

The Parish Church of
St Werburgh
Spondon



Parish Mass
11th February 2024
The Last Sunday before
Lent begins
WELCOME

Do you have the courage to see
yourself as God sees you?

You are beautiful



**Welcome to
this community
of healing**

Our booklet this week is sponsored by Trevor Salt

St Werburgh's stands in the catholic tradition of the Church of England and is part of a group of worshipping communities that in traditional and new ways try to practise the generous Gospel of Jesus Christ. Together we are exploring a way of living inspired by joyful worship, taking seriously the the challenge of following Jesus Christ. Welcome to this community of healing.

Our celebrant today is the vicar, Canon Julian..

- PLEASE LEAVE BY THE SOUTH DOORS IN THE BAPTISTRY where tea and coffee are available after the service.
- Everybody is welcome here regardless of race, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, addictions or beliefs, single or partnered, we are all God's people
- Everybody is welcome to receive Holy Communion in this church of whatever age or wherever you are on the path of life – all of the bread is gluten free. And our wine is alcohol free. NOBODY MUST RECEIVE.
- There are large print service books available; church always has lots of words, we try to be dyslexia friendly – if you need your book on a different colour paper or in a different font just ask a welcomer
- This church is fitted with a hearing loop, if you experience difficulty hearing the service, then please let a welcomer know
- FEEL FREE TO BREASTFEED, if you would prefer more privacy and a comfy sofa just use Can J's office, one of the welcomers can show you.
- Don't worry about babies making a noise during the service, feel free to get up and walk about,... there's no need ever to "Shush" kids.
- Toilets with baby changing facilities are located through the doors at the back.
- Adults who find kids an issue are free to go into the Tower Vestry, it has glass doors and a speaker so you can still hear the service. We aim for the Tower Vestry to be an 'autistic friendly' space, but please find wherever it is comfortable for you.



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This makes a huge difference to us and ensures your gift each week as even if you cannot always be here.

The Notices are given after which silence is kept.

We stand to sing our first hymn:

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**Christ, whose glory fills the skies
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near,
Daystar, in my heart appear.**

**Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till Thy mercy's beams I see,
Till Thou inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**

**Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, Radiancy divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The service is introduced.

Let us call to mind our fragility and need of God's forgiveness.

A time of silence is kept for personal reflection.

You come to save sinners

Lord have mercy Lord have mercy.

You come to heal the broken hearted

Christ have mercy Christ have mercy.

You come to bring hope in despair.

Lord have mercy Lord have mercy.

May the God of all love and power, forgive and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you through the Holy Spirit and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Glory to God! Glory to God!
Glory to God in the highest.***

**Glory to God in highest and peace to his people on earth,
Lord God, Heavenly King, almighty God and father.
We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.....**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer....**

**For you alone are the holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the most high Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father...**

Let us pray:

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus: may we who share at this table know that Life-Light shines in us, so all the world may be illumined by your love. This we ask through Jesus Christ the light of the world.

Amen.

All sit for the reading

A reading from the Second Book of Kings (2 Kings 2.1-12)

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.

Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

For the Word of God in Scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

Thanks be to God.

We remain seated for Psalm 50, joining in the response:

The heavens declare his righteousness for God himself is judge.
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The mighty one, God the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth,
from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion,
the perfection of beauty, God shines forth!

Our God comes and does not keep silence,
before him is a devouring fire,
and a mighty tempest all around him.
He calls o the heavens above and the the earth,
that he may judge his people.

'Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!'
The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge.

If able we stand as the Gospel is brought into the nave.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark (*Mark 9.2-9*)

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ.

We sit for the sermon.

Let us affirm together our common faith in Jesus Christ.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

We sit or kneel to pray. The intercessions end with....

Loving God, meet us in this silence, hear our prayers and fill us with your love. Amen.

The children return to church, after which we share the Peace of Christ.

God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.
The peace of God be always with you!
And also with you!

We sing the offertory hymn:

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**All my hope on God is founded;
God doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance God guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, God alone
calls my heart to be God's own.
Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.
God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep God's wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from God's store
new-born worlds rise and adore.
Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at God's hand;
joy doth wait on God's command.
Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.**

When all is ready, we remain standing and come to solemn prayer:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Eternal God, in the abundance of your love you have called all things to be; in all our wanderings you never cease to call us to fullness of life. You gave us Jesus, son of Mary, the bread of life broken for the world, he fed us and feasted with us; his dying and rising have set us free from the poverty of sin and the famine of death. Therefore, with all whom you have made, cherished and called, with the broken saints and redeemed sinners of all the ages we take the song of your praise: :

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna, Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our Lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.' +

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.' As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold. +

Therefore, in our eating and drinking we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ; we proclaim him as creation's host, transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love. Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more and people without number will come from east and west, north and south to share the kingdom meal.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be yours, God of all blessing, for ever and ever.

Amen!

All sit to pray together:

As our Saviour taught so we pray:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Receive what you are, the Body of Christ.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION IN THIS CHURCH.

The bread is vegan, gluten and soya free.

The chalices at the nave altar are non alcoholic.

*If you wish to receive from the alcoholic chalice
it is available in the Lady Chapel once the choir has received.*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

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**Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art,
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word,
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord,
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.**

**Be found my breast plate my sword for the fight,
be though my whole armour be thou my true might,
be thou my souls shelter be thou my strong tower,
O rain thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always,
Thou and Thou only first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.**

**High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun,
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.**

When all have received Holy Communion and the altar is cleared together we pray:

Loving God, transform all blocks and obstacles around us and inside our minds, bodies and hearts, into pathways for your Grace, that we may be channels for your love and peace in this place. Embolden us with courage to dare to dream of a better life in which ALL may flourish. Break our hearts open so no one gets forgotten or left behind. In Jesus' name. Amen.

All stand.

God be with you.

And also with you.

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us this day and always

Amen.

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**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus, out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood."**

**Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise:
"I am with you evermore"?**

The Mass is ended, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen!



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2024

ASH WEDNESDAY

14th Feb

Ashes to Go any time before 9am by arrangement

Mass with Imposition of Ashes 10.30am

5pm - 6.30pm Ashes to Go, just call into church

7pm Parish Mass with Imposition of Ashes

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