

WELCOME

We are very pleased to welcome you if you are a visitor or newcomer to the church. If you'd like to, please make yourself known to the sidesperson or a churchwarden. We use a variety of liturgy. There is a T loop in the church for the benefit of people with hearing aids.

There are toys, a WC and changing facilities, which you can use at any time, in the vestry opposite the entrance.

1 Cor. 10: 1-13 (NRSV)

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,^[a] that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea,² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,³ and all ate the same spiritual food,⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

6 Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. 7 Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." 8 We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. 9 We must not put Christ[b] to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. 10 And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. 11 These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. 13 No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Luke 13: 1-9 (NRSV)

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.² He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?"³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?"⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."⁶ Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none.⁷ So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?'⁸ He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it.⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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Please note Alison's working hours:

- Monday 09:30 to 13:00
- Tuesday 10:00 to 13:00
- Thursday 09:30 to 13:00

NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

Mon 21 March

9am Morning Prayer

10.30am Coffee Pot

6.30pm Holy Ground to mark the Celtic Year: Spring Equinox (outside Marston Eco Hub)

Tue 22 March

8.30am Morning Prayer

Wed 23 March

9.30am Holy Communion

followed by coffee and cake

9.30am Toddler Group in Church Hall

9pm Compline at St Thomas and live on Facebook

Thu 24 March

8.30am Morning Prayer

Fri 25 March

8.30am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Lunch Club **FULLY BOOKED**

7.30pm Pause for Thought - 'Unveiled: Women of the Old Testament and the Choices They Made'

with Revd Clare Hayns & Micah Hayns

Clare is College Chaplain at Christ Church, Oxford. Pre-ordination she was a Social Worker specialising in substance misuse. She is married to John and has three sons, the eldest of whom is the illustrator of this book. Born in 1997, Micah Hayns is a contemporary classical painter from Oxford.

Some women of the Old Testament are well known, but many are barely remembered and even when they are we often don't pause on them long enough to think what we might learn from them. 'Unveiled', written with frankness and humour and illustrated with striking artwork from Micah, explores the stories of over 40 women in 40 chapters.

NEXT SUNDAY

27 March 2022

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mothering Sunday

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Celtic Holy Communion

ALSO ...

10am at St Thomas All Age Mothering Sunday service



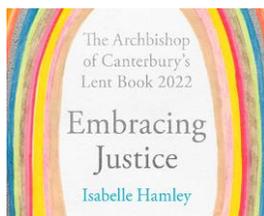
CELTIC LENT QUIET DAY

2nd April 10-5pm – please book with Alison in the office.



LENT IN THE BENEFICE

This year we are studying the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book 'Embracing Justice'



You are welcome to join an online Tuesday evening course at 8pm via Zoom (Meeting ID: 865 1708 9849 Password: tiger)

The first Lent study will be on Shrove Tuesday 1st March and the last on Tuesday 5th April.

Or you can join an in-venue Communion service on Wednesdays at 9:30am where the course will be shared during the talk with an informal discussion after the short service over coffee. The first one is the 9th of March.

During Lent Compline returns at

St Thomas, Elsfield on Wednesdays at 9pm.
(You can also join online via St Nicholas Church Facebook page)

9th March, 16th March, 23rd March,
30th March & 6th April
EVERY ONE is welcome

PALM SUNDAY



Sunday 10th April
STARTING at St Nicholas Church,

Elsfield Rd (OX3 0PR) 2:30pm

Prayer & meeting points...

3:15pm Outside Northway Church, 12 Sutton Rd, (OX3 9RB)

3:35pm Outside St Anthony of Padua, 115 Headley Way, (OX3 7SS)

4pm Outside Marston URC, 352 Marston Rd, (OX3 0JB)

4:20pm Outside St Michael's, Marston Rd, (OX3 0JA)

Finishing with Hot cross buns, Tea & Coffee at St Michael's. Walk all the way with *Monty* the Donkey or join anywhere along the route!



MAUNDY THURSDAY AT ELSFIELD

Benefice of Marston & Elsfield

Fish n' Chip Supper & Informal Communion (optional foot washing) at St Thomas Church, Elsfield



Holy Thursday



Book Fish N' Chips with James Plunkett
01865 358170 by 11th April

(£6:50 per person approx.) **Start 6:30pm**



20 March 2022

The Third Sunday of Lent

TODAY'S SERVICES

8am **HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)**

Led by Revd Skye Denno

Epistle: 1 Cor. 10: 1-13 *

Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9 *

(pp 89-91 in the BCP)

* See readings below

4pm **CONTEMPORARY SERVICE** in Church Hall

Led by Neil Barker

A TIME FOR TRANSFORMATION

Come and join us for a community and faith event for everyone



Activities include paper flower making, worship, discussion and food.

The 4pm Service Sunday 20th March at St Nicholas Church Hall, Marston Village, OX3 0PR