

## This Week in the Abbey

**Monday 19th February - Psalm 11, 44, Galatians 3.23-4.7**

*Daily Intention: Lent Groups*

*For the sick: Michael Lucas, Jan Herd, Anne Gray, Pauline Fraser & Muriel Hobbs*

8.00am Morning Prayer & Holy Communion

2.00pm Memorial Service - Rodney Simpson

**Tuesday 20th February - Psalm 44, 48, Galatians 4.8-20**

*Daily Intention: Revelation through music*

*For the sick: Sarah, Liz Baldwin, Joyce Riley, Jake, Dr Bex Lewis, Irene Blake & Bob Kebby*

9.15am Morning Prayer & Holy Communion

10.15am Lent Course 1 (Church Rooms)

1.10pm Lunchtime Recital - Piano Solo by Archie Combe & Woodnote Trio of clarinet, violin and piano

**Wednesday 21st February - Psalm 6, 119.57-80, Galatians 4.21-5.1**

*Daily Intention: The Women's Group*

*For the sick: Daniel Green, Daphne & Kathleen Withers*

8.00am Morning Prayer & Holy Communion

9.30am Baby & Toddler Group (Church Rooms)

12.00pm Funeral - Mary Moon

**Thursday 22nd February - Psalm 42, 57, Galatians 5.2-15**

*Daily Intention: Christian Service*

*For the sick: Kate Wood, Dottie Latham, Bryan Taphouse, Anais & Andrew Dambney*

10.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Communion

1.00pm Funeral - Diana Windebank

**Friday 23rd February - Psalm 22, 51, Galatians 5.16-end**

*Daily Intention: Strength and grace to keep the faith*

*For the sick: Baby Erica, Megan Sutton, Simon Hudson, Leonie Warwick and Luke & Jake Berry*

8.00am Morning Prayer & Holy Communion

12.00pm Christian Aid Soup Lunch by St Joseph's (Church Rooms)

7.00pm Romsey Mayor's Charity Choir Concert

**Saturday 24th February - Psalm 63, 68, Galatians 6**

*Daily Intention: All those being ordained at this time*

*For the sick: Beth Hingley, Pat Gannaway, Alfie Butler, Richard Martin*

9.15am Morning Prayer & Holy Communion

**Sunday 25th February - Second Sunday of Lent**

*Daily Intention: The King and the Kingdom: Suffering*

8.00am Eucharist

10.00am Sung Eucharist

12.15pm Holy Baptism

3.30pm Parish Tea & Eucharist

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Evening Prayer  
is said daily at  
5.45pm except on  
Sundays.

**There will be no  
Choral Evensong  
on Thursdays  
during Lent.**

### Readings for next Sunday:

**10.00am:** Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16;  
Romans 4.13-end; Mark 8.31-end

**6.30pm:** Genesis 12.1-9;  
Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16



## Welcome to the Abbey Church of St Mary and St Ethelflaeda & St Swithun's, Crampmoor First Sunday of Lent 18th February 2018



**8.00am**  
Celebrant

**Holy Communion**  
Revd Jonathan Watkins

**10.00am**  
Celebrant  
Preacher & Deacon  
Hymns

**Sung Eucharist**  
Revd Liz Pickett  
Revd Peter Speck  
Processional: 95, Gradual: 414,  
Offertory: 76, Communion: 294, Post Communion: 67  
*Mass of St Anne* - MacMillan  
*O Lord my God* - Wesley  
*Improvisation on Kyrie XVIII*

Setting  
Motet  
Voluntary

***Prayers & Anointing for Healing are available  
in St Anne's Chapel after the service***

**10.00am**  
Leader

**Holy Communion at St Swithun's**  
Revd Michael Halliwell

**10.00am**  
Leader

**"Way In" in the Church Rooms**  
Revd Nik Gower

**11.30am**  
Celebrant

**1662 Holy Communion (BCP)**  
Revd David Williams

**12.15pm**  
Leader

**Holy Baptism**  
Revd Jonathan Watkins

**6.30pm**  
Leader  
Preacher  
Hymns  
Psalm  
Readings  
Responses  
Canticles  
Anthem

**Choral Evensong**  
Revd David Potterton  
Averil Bamber  
59, 64, 379  
119.17-32  
Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7, Romans 5.12-19  
*Tallis*  
Sumsion in G  
*View me Lord* - Wood

## Readings for today

**Collect** 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. **Amen.**

**First reading:** Genesis 9.8-17

*God tells Noah he is establishing a covenant with him, his sons and their descendants. He sets his bow in the sky as a sign.*

**Second reading:** 1 Peter 3.18-end

*Baptism, an appeal to God for a good conscience, saves us through Christ's resurrection. It was prefigured by the saving of Noah's family in the water of the flood.*

**Gospel reading:** Mark 1.9-15

*Jesus is baptised by John and receives God's approval. He is immediately driven out into the wilderness, where he is tempted by Satan. John is arrested and Jesus begins his Galilean ministry.*

**Post Communion Prayer:** Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Priest at Font: Revd David Potterton  
Sub-Deacon: Nick Virgo  
Readers: 10am Diane Hargreaves, 6.30pm Glynne Beasley  
Intercessions: Ian Clark  
Communion Assistants: Jenny Herriott, Nigel Herriott,  
Janet Wallace, Mike Wallace

If you pay tax, please **GIFT AID** your offerings using the envelopes at the end of each row. Thank you

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## NOTICES

**CHRISTIAN AID (LENT) LUNCHESES** - 12 noon to 1.30pm: 23rd February (St Joseph's held in the Abbey Church Rooms), 2nd March (Romsey Abbey - Abbey Church Rooms), 9th March (URC Hall), 16th March (Methodist Church Hall) & 23rd March (Baptist Church Hall). Soup & bread £3.50 (Concessions £3). All profits to Christian Aid.

The 2018 **MUSIC IN ROMSEY PROGRAMME** has been launched. Pick up a blue flyer in the Abbey. The first concert is Saturday 24th March: 'Far Beyond the Stars'. Philip Lawson conducts the Romsey Singers for Bernstein's Chichester Psalms, excerpts from West Side Story and works by Parry, Debussy and Rossini.

**WELCOME TABLE** - for anyone new to the Abbey, there are details of the parish's varied life and activities on the table by the font. If you are planning to meet with a member of Clergy after this service regarding your **WEDDING BOOKING**, please wait in St Nicholas' Chapel where a member of Clergy will meet you.

We will now be following the Church of England **LENT COURSE #LIVELENT - let your light shine.** The first session will take place in the Church Rooms on Tuesday 20th from 10.15am - 11.30am and 6.45pm (Youth Group). Other Lent Groups are running in churches around Romsey. For full details, see the sign-up sheets on the Mission table in the South aisle or contact the Parish Office.

**ROMSEY MAYOR'S CHARITY CHOIR CONCERT** - Friday 23rd February at 7pm to feature Romsey Abbey School Choir, Romsey Ladies Choir, Romsey Male Voice Choir, Romsey Youth Choir and The Mountbatten Community Choir. Tickets on sale at Romsey Town Hall, Romsey TIC or online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk). Please come along to support your local charities. **EVENING PRAYER** on Friday 23rd February will be moved to the Parish Office.

Our continuing prayers are requested for everyone **APPLYING TO BE PRIEST IN CHARGE** of Romsey Abbey, also for all those responsible for making the appointment, that all may respond to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Shortlisting interviews will take place on 26th February and the interviews take place 12th and 13th March.

Romsey Abbey **KNITTING GROUP** will meet this Thursday, 22nd February at 2.30pm in the Church Rooms. All visitors welcome.

The Romsey Festival Committee are hosting **BBC ANY QUESTIONS** which will be broadcast from the Crosfield Hall on the evening of Friday 23rd March. If you are interested in being part of the audience, contact Liz Wagner for tickets [emw1@ntlworld.com](mailto:emw1@ntlworld.com)

**ROMSEY FOOD BANK** - Food stocks remain generally high although they are in short supply of: Long-life fruit juice, sponge puddings, powdered milk, sugar and toiletries. Please leave these donations in the basket by the Mission table near the South door.

**PARISH TEA PARTY** will take place next Sunday 25th at 4pm in the Church Rooms. Join us for tea, cake and a chat. There will be a Eucharist at 3.30pm prior to the tea.

**GIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS** - current volunteers and those interested in becoming volunteers are invited to a coffee morning/planning meeting in the Church Rooms on Saturday 3rd March at 10.30am.

Rhiannon Wilmott will be putting on a themed **MESSY CHURCH** to tie in with Woman's World Day of Prayer - Friday 2nd March. It will involve crafts, singing, prayer and baked potatoes! 3.30pm in the Abbey. All welcome.

Please observe the **NON-WORKING DAYS** of the clergy and Abbey staff including Revd David Potterton & Rhiannon Wilmott (Mondays) Nik Gower & Jonathan Watkins (Fridays). Please contact the Parish Office 01794 513125 or email [parishoffice@romseyabbey.org.uk](mailto:parishoffice@romseyabbey.org.uk) if necessary.

The Spring term programme of **LUNCHTIME RECITALS** is available. More details on our website. Join us on Tuesdays at 1.10pm, free with retiring collection for FoRAM. Next week piano solo and Woodnote Trio (clarinet, violin and piano).