

Tea/coffee in Church after Mass. All welcome.

11.30 am PCC meets in Church for meeting & lunch

This Week: Divine Office – Psalter Week 2

Mon: St. Jerome

9.30 am Mass Int: Theological students
(Job 1 v 16-22; Luke 9 v 46-50)

Tues: St. Teresa of Lisieux

9.30 am Mass Int: Mission of the Church
(Job 3 v 1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Luke 9 v 51-56)
10.00 - 12.00 Coffee, cake etc in Church

Wed: Holy Guardian Angels

8.00 am Mass Int: All children
(Job 9 v 1-12, 14-16; Matt 18 v 1-5, 10)

Thurs: 9.30 am Mass Int: All who have lapsed
(Job 19 v 21-27; Luke 10 v 1-12)

Fri: 9.30 am 1st Mass of Sunday
Int: The homeless – St Martin's Norwich
(Gen 2 v 18-24; Heb 2 v 9-11; Mark 10 v 2-16)
4.00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat: No services at Mendlesham

Next Sunday - 27th Year B

9.30 am Parish Mass, Address & Blessing of clothes, blankets etc for
homeless at St. Martin's, Norwich
(Gen 2 v 18-24; Heb 2 v 9-11; Mark 10 v 2-16)

Notices

1. Next Healing Service – Mon 14 Oct, 2.30 pm.
2. Tudor Tailor - Ninya Mikhaila – online, 11 Oct, 7.00 pm, £5 towards Armoury Project. See Church website for details (follow the Armoury Facelift Project link, then scroll down, or see the What's On page).
3. Please bring clothes, blankets & duvets for the homeless for blessing next Sunday.
4. Please note 1st Mass of Sunday is on Friday at 9.30 am – no services on Saturday.

(Please keep silence from 09.25 to prepare for Mass) 29th September, 2024

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM
26th of Year B

THEME: We love neat systems and when things go out of sequence we try to correct them, which is what Joshua and St. John try to do in today's reading. But God's Spirit blows wherever he wills and not even the Church has a monopoly on the Spirit.

Entrance Hymn: 134 v 1 - 3

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we have not acknowledged that every person is created in your love. Lord have mercy.

People: (sing) **KYRIE ELEISON** (Ukrainian setting)

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we have failed to love those whom society rejects. Christ have mercy. **People: CHRISTE ELEISON**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for our lack of commitment to you and one another. Lord have mercy. **People: KYRIE ELEISON**

Gloria: St Thomas setting (Words and music on sheet)

Opening prayer: *Let us pray for God's forgiveness and for the happiness it brings.*

Father, you show your almighty power in your mercy and forgiveness. Continue to fill us with your gifts of love. Help us to hurry towards the eternal life you promise and come to share in the joys of your kingdom.

Liturgy of the Word of God

First Reading – Numbers 11 v 25-29. When God extends the Spirit of prophesy to the elders of Israel, two of them are missing. When they too are gifted with the Spirit, Moses rejoices and hopes that the Spirit will be given to the whole people.

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps.18 **®The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. ®

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding forever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. ®

So in them your servant finds instruction; great reward is in their keeping.

But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me. ®

® **The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.**

From presumption restrain your servant, and let it not rule me.

Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin ®

Second Reading - James 5 v 1-6 St. James reflects on reasons for condemning the wealth which is the fruit of injustice and can lead to the death of innocents.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel Hymn: 134 v 4

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel – Mark 9 v. 38-43, 47-48 An unnamed man's success has sparked the jealousy of the Apostles, who were unsuccessful in casting a demon out of a boy earlier. Jesus says there is no room for exclusivity or jealousy in his Kingdom and true disciples cut themselves off from sin.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. 'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. 'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

Naming and Blessing: Isabella Gracie Wild

Address Creed: Apostle's Creed (P8 Hymn Book)

Prayer of the Faithful

Celebrant: God's Spirit has come into the world, though many reject this Spirit. Let us pray that all be open to his gifts.

Reader: Let us pray for leaders of the Church and of our country, may they be freed from petty jealousy and selfish ambition as they carry out the work which God has entrusted to them.

Let us pray that we may see more clearly the inequality and injustice of the world and be prepared to live in greater simplicity and poverty, for the well-being of others. We pray for all who are homeless, especially for the work of the Norwich Night Shelter.

Let us pray for Isabella, named and blessed today, her parents Carrie-Anne and Elliot, and her sisters Evie and Isla, that they may all know the closeness of God's love.

We pray for the work of all agencies that promote the growth of food and its fairer distribution throughout the world especially Christian Aid.

Let us pray for all gathered here: that we may be conscious of the evil that is within us and strive to overcome it.

Let us pray that we may never destroy the vision of others, make a mockery of their ideals, or pour cold water on their efforts.

Let us pray for the sick, especially Ralph Lambert, Anna Horsnell, Jan Ross, Ian Andrews, Marcel and Marjorie Rousseau.

Let us pray for those who have died, especially Penny Hurd (recently departed) and Eileen Brooks, Helen Hendry; John Spenser, Thelma Sawyer, Roly Baker, Doris Clements, Charles Ward, William Mason, Frances Spalding, Alice Ball, Malcolm Cammidge, Arthur Calver and Lynn Fraser, whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

Mary's life was one of prophesy, poverty and love. Let us ask for her help. **Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen**

SILENCE

All: Heavenly Father, replace our tendency to cause division with a desire for peace. Let us see all people through your eyes, knowing that each one has a place in your plan and a share in your goodness. We make our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: 300 v1 - 2. **Offertory Prayers** Hymn 300 v.3 - 4

Sanctus: St Thomas setting Mystery of Faith – St Thomas setting

Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ, in the most Holy Sacrament, Hosanna, Hosanna in excelsis.

Agnus Dei: St Thomas setting

Communicants of other Christian denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not a Communicant and/or would like a blessing, please bring a hymn book to the altar.

Hymns at Holy Communion please join in: 508, 401

Hymn during Ablutions: 179

Post-Communion Prayer Angelus Notices

Blessing of Rachel Harrison as she moves to Exeter.

Blessing **Recessional Hymn: 609**