

**HOLY CROSS  
NORTH BERSTED**

**The Third Sunday before Lent**

**February 17<sup>th</sup>. 2019**

**JOURNEY  
OF  
Faith**

**Luke 6:17-26**

**Welcome to Holy Cross Church!**

**If you are a visitor or new to the area, please make yourself known to the Sides people, Church Wardens or Parish Priest.**

**Refreshments are served in the Hall after the 10.30am Eucharist.**



**Next Sunday's Services:**

**24<sup>th</sup>. February 2019**

**The Second Sunday before Lent**

8am Eucharist

10.30am Family Eucharist

2.30pm Sing-a-long Session

**Prayer List the Sick**

Graham Bryant, Nigel Singleton, John Yaxley, Andrew Penwarden, Ralph Budd, Della, Archie Morton, Jean Bryant.

**Long Term Sick**

Fr. Nigel Alan Williams, Chaz & Sally, Nadia, Kathleen Bushnell-Wye, Margaret Hotston, Wendy O'Neill, Little Mollie, Sheila Calloway, Doris Anderson.

**Those whom we visit at home**

Joyce Ablett, Dilys Walker, John Gostling, Jean Poplett, Lee Reeve, Barbara Greenshields, Peggy Weeks, Gill Tourbay, Elizabeth Greaves, Yvonne Denton, Dulcie Littlechild, Ted Smith, Ann Smith.

**Birthdays** Adele Higgins, Mike King

**Departed**

**Years Mind** Bertram Hunt; Owen Miles; Kathleen Parsons.

**DIARY FOR THE COMING WEEK**

**18 Monday**

Morning Prayer 9.30 am

**19 Tuesday**

Morning Prayer 9.30 am

Bersted Parish Council Tea & Cake

Jubilee Hall 2-4pm

**20 Wednesday**

Morning Prayer 9.30 am

**21 Thursday**

Morning Prayer 9.30 am

Eucharist 10 am

**Next Sunday's Readings:**

Genesis 2:4b-9; Luke 8:22-25.

**Banns**

Please pray for Aidan & Charlotte and for Andrew & Samantha as they prepare for their marriages in April.

## Collect

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
*All Amen.*

## First Reading

### Jeremiah 17:5-10 (NRSV)

Thus says the LORD:  
Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse who can understand it? I the LORD test the mind and search the heart,

to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

This is the word of the Lord.  
*All Thanks be to God*

## Psalm

## Psalm 1

*R. Happy are they who walk in the way of the Lord!*

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.

Their delight is in the law of the Lord and they meditate on his law day and night. **R.**

Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, whatever they do, it shall prosper.

As for the wicked, it is not so with them; they are like chaff which the wind blows away. **R.**

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgment, nor sinner in the congregation of the righteous For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. **R.**

## Second reading

### 1 Corinthians 15:12-20\*

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then

Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel**

#### **Gospel Reading Luke 6:17-26**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Our eyes have seen your salvation, a light to enlighten the nations and the glory of your people Israel. (cf Luke 2.30,32)

Alleluia.

**All Alleluia.**

### **Hear the Gospel according to St Luke**

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were

troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All. Praise to you O Christ.**

**All Alleluia.**

## **Notices & Upcoming Events**

### **Sing-a-Long Sunday February 24th**

**2pm** Please join us for a sing along with the band to try some new songs and practice some music for our family services. You are welcome to stay after church and sit with others enjoying a packed lunch rather than go home between events.

**GDPR Form-** Thanks for all the forms that we have received back, but we are still some way to getting all of them in, so please don't forget, if you have not completed one already.

**Lent Course-** we will be offering the Diocese Lent Course this year, **Living Life**. Please sign up for the course you would like to join. The course consists of 5 short videos with a whole range of people talking about how they find God in all aspects of their life. It looks good. The course will be running:  
**Mondays 2-3.30pm** in Church,  
**Tuesdays 7.30- 9pm** venue tbc  
**Thursdays 7.30-9pm** Colin & Jill's.

**Annual Leave** -Jo is off on annual leave Wednesday 20th Feb -Saturday 23rd Feb

### **Spring Market Saturday 2nd March**

10 am -12 noon in the Church Hall. All donations of produce gratefully received.

Please do tell your friends and spread the word. Maybe you could put up a poster.

### **Jo to be made Vicar!**

The diocese are going to install Jo as Vicar not Priest in charge of the parish. The provisional date for this is **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 10am** Holy Cross Church. Do join us if you can.

## **Diocesan Five Year Strategy**

+Mark will be coming to an open deanery synod meeting soon to share the thinking on the next strategy to be launched in 2020. If you want to have you say you can complete a survey by carefully typing the following into your search engine.

[www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DRFRW7Y](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DRFRW7Y)

### **Contact details**

**Rev'd Jo King 01243 926415**

**71 St James Road,**

**Chichester,**

**PO19 7HR.**

**Email:**

[vicar@holycrossnorthbersted.org.uk](mailto:vicar@holycrossnorthbersted.org.uk)

### **Acknowledgement**

All Readings are taken from the NRSV, the: New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright © 1989 the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.