We can choose to follow Wisdom as we choose to follow Christ, no one is forcing us, but someone did tell us about all this, have we shared it, have we passed it on as it was passed to us?

I have read that this Gospel, John's was written for people who valued knowledge/wisdom. Identifying Christ as the **Word**, would immediately catch their attention, they would want to know more. Do we think like John, do we think about the words that we use? Do we use different ones with the different people that we talk to? Family nick-names are not really right to address an acquaintance.

Does it matter our manner of speaking? Is it good to shout at someone who just not get what it is we are talking about. It might be better to save our shouting for those who are in danger, but what sort of danger, physical danger I get it. But what if they are in danger of eternity without God, are we allowed to shout then?

In the 14 verses we have from John this week, if we look, we can find his whole gospel, all the good news that he has. Everything comes to us through Christ. John, a man, shows us the way to Christ, as Christ fully man and fully God shows us the way to **God**, His Father.

During our winter in Ghent, the Canadian vicar got up to read this passage, I may have been the only one to notice that in fact he was not reading, he had learnt this passage by heart. He told me later in the vestry that it was so important that it had to be learnt.

Where do we start looking for Wisdom? The **Bible**, as I have said before, is not just for Sundays, not for leaving on the shelf neat and tidy, read it, learn it, use it, gain wisdom from it. Like Solomon before us, this knowledge is not to be kept to ourselves. It is to be used to bring our loved ones, our neighbours, yes, even the ones we really don't like very much, to the knowledge of God, His redeeming Son, and, the supporting Spirit.

Please think about it, how many scammers, how many dog nappers, how many fraudsters, etc, would there be if only their family members, their neighbours had told them about the wisdom, the love, the other way of living that there is for them than the one that they have ended up on. It is our responsibility, we do not have for ever here on earth, let us use our time left wisely and for the furtherance of God's Kingdom. Amen

Jane R