**Sunday 8th February 2015**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

S GILES-IN-READING

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Hymns: ***The English Hymnal***

Mass Setting: *German Mass - Schubert*

Motet:

Entrance Hymn: *574* Offertory Hymn: *63*

Communion Hymns: *315 & 370* Recessional: *404*

Voluntary: *Sonata no 4 in A minor ( 1st movement) - Rheinberger.*

**Signs of Love**

No one who sought Jesus out was refused his help. Even the untouchables and the outcasts of Jewish society found help in him. Unlike the people of Jesus' time who fled at the sight of a leper, Jesus touched the leper who approached him and he made him whole and clean. Lepers were not only shunned but regarded as "already dead" even by their relatives. The Jewish law forbade anyone from touching or approaching a leper, lest ritual defilement occur. This leper did something quite remarkable. He approached Jesus confidently and humbly, expecting that Jesus could and would heal him. Normally a leper would be stoned or at least warded off if he tried to come near a rabbi. Jesus not only grants the man his request, but he demonstrates the personal love, compassion, and tenderness of God in his physical touch. Jesus communicated the love and mercy of God in a sign that spoke more eloquently than words. He touched the man and made him clean - not only physically but spiritually as well.”

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**Psalter Week 1**

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

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**10.00 Mattins**

**10.30 Parish Mass & Sunday School**

**17.30 Evensong**

**18.00 Low Mass**

Monday of Week 6 in Ordinary Time

No Services

Tuesday of Week 6 in Ordinary Time

09.00 Matins

17.30 Evensong

18.00 Low Mass

Ash Wednesday

10.00 Matins

10.30 Low Mass with Ashes Ceremony

19.00 Evensong

19.30 Sung Mass with Ashes Ceremony

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

09.00 Mattins

16.30 Evensong

Friday after Ash Wednesday

11.00 Mattins

11.30 Bible Study

12.30 Low Mass

16.30 Evensong

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

09.30 Mattins

10.00 Low Mass

16.30 Evensong

**First Sunday of Lent**

**10.00 Mattins**

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**17.30 Evensong**

**18.00 Low Mass**

**TODAY AT**

**S GILES**

Monday

16 February

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Thursday

19 February

Friday

20 February

Saturday

21 February

**Sunday**

**22 February**

**NOTICES & EVENTS**

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

**Tuesday 17 Feb** We are having a pancake dinner at the vicarage on Shrove Tuesday, all are welcome!   The dinner will start at 6.30pm (low mass at 6pm if you are free).   Hope to see you then.

**Ashes-to-go.**  This year Fr David and Fr Sam will spend a few hours on Broad St in Reading offering prayers of repentance with the Administration of Ashes to passers-by. Do keep this in your prayers, and come and find us sometime between noon and 2pm!

**Wednesday 18 February** is Ash Wednesday. Mattins at 10.00, Low Mass with Ashing at 10.30, Evensong at 19.00 & Sung Mass with Ashing at 19.30.

**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!

**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 on Thursday 26 February.  Wine reception to follow.

*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.*

Sunday 15th February 2015 – Sixth Sunday inOrdinary Time

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

***Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.***

**COLLECT**

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.

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** (Leviticus 13: 1-2; 44-46)

*A reading from the book of Leviticus.*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons. "The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, 'Unclean, unclean.' As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp."

*The Word of the Lord*

**THE GRADUAL PSALM** Psalm 31

***R/ You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.***

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile.

But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide.

I said: "I will confess my offence to the Lord."

And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart.

**THE SECOND LESSON** (1 Corinthians 10: 31 – 11: 1)

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.*

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone - to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

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**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind,***

***so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.***

***Alleluia!***

***or***

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.***

***Alleluia!***

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** (Mark 1: 40-45)

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

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: "If you want to" he said "you can cure me." Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. "Of course I want to!" he said. "Be cured!" And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, "Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery." The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse and renew us and may it become for those who do your will the source of eternal reward. Through Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

***They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them;***

***they were not disappointed in what they craved.***

***or***

***God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.***

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**
Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, that we may always long for that food by which we truly live. Through Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***