**Sunday 1st March 2015**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

S GILES-IN-READING

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Hymns: ***The Celebration Hymnal***

Mass Setting: *Plainsong*

Motet: *Turn thy face from my sins - Attwood*

Entrance Hymn: *111* Offertory Hymn: *59*

Communion Hymns: *663 & 452* Recessional: *548*

Voluntary: *Concerto in A minor - Bach / Vivaldi.*

**From glory to glory**

What is the significance of ourLord’s transfiguration? Jesus

wentto the mountain knowing full well what awaited him in

Jerusalem – his betrayal, rejection and crucifixion. Jesus very

likely discussed this momentous decision to go to the cross

with Moses and Elijah. God the Father also spoke with Jesus

and gave his approval: This is my beloved Son; listen to him. Peter, James, and John were privileged witnesses of the glory of Christ. We, too, as disciples of Christ are called to be witnesses of his glory. We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:18). The Lord wants to reveal his glory to us, his beloved disciples.





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**Psalter Week 2**

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

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**10.00 Mattins**

**10.30 Parish Mass & Sunday School**

**17.30 Evensong**

**18.00 Low Mass**

Monday of Week 2 of Lent

No Services

Tuesday of Week 2 of Lent

09.00 Matins

17.30 Evensong

18.00 Low Mass

18.30 Stations of the Cross

Wednesday of Week 2 of Lent

10.00 Mattins

10.30 Low Mass

17.30 Evensong

Thursday of Week 2 of Lent

09.00 Mattins

09.20 Rosary of the Sorrowful Mysteries

16.30 Evensong

Friday of Week 2 of Lent

10.45 Mattins

11.15 The Litany

11.30 Lenten Study Group

12.30 Low Mass

16.30 Evensong

Saturday of Week 2 of Lent

09.30 Mattins

10.00 Low Mass

16.30 Evensong

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**10.00 Mattins**

**10.30 Parish Mass & Sunday School**

**17.30 Evensong**

**18.00 Low Mass**

**TODAY AT**

**S GILES**

Monday

02 March

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03 March

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**Sunday**

**08 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 to be DRAWN NEXT SUNDAY 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!

**Saturday 21 March.** Church cleaning after Mass. This is to get the church ready for Palm Sunday & Easter. All Help gratefully appreciated.

*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**

***Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.***

***or***

***Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.***

**COLLECT**

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure,

we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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 22: 1-2; 9-13; 15-18)

*A reading from the book of Genesis.*

God put Abraham to the test. "Abraham, Abraham" he called. "Here I am" he replied. "Take your son," God said "your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you." When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. "Abraham, Abraham" he said. "I am here" he replied. "Do not raise your hand against the boy" the angel said. "Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son." Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by Its horns In a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. "I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience."

*The Word of the Lord*

**THE GRADUAL PSALM** Psalm 115

***R/ I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.***

I trusted, even when I said: "I am sorely afflicted."

O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people,

in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

**THE SECOND LESSON** (Romans 8: 31-34)

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.*

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Chnst Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

*The Word of the Lord*

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Glory and praise to you, O Christ!***

***From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!"***

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**THE HOLY GOSPEL** (Mark 9: 2-10)

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. "Rabbi", he said "it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what "rising from the dead" could mean.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities.

Through Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

***This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.***

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**
As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord,

for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***