

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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SCRIPTURE READINGS PMB pp.156-159 Prf p.72 EP 3 p.28

Genesis 15:5-12; 17-18 In the ancient Middle East as a sign of a promise or covenant an animal would be cut in half and the two parties pass between them indicating 'May this happen if I break this covenant'. Here it is God who passes between them in the form of fire.

Philippians 3: 17-4: 1 As Abraham and Jesus were both called to go on journeys, so our journey is towards the transfiguration of our bodies into copies of Jesus' glorious body.

Luke 9: 28-36 Distinctive to Luke's account of the Transfiguration is that it happens as Jesus is in prayer. All the major events in his life are preceded by prayer. Also peculiar to Luke: the conversion with Moses and Elijah was of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem, the journey to which he was about to embark.

SECOND COLLECTION: CAFOD (If you wish the Gift Aid on your donation to go to CAFOD you need to use a CAFOD envelope **and complete the form on the back**. Envelopes have been put out at the back of the church).

WEEKDAY MASSES Monday (Latin) and Friday at 9.30am.

LENT BOOK CLUB: The book we are reading is *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*, by Brant Pitre. Next meeting: Thursday 2.30 at Kilima Lodge, Evendine Lane, Colwall WR13 6DT, Thursday, 14 March, at 2.30pm. We will discuss Chapter 3.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Friday 5pm in the Church.

GIFT AID Lent is perhaps a good time to consider your giving to the Parish. At least four parishioners who made weekly or monthly gift-aided donations have recently died or left the Parish, so our income is down on last year. If you are a UK taxpayer, whatever you give to the Parish can be increased by 25% if you fill in a Gift Aid form. Please contact Sue Rigby for help.

STATION XIV (from the pre-1990 Stations of the Cross) has been restored and hung in its former position. Please consider if you think it would be good to restore all of them or stay as we are with the ceramic stations. The cost of restoration is £150-180 per station. A benefactor has offered to double any contributions made by others.

A PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO BROWNSHILL (Convent of Our Lady and St Bernard, nr Stroud) is planned for Friday 7 June, to include midday office, lunch, one or two talks by Sister Philippa, tea and vespers. Further details and booking later. If you are interested, put it in your diary.

Pray for Leonie Rimmer, Denise Soper, Norah Lawley, and Michael Noakes, who died recently, for Peter Onions who is unwell, for Rosemarie Kay, Christopher Kouwen, Raymond Turner and Diana Jones, who are recovering, and for Paul Hothersall, Ellen Verdult, Nicholas Ratcliff, and Les Miller who are housebound.