

Living the Word

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

The readings during Lent each year are wonderfully arranged to lead us forward week-by-week in the history of God's promises to His people. This year they begin with the profession of faith about God's care of His people, which Israelite priests had to make when presenting their offering. Surprisingly it begins not with the promises to Abraham, but with the wanderings of the nomadic tribes down to Egypt. It was in Egypt that God made them His people, rescuing them from slavery. The decisive moment was the exodus from Egypt.

Collect for the day

O Lord who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights: give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory; who livest and reignest with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

From the Fathers

"There are two different roads, one broad and easy, the other hard and narrow. And there are two guides vying with each other to attract the traveller's attention... life is an amalgam of vice and virtue... The life of the sinner presents all the pleasures of the present moment; the life of the righteous points to future benefits. The easy undisciplined way of life leads to pleasure to be enjoyed now, not later; the way of salvation is hard in the present, but promises a beautiful future."

From 'Commentary on Psalm 1' by St Basil the Great, (circa 330 – 379)

Sunday 9th March 2025

1st Sunday of Lent

Gospel: Luke 4: 1 – 13

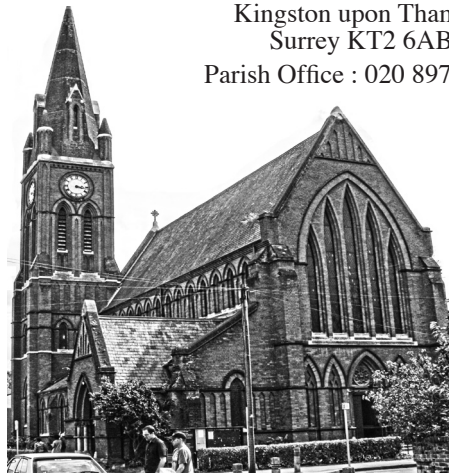


Temptation in the wilderness

On Ash Wednesday, the Church gave us a fresh call to discipleship – to follow in the footsteps of Christ as we received the sign of the cross in ash. Today, St Luke's Gospel asks us to continue in the path of that discipleship, as we are presented with the temptations of Christ. The devil, the tempter, that subtle yet beguiling voice, offers Jesus material possessions, offers him earthly power beyond imagining, and invites him to put God to the test. Each time, Jesus rebuts temptation with words of scripture. He chooses instead the way of the cross. The fruits of His choice are ours, if we would but trust in Him. St Luke reverses St Matthew's order of the Temptations. The city of Jerusalem, therefore, becomes the centre of his account. It is Jerusalem that will be the scene for the death of Christ. That is the way He chose – the way of the Cross which ultimately leads to life.

St Luke's Parish Church Kingston upon Thames

Corner of Burton Road & Gibbon Road
Kingston upon Thames,
Surrey KT2 6AB
Parish Office : 020 8974 8079



We welcome you to St Luke's Kingston, a traditional Forward in Faith parish under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Fulham the Rt Rev'd Jonathan Baker. His website is: <http://www.bishopoffulham.org.uk>.

As a community we are dedicated to making the love of Christ known through excellence in worship and active care and concern for others.

St Luke's Church is kept open most days during the daylight hours for prayer and meditation.

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am Said Mass
10.30am Sung Mass
5.00pm Evensong

WEEKDAYS

9.00am Mass Tuesday/ Wednesday/ Thursday & Friday

THIS WEEK

MONDAY 10th March: Feria
Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Matthew 25:31-46

TUESDAY 11th March: Feria
Isaiah 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-19; Matthew 6:7-15
9.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 12th March: Feria
Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Luke 11:29-32
9.00am Mass

THURSDAY 13th March: Feria
Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps138:1-3, 7-8; Matthew 7:7-12
9.00am Mass
5.30pm Choral Evensong - Tiffin School

FRIDAY 14th March: Feria
Ezekiel 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Matthew 5:20-26
9.00am Mass

SATURDAY 15th March: Feria
Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Matthew 5:43-48

Join Zoom Meeting- Sunday 10.30am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84180162383?pwd=Q2lYdXFU TW5iaVc4NmBZ0l4alZxUT09>

Meeting ID: 824 6111 3281

THE PARISH OFFICE

St Luke's Vicarage
4 Burton Road
Kingston Upon Thames Surrey KT2 5TE
Phone: 07592 408419
E-mail: parish@stlukeskingston.uk

PARISH CONTACTS

Vicar: Fr Martin Hislop SSC
Phone: 020 8974 8079
Email: mghislop55@gmail.com

Administrator (& Hall Bookings):
Miss Heather Stone
Phone: 07592 408419
E-mail: parish@stlukeskingston.uk

Churchwarden: Ald. Patrick Codd
Phone: 020 8286 3319

Organist & Director of Music: Mr Chris O'Neill
Phone: 07974 804545
E-mail: music@stlukeskingston.uk

HEALING PRAYER

We pray for our troubled world. We ask for the power of the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and help others to come to know the love of Christ. We pray for those whose families are shattered by violence and for those who strive for reconciliation, peace and justice.

We pray that the Lord's healing love will comfort and strengthen all those in sickness of mind, body and soul; for Sue Codd, Patricia Davidge, Philip Ransom and Fr Hugh Mead.

Especially we pray for:- Gillian, Susan S, Orien and Patrick Codd.

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Manuel Turnes, Fr Graham Lyall

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

TODAY: Douglas Hamilton (Priest), Philip Barnard

MONDAY: Frank Rata

TUESDAY: John Allen (Priest), Tim Scott

WEDNESDAY: Mary Simmons, Ronald Brierley,
Albert Clark

THURSDAY: William Hanham, Martha Mills,
Reginald Adams, Freddie Cook

FRIDAY: Margaret Buckwell, Roger Fisher, Jessie Roach,
Henry Shorey

SATURDAY: Henry Burt



Monday 7th April Fr Martin turns 70 and should be his retirement but the Bishop of Southwark has graciously offered an extension to St Luke's Day 2026.

On 7th April there will be a Parish Reception to celebrate Fr Martin's 70th. This will be at Wych Elm Pub from 6pm till 8.30pm. If you would like to attend please add your name to the sheet on the table at the Church entrance.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
 Bid my anxious fears subside;
 Death of death, and hell's Destruction
 Land me safe on Canaan's side:
 Songs of praises (r)
 I will ever give to thee. (r)

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



As we enter the penitential season of Lent our liturgy ceases to include The Gloria or any Alleliuas and the organ is used minimally only to support the singing.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN

60 O kind Creator, bow thine ear *(tune ii)*

O kind Creator, bow thine ear
 To mark the cry, to know the tear
 Before thy throne of mercy spent
 In this thy holy fast of Lent.

Our hearts are open, Lord, to thee:
 Thou knowest our infirmity;
 Pour out on all who seek thy face
 Abundance of thy pardoning grace.

Our sins are many, this we know;
 Spare us, good Lord, thy mercy show;
 And for the honour of thy name
 Our fainting souls to life reclaim.

Give us the self-control that springs
 From discipline of outward things,
 That fasting inward secretly
 The soul may purely dwell with thee.

We pray thee, holy Trinity,
 One God, unchanging Unity,
 That we from this our abstinence
 May reap the fruits of penitence. Amen.

ANTIPHON *Psalm 90:15-16*

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

GREETING

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

The celebrant asks the people to acknowledge their sins.

After a pause for silence:

All: **I confess to almighty God,
 and to you, my brothers and sisters,
 that I have greatly sinned
 in my thoughts and in my words,
 in what I have done,
 and in what I have failed to do;**

And, striking their breast, they say:

**through my fault, through my fault,
 through my most grievous fault;
 therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin,
 all the angels and saints,
 and you, my brothers and sisters,
 to pray for me to the Lord our God.**



HELP THE PARISH AS YOU SHOP

Online shopping is increasing and if you use this mode of shopping you can benefit St Luke's at no cost to you!

www.easyfundraising.org.uk has over 4000 shops and sites which will donate to us at no extra cost to yourself, including big name retailers like John Lewis, Argos, M&S.

All you have to do is go through easy fundraising website or App whenever you shop online and then the parish receives a % of your spend as a free donation, at no extra cost to you or the parish.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk
kingston stlukes pcc

Join Shop Raise
 Collect FREE funds for us any time you shop with
 Sign up now

St Luke's Parish Church, Kingston upon Thames
invites you to

Choral Evensong

6th March 2025

13th March 2025

5.30pm

sung by Tiffin School
directed by James Day

Experience this traditional service of rare and mystical beauty in which the Word is illuminated through choral music and chant, in the beautiful atmosphere of St Luke's Church



St Luke's Church is on the corner of Burton Road and Gibbon Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT2 6AB

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

People: **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Choir: **Kyrie eleison.** (Lord, have mercy.)
Kyrie eleison. (Lord, have mercy.)
Christe eleison. (Christ, have mercy.)
Christe eleison. (Christ, have mercy.)
Kyrie eleison. (Lord, have mercy.)
Kyrie eleison. (Lord, have mercy.)

COLLECT

Priest: Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. 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

All: **Amen**

The people SIT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING *Deuteronomy 26:4-10 (ESV)*

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses spoke to the people: 'The priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God. And you shall make response before the Lord your God, "A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labour. Then we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O Lord, have given me." And you shall set it down before the Lord your God and worship before the Lord your God.'

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God**

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Be with me, Lord, in my distress.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: "My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!" **R.**

Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach where you dwell.
For you has he commanded his angels,
to keep you in all your ways. **R.**

They shall bear you up upon their hands
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread
and trample the young lion and the dragon. **R.**

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him;
protect him for he knows my name.
When he calls I shall answer: "I am with you,"
I will save him in distress and give him glory. **R.**

**but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will overshadow you, and you will find refuge under His wings

Holy Communion is now given.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Hide not thou Thy Face - *Richard Farrant 1530-1582.*

The People STAND

COMMUNION HYMN

70 Lord Jesus, think on me *(tune i)*

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
And purge away my sin;
From earthborn passions set me free,
And make me pure within.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
With care and woe opprest;
Let me thy loving servant be,
And taste thy promised rest.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
Amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery
Be thou my health and life.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point thou the heavenly way.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
When flows the tempest high:
When on doth rush the enemy
O Saviour, be thou nigh.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
That, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see,
And share thy joy at last.**

CONCLUDING RITE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Priest: Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

The Priest blesses the people, who respond: **Amen.**

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

FINAL HYMN

368 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, (r)
Feed me till I want no more. (r)**

**Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer, (r)
Be thou still my strength and shield. (r)**

Look with favour on the oblation of your Church, in which we show the paschal Sacrifice of Christ that has been handed on to us, and grant that, by the power of the Spirit of your love, we may be counted now until the day of eternity among the members of your Son, in whose Body and Blood we have communion.

Lord renew your Church by the light of the Gospel. Strengthen the bond of unity between the faithful and the pastors of your people, together with Jonathan our Bishop, the whole Order of Bishops, that in a world torn by strife your people may shine forth as a prophetic sign of unity and concord.

Remember our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the peace of your Christ, and all the dead, whose faith you have known. Admit them to rejoice in the light of your face, and in the resurrection give them the fullness of life.

Grant also to us, when our earthly pilgrimage is done, that we may come to an eternal dwelling place and live with you for ever; there, in communion with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with the Apostles and Martyrs, with Saint Luke and with all the Saints, we shall praise and exalt you through Jesus Christ, your Son. Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The People STAND



THE COMMUNION RITE

Priest: At the Saviour's command, and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that by the help of your mercy we may always be free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you: look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And with your spirit.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD (CHOIR)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,**

THE SECOND READING *Romans 10:8-13 (ESV)*

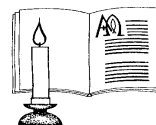
A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and Sisters: What does Scripture say? 'The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, 'Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For, 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

The People STAND



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Matthew 4:4*

- V. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
- R. **Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**
- V. Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
- R. **Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

THE GOSPEL *Luke 4:1-13 (ESV)*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time: Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were over, he was hungry.

The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.' And Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone."'

And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, 'To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' And Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve."'

And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone." ' And Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."'

And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY *The people SIT*

NICENE CREED *The people STAND*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,

consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:

All bow: and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward
to the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The people KNEEL or SIT

At the end of each bidding, silence is kept, followed by:
Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end of the prayers:

People: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The people STAND

OFFERTORY HYMN

67 Forty days and forty nights

Forty days and forty nights
Thou wast fasting in the wild,
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted and yet undefiled.

Sunbeams scorching all the day,
Chilly dewdrops nightly shed,
Prowling beasts about thy way,
Stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.

Let us thine endurance share,
And awhile from joys abstain,
With thee watching unto prayer,
Strong with thee to suffer pain.

And if Satan, vexing sore,
Flesh or spirit should assail,
Thou, his vanquisher before,
Grant we may not faint nor fail.

So shall we have peace divine,
Holier gladness ours shall be,
Round us too shall angels shine,
Such as ministered to thee.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
Ever constant by thy side,
That with thee we may appear
At the eternal Eastertide.

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.



People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice
at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good,
and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Priest: Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray,
to make these offerings, for with them we celebrate the
beginning of this venerable and sacred time. Through
Christ our Lord

All: Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and just.

Priest: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks. Lord, holy
Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our
Lord. By abstaining forty long days from earthly food,
he consecrated through his fast the pattern of our
Lenten observance and, by overturning all the snares
of the ancient serpent, taught us to cast out the leaven
of malice, so that, celebrating worthily the Paschal
Mystery, we might pass over at last to the eternal
paschal feast And so, with the company of Angels and
Saints, we sing the hymn of your praise, as without end
we acclaim:

Choir: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people KNEEL or SIT

Priest: You are indeed holy, and to be glorified, O God,
who love the human race and who always walks with us
on the journey of life. Blessed indeed is your son, present
in our midst when we are gathered by his love, and when,
as once for the disciples, so now for us, he opens the
Scriptures and breaks the bread.
Therefore, Father most merciful, we ask that you send
forth your Holy Spirit to sanctify these gifts of bread and
wine, that they may become for us the Body and Blood of
our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day before he was to suffer, on the night of the Last
Supper, he took bread and said the blessing, broke the
bread and gave it to his disciples saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS
MY BODY, WHICH IS GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the
chalice gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples,
saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR
THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD
OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH IS
POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE
FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.

All: Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

Priest: Therefore, holy Father, as we celebrate the
memorial of Christ your son, our Saviour, whom you led
through his Passion and Death on the Cross to the glory of
the Resurrection, and whom you have seated at your right
hand, we proclaim the work of your love until he comes
again and we offer you the Bread of life and the Chalice
of blessing.

