

Sunday

in the Parish of Honley with Brockholes

5 February 2017 | The Fourth Sunday before Lent



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Diocese of Leeds

Welcome If you are a newcomer or visitor, we welcome you and want you to feel at home. Please introduce yourself and join us for refreshments after the 9.30 and 11 a.m. services.

ON Friday, Angeline Baker and I had the privilege of attending a luncheon at Lambeth Palace to celebrate the science and faith projects which have been given grants from the Templeton fund. It was a privilege to be there, not only to hear about exciting projects taking place elsewhere – from Northumberland to the south coast – but also to be able to make a brief presentation, using slides brilliantly prepared by Richard Ashley, about our ‘Water in Life’ project. The whole event was an important reminder that the Christian faith was historically at the forefront of scientific endeavour and discovery, and that God cares about the world he redeems, judges and creates in Jesus Christ.

On my way to Lambeth, I walked past Channel Four’s buildings in Westminster. This week, Channel Four News conducted an investigation into the allegedly abusive behaviour of a past leader of the Christian camps for public schoolboys held at Iwerne Minster in Dorset. The Iwerne camps have been an important part of the life of the Church of England for very many years. Many, humanly speaking, owe their salvation to the gospel they first heard there. Most of the significant Evangelical leaders of the Church of England in the twentieth century attended Iwerne. It is therefore especially tragic that one man may have abused the trust placed in him in the 1970s and early 1980s.

This very sad case is a reminder to us all to do everything we can to make sure our churches are safe places, especially for children and young people. Checks are made with the Disclosure and Barring Service for those who work with children, for example in our Sunday Club. Jane Wardman is our safeguarding officer. Safeguarding really matters, because children and young people really matter, and we long for them to hear the good news about Jesus and to put their trust in him.

Today’s Worship

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (1662) – St Mary’s
9.30 a.m. ALL AGE MORNING PRAYER with INFANT BAPTISM – St Mary’s
11.00 a.m. ALL AGE HOLY COMMUNION – St George’s
6.00 p.m. Evening Service – St George’s
6.30 p.m. Holy Communion – St Mary’s

Readings at 9.30 and 11 a.m.

Isaiah 58.1-9a (p. 746) *11 a.m. only*
Matthew 5.13-20 (p. 969)

Hymns at 11.00 a.m.

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The Collect of 4 before Lent

Lord of the hosts of heaven,
our salvation and our strength,
without you we are lost:
guard us from all that harms or hurts
and raise us when we fall;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

DIARY

Monday 6th February

The Martyrs of Japan, 1597

Tuesday 7th February

School Christingles – St Mary's

Wednesday 8th February

9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (1662) – St Mary's
9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion – St Mary's
5.00 p.m.	PRAYER GATHERING – Parish Rooms

Thursday 9th February

9.00 a.m.	Let's Play – Parish Rooms
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Friday 10th February

Scholastica, sister of Benedict, Abbess of Plombariola, c. 543

Saturday 11th February

Sunday 12th February

Septuagesima

8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (1662) – St Mary's
9.30 a.m.	HOLY COMMUNION with Sunday Club – St Mary's
11.00 a.m.	HOLY COMMUNION – St George's
6.00 p.m.	Evening Service – St George's
6.30 p.m.	Evening Prayer (1662) – St Mary's

PRAYERS

1. Among the sick and the housebound, we pray for <deleted from the on-line edition>.
2. Our Parish Growth Prayer – please use this in your daily prayers:

Father, you have called us to be disciples of your Son in Honley and Brockholes. May your word be spoken and heard in our parish, and accepted by many with lasting joy. Give us the gift of growth: growth in discipleship, and growth in the number of disciples, to the praise of your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTICES

1. Jenny Lockwood is organising a Picnic Concert at St Mary's. It will be in the evening of Saturday 6th May.
2. There will be a Lent Lunch on Thursday 30th March at 12 noon in St Mary's. Tickets (£5) must be bought in advance from Gillian Greaves.
3. The Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place in St Mary's on Saturday 22nd April at 10.00 a.m.
4. Water of Life: the second local meeting will be held on 21st February 2017 in St Mary's at 7 p.m. The meeting will consider 'Where are we now?' regarding our understanding of climate change, the River Holme, and God and our faith. It will be an open forum where all views are of equal value. Tea and coffee will be provided.