

This Week in the Parish

Monday 25th February - Psalm 93 or 119.65-72; Mark 9.14-29

Daily Intention: Abbey Guides

For the sick: Michael Lucas, Jan Chambers & Kris Tippen

8.00am Morning Prayer & Holy Communion

10.30am **Singing Storytime at St Swithun's**

Tuesday 26th February - Psalm 37.3-6, 27-28 or 94.12-18; Mark 9.30-37

Daily Intention: The Youth Group

For the sick: Liz Baldwin, Terry Stokes, Gary, Gerd Hill &

Margaret Franklin

9.15am Morning Prayer & Holy Communion

Wednesday 27th February - Psalm 119.161-168 or 15; Mark 9.38-40

Daily Intention: Writers and poets

For the sick: Daphne, Ryan Thomas & Hilda Kebby

8.00am Morning Prayer & Holy Communion

9.30am Baby and Toddler Group in the Church Rooms

Thursday 28th February - Psalm 1 or 34.1-7; Mark 9.41-end

Daily Intention: The Knitting Group

For the sick: Dottie Latham, Heidi and baby & Sandra Tomkinson

10.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am 1662 Holy Communion (BCP)

1.00pm Funeral - Mr Rupert (Ted) Collins

2.30pm Knitting and Sewing Group in the Church Rooms

5.45pm Choral Evensong

Friday 1st March - Psalm 119.19-24 or 112; Mark 10.1-12

Daily Intention: The Church in Wales

For the sick: Peter Cumberlidge, the Hewlett family & Baby Erica

8.00am Morning Prayer & Holy Communion

5.30pm Evening Prayer (Parish Office)

7.00pm New Beginnings - **Romsey Town Mayor's Charity Concert**

Saturday 2nd March - Psalm 103.13-18 or 12.1-7; Mark 10.13-16

Daily Intention: The Diocese of Lichfield

For the sick: Beth Hingley, Alfie Butler, Derek Day & Marjorie Exall

9.00am Peal Attempt

9.15am Morning Prayer & Holy Communion

12.30pm Wedding - Paul Quinnell & Sandra Walls at St Swithun's

Sunday 3rd March - Sunday next before Lent
(Mental Health Awareness Sunday)

Daily Intention: All involved with Mental Health

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am All-Age Eucharist

10.00am **Morning Worship at St Swithun's**

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Evening Prayer is said daily at the time of 5.30pm except on Thursdays (5.45pm) and Sundays (6.30pm) when we hold Choral Evensong.

Readings for next Sunday:
10.00am:
Exodus 34.29-end;
2 Corinthians 2.12-4.2;
Matthew 25.31-40
(Abbey) / Luke 9.28-36
(St. Swithun's)
6.30pm:
Psalm 89.5-12;
Exodus 3.1-6;
John 12.27-36a



Welcome to the Abbey Church of
St Mary and St Ethelflaeda
& **St Swithun's, Crampmoor**



Second Sunday before Lent 24th February 2019

8.00am
Celebrant

Holy Communion
Revd Nik Gower

10.00am
Celebrant & Preacher
Deacon
Hymns

Sung Eucharist
Preb Dr Peter Speck
Revd Thomas Wharton
Processional: 263 (omit starred verses),
Gradual: 191, Offertory: 352, Communion: 461,
Post Communion: 466
Mass of St Thomas - Thorne
Be still my soul - Sibelius
Processional - Mathias

Setting
Motet
Voluntary

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

10.00am
Celebrant

Holy Communion at St Swithun's
Revd Nik Gower

12.15pm
Leader

Holy Baptism
Revd Thomas Wharton & Revd Nik Gower

3.30pm
Officiant

Eucharist
Revd Jill Aussant

6.30pm
Leader
Preacher
Canticles
Responses
Hymns
Psalm
Readings
Anthem
Voluntary

Choral Evensong
Revd Thomas Wharton
Revd Jill Aussant
Chants
Tallis (Festal)
388, 466, 250
147
Genesis 1.1-2.3; Matthew 6.25-end
If ye love me - Gauntlett
Alla breve - Bach

Readings for today

Collect Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen.

First reading: Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-end

This passage tells us that God created people, animals and plant life and suggests that humanity has a special responsibility to care for God's creation.

Second reading: Revelation 4

An incredible vision of heaven, in which John sees God seated on a throne, surrounded by twenty-four elders, worshipping God.

Gospel reading: Luke 8.22-25

After travelling around teaching vast crowds of people, Jesus wants to sail across the Sea of Galilee to a quieter area. When a storm breaks out he calms the sea and the disciples are amazed.

Post Communion Prayer God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Priest at Font:	Revd Michael Starr	
Sub-Deacon:	Nick Virgo	
Reader:	10am Glynne Beasley	6.30pm Liz Wagner
Intercessions:	Barbie Evans	
Communion Assistants:	Diane Hargreaves	David Johnson
	Mich Lajeunesse	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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Contactless card donation point by the North door.



NOTICES

The visit by the artist Sophie Hacker on the CALLING WINDOW IS TODAY at 11.30am in the Church Rooms.

We need OLD PALM CROSSES for Ash Wednesday. Please drop them into the wallet on the vestry door by Wednesday 6th March.

PLEASE NOTE for the benefit of those who cannot leave their homes and those in residential homes, the service today is being live-streamed. If you wish to avoid being seen, please sit in rows to the west of the north and south doors.

Romsey Abbey KNITTING GROUP will meet this Thursday, 28th February at 2.30pm in the Church Rooms. All visitors welcome.

THE ABBEY BOOKSTALL has a wide range of Lent reading now available, including the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for 2019 Reconciliation by Muthuraj Swamy.

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 the Clergy after this service regarding **BOOKING YOUR WEDDING**, please wait in St **Nicholas' Chapel where a member of the Clergy** will be pleased to discuss this.

Dates for your diary - **LENT LUNCHESES** in aid of Christian Aid on Fridays in Lent, 12noon-1.30pm: 15th March at Methodist Church, 22nd March Catholic Church in the Abbey Church Rooms, 29th March United Reformed Church, 5th April Baptist Church and 12th April Romsey Abbey in the Abbey Church Rooms. Suggested donation £3.50, £3 concessions.

In support of a **PASTORAL NEED**, if you are getting rid of a sofa, fridge, armchair and/or chest of drawers, please contact Rhiannon Wilmott on rhiannon.wilmott@romseyabbey.org.uk.

LUNCHTIME RECITALS will return on Tuesday 5th March for 6 weeks, starting at the earlier time of 1pm. Admission free with retiring collection. Details of the performers can be found via the Concerts page on the Abbey website.

HEALTHY EATING GROUP - 6 week programme starting on Thursday 7th March from 5-6.45pm at Romsey Methodist Church. Learn about cooking and eating healthily, as well as meeting new people. Designed for adults with learning difficulties and their carers. £5 per session. Please book your place with Jeanette Swallow on 07918 602586. Organised by the Minstead Trust.

ABBEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE'S 'A wander around Woodgreen' Fordingbridge walk is on Monday 11th March 9.45am for prompt 10am start. £10 includes a light pub lunch. Tickets available after coffee today or email socialevents@romseyabbey.org.uk.

On Saturday 9th March, St Swithun's will be holding a **SPRING BRIC-A-BRAC SALE** with tea, coffee and homemade biscuits as part of their fundraising for the parish. It will be held in the Abbey Church Rooms from 10.30am onwards. Please come along and support this and find yourself a bargain! There are boxes for **donations in St Swithun's and the Abbey**, but **PLEASE** donate new or nearly new and preferably clean items only. Plus books, CDs and DVDs. No clothes or jumble please.

LENT COURSE 2019 - this year we will be following the **'On the Third Day'** - York Lent course by Bishop Jonathan Pritchard. There will be 5 sessions over 6 weeks and two opportunities to follow the course in the Abbey. Details are on the sign up sheet at the back of the Abbey, or contact the ministry team or the Parish Office. There are also details of the Lent groups in other churches around Romsey on the sign up sheet.

We're looking for help with the **SHROVE TUESDAY Children & Families Pancake Party** on 5th March. Can you volunteer to steward or to staff a making-things table (nothing complicated). Helpers would be needed from 3pm - 5.30pm. Please sign up on the yellow sheet (South Aisle) or contact Rhiannon rhiannon.wilmott@romseyabbey.org.uk.

Lighting the Abbey **PURPLE FOR POLIO**. The ringing chamber at the top of the Abbey is now floodlit purple to remind people of the worldwide campaign to eradicate polio. The floodlighting will be in place while the field of ¼ million crocuses are in flower at Hilliers Gardens - a sight worth seeing.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE from Slovenia at Romsey URC at 1.30pm on Friday 1st March. An ecumenical service for everyone. All are welcome and there will be refreshments afterwards. Same service also at 7.30pm at Braishfield Church Room, Church Lane off Braishfield Road, SO51 0QH.