**Sunday 22nd February 2015**

**First Sunday of Lent**

S GILES-IN-READING

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Hymns: ***The English Hymnal***

Mass Setting: *Dixit Maria - Hasler*

Motet: *Wash me thoroughly – S.S. Wesley*

Entrance Hymn: *73* Offertory Hymn: *72*

Communion Hymns: *484 & 71* Recessional: *426*

Voluntary: *Prelude and Fugue in C minor - J.S. Bach.*

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**Psalter Week 1**

**Sunday Readings: Year B. Weekday Readings: Year 1.**

**First Sunday of Lent**

**10.00 Mattins**

**10.30 Parish Mass & Sunday School**

**17.30 Evensong**

**18.00 Low Mass**

Monday of Week 1 of Lent

No Services

Tuesday of Week 1 of Lent

09.00 Matins

17.30 Evensong

18.00 Low Mass

18.30 Stations of the Cross

Wednesday of Week 1 of Lent

10.00 Mattins

10.30 Low Mass

17.30 Evensong

Thursday of Week 1 of Lent

09.00 Mattins

09.20 Rosary of the Sorrowful Mysteries

18.30 Evensong

19.00 Low Mass

19.30 Sinners & Saints Lecture

Friday of Week 1 of Lent

10.45 Mattins

11.15 The Litany

11.30 Lenten Study Group

12.30 Low Mass

16.30 Evensong

Saturday of Week 1 of Lent

09.30 Mattins

10.00 Low Mass

16.30 Evensong

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**10.00 Mattins**

**10.30 Parish Mass & Sunday School**

**17.30 Evensong**

**18.00 Low Mass**

**TODAY AT**

**S GILES**

Monday

23 February

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24 February

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26 February

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27 February

Saturday

28 February

**Sunday**

**01 March**

**NOTICES & EVENTS**

*We welcome any visitors here this morning and hope that you will stay for refreshments after the service.*

**Raffle.** We are having a raffle with the aim of raising some money to take the young members of the church to the Youth Pilgrimage at Walsingham during the summer. Donations of Prizes welcome. Tickets now on Sale: See Anne Canterbury or Claire Davies for your raffle tickets. Many Thanks to all who have donated prizes so far.

**Lent Boxes.**  This year we are once again raising alms for three charities.  This year they are Helen and Douglas House, the Additional Curates Society and Sight Savers.  Talk to Charles Bell after Mass for details.  The boxes will be available in the South Aisle.

**Lenten Study Group.**Our Lenten study this year will the book Seeking God: The Way of St Benedict by Esther De Waal.  The book examines the Rule of St Benedict and reveals how it can be a practical guide for every Christian.   We meet Fridays at 11.30.  All are welcome!

**This Thursday 26 February: SINNERS AND SAINTS:** the next in our series of talks will look at the great evangelical preacher and revivalist, Charles Simeon, who was baptized at S Giles in AD 1759.  The speaker will be the Rev'd Peter Molloy from Ontario, Canada.  The talk is at 7.30pm after Mass.

*If you have any notices that require adding to the sheet, please contact Anne or Geoff Canterbury at canterbury@ntlworld.com or 0118 961 0525 by Wednesday of the previous week.*

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

***When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.***

**COLLECT**

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

***Amen.***

**THE FIRST LESSON** (Genesis 9: 8-15)

*A reading from the book of Genesis.*

God spoke to Noah and his sons, "See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again." God said, "Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the

Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind, And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh."

*The Word of the Lord*

**THE GRADUAL PSALM** Psalm 24

***R/ Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.***

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray,

he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor.

**THE SECOND LESSON** (1 Peter 3: 18-22)

*A reading from the first letter of St Peter.*

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people "by water", and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and

Dominations and Powers his subjects.

*The Word of the Lord*

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!***

***Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.***

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**THE HOLY GOSPEL** (Mark 1: 12-15)

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.*

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There

he proclaimed the Good News from God. "The time has come" he said "and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News,"

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time. Through Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

***One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.***

***or***

***The Lord will conceal you with his pinions, and under his wings you will trust.***

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**
Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased,

and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth. Through Christ our Lord,

***Amen.***