

## THE PARISHES OF JARROW AND SIMONSIDE



We, the Parishes of Jarrow and Simonside, will share our faith, hope and love in God with all, through our worship, witness and service.

### SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT - 11 FEBRUARY 2018

Welcome to our worship today. A special welcome to Nancy Kay, Joey Carr and Sarah Wilson and their families and friends as they come for Baptism at St. Paul's today. Children are most welcome at all our services and there are some colouring/puzzle sheets and busy bags available for them. Please feel free to let them move around as the need arises.

#### COLLECT

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness  
and your glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God our Creator,  
may this bread and wine we offer  
as a sign of our love and worship  
lead us to salvation.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2: 1-12

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

**PSALM 50: 1-6**

**R: Our God will come and will not keep silence.**

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6**

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**GOSPEL: Mark 9: 2-9**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

*We give thanks to God for all his gifts, and seek to respond in generosity of life. During our service today a collection will be taken during the 'Offertory Hymn' – No cash in your pocket? – please text JARR17 £5 (or £10, £4, £3, £2, £1) to 70070 (Just Giving) (before or after the service)*

**Our prayers are asked:**

For Nancy Kay, Joey Shaun Carr and Sarah Jane Wilson and their families and friends, as they come for Baptism at St. Paul's today

For the family of Billy Horn whose funeral is tomorrow at St. John's

For 'Stephen' and all who suffer from human trafficking and modern slavery.

For Revd. Vernon Cuthbert, Area Dean and all members of the Jarrow Deanery Synod.

For those preparing for marriage in our churches this year

For the new Archdeacon of Auckland, Revd. Rick Simpson, who is licensed today

For those discerning the appointment of the next Archdeacon of Sunderland.

For our keeping of Lent

For all on half-term holiday

For those caring for and supporting the frail and housebound; for the bereaved, the sick and the troubled.

**Open the Book** Our remaining sessions this term are 28 February, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March at Simonside Primary School,, meeting at 9.30am for a run-through and finishing at 10.30am. If you have not been involved before but would like to join in for a 'taster' session, presenting a Bible story for Key Stage 1 worship, please contact Jacki Dunn or Carol Cowen.

**9 o'clock Coffee Stop.** Thursdays 9.00am. – 11.00am. This is proving to be a valuable place of meeting and welcome. Hosting is a very practical way of sharing in the mission of the parish. If every member of our congregation (apart from those who are less physically able) offered to take a turn, you would only be asked to do it 3 or 4 times a year! Please help reduce the burden on those who already host by offering your name to share the work. Drop in on a Thursday and see.... Carol Cowen (Tel: 0191 0545) keeps the rota.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**“Exploring Mark’s Gospel”** - Tuesday evening, 7.15pm.- 13<sup>th</sup> February (The Passion narrative) at St. Peter’s. Open to all. Please bring a Bible with you.

**Monday 12 February – 12 Noon St. John the Baptist** Requiem Eucharist of Billy Horn, followed by Committal at South Shields Crematorium at 1.15pm.

**Tuesday 13 February : Praying with your Bus Pass** - Exploring prayer and spirituality for the second half of life with **Bishop Mark Bryant**, who is offering three afternoons during Lent to explore how faith and our relationship with God may change and develop as we grow older. Further details and bookings are available from St. Antony’s Priory and on their website.

**14 February ASH WEDNESDAY Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes at St Simon’s 10.00am, and Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes at St Peter’s 7.00pm.** Please drop off palm crosses in the parish office on Monday if you are able, to be used to make the ash. Our keeping of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday – a day for all Christians to gather in worship and set out on the Lenten journey together. All are expected.

**14 February – 1.30pm. to 3.30pm. Cuthbert House, Durham.** “Open the Book” information session. An opportunity to share experiences and pick up ideas.

**Churches Together in Jarrow – Ecumenical Lent Course 2018 – “When I Survey – Christ’s Cross and ours”** Commencing Tuesday 20 February and continuing on Tuesdays at 7pm in St. Peter’s. See Poster at back of Church.

**25 February 3.30pm Farewell Service for the Archdeacon of Sunderland**, the Ven. Stuart Bain, at Durham Cathedral. Archdeacon Stuart will be installed as Canon Provost of Sunderland Minster in the Minster on Saturday 17 March at 3.00pm. From 1st February, the Ven Ian Jagger, Archdeacon of Durham, has been acting as our Archdeacon.

**St Paul’s** is now open daily 11am to 3pm. (Sundays 2pm. – 3.30pm). The Wednesday 12 Noon Communion Service (Book of Common Prayer) will re-start weekly during Lent from Wednesday 21 February. The shop stocks a variety of books, gifts and cards.

**Sunday 4 March – 3pm. St. Peter’s. Bereavement Service.**

**Saturday 10 March – 2pm to 4pm. Afternoon Tea** at St. John’s. Raffles etc. Tickets £3 from Dorothy or Jacki. See Poster at back of church

**Confirmation** The Jarrow Deanery Confirmation Service will be at 6pm. on Saturday 16 June with Bishop Mark, and we have been asked to host it in Jarrow this year. We are now beginning to gather names of any who would like to be confirmed, or to meet to explore the possibility of confirmation – which is open to all, regardless of whether or not you are already baptised. We usually run a short course of preparation to explore aspects of faith. Expressing an interest does not commit you to confirmation, but you cannot be confirmed without taking the first step! Please speak to one of the clergy or church wardens if you might be interested, or know someone who might want to join in.

**The Parish Office** hours are

Monday – Thursday 10.00am -12.30pm and Thursday 6.30pm -7.30pm.

You can make enquiries about marriage services, marriage banns or baptism (Christening) by email ([jarrowparish@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jarrowparish@yahoo.co.uk)) or leave a phone message 0191 489 1925 if the office is closed.

For further information see the parish website: [www.jarrowparish.info](http://www.jarrowparish.info)

Church Wardens:

Rita Blakey, Frederick Hemmer

District Wardens:

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## SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

### Monday 12 February *Feria*; DEL week 6

Intention: St. Clare's Hospice

8.15am.	Morning Prayer	(St. Paul's)
12 Noon.	Requiem Eucharist for Billy Horn	(St. John's)
7.00pm.	Parish Prayer Group meets	(6 Clennel Ave., Hebburn)

### Tuesday 13 February. *Feria* Intention: The Archbishop of Canterbury

9.00am.	Morning Prayer	(St. Peter's)
10.00am.	Holy Eucharist	(St. Peter's)
2.00pm.	Knit and Natter Group	(St. John's)
7.15pm.	Exploring St. Mark's Gospel	(St Peter's)

### Wednesday 14 February. **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Intention: The Bishop of Durham

9.00am.	Morning Prayer	(St. Simon's)
10.00am.	Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes	(St. Simon's)
7.00pm.	Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes	(St. Peter's)

### Thursday 15 February. *Sigfrid, bishop, 1045; Thomas Bray, priest, founder of SPCK and SPG, 1730*

Intention: Mission Agencies

8.00am.	Morning Prayer	(St. John's)
9.00am.	9 o'clock Coffee Stop	(St. John's)
10.00am.	Holy Eucharist	(St. John's)

### Friday 16 February. *Feria*

Intention: Teachers and School Staff

No morning prayer in Church

### Saturday 17 February. Janani Luwum, archbishop, martyr, 1977

Intention: Christians under persecution

9.00am	Morning Prayer	(St. Paul's)
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### NEXT SUNDAY 18 February: **First Sunday of Lent**

Intention: Our Parishes; Church Growth

9.00am.	Parish Eucharist	(St. John's)
9.15am.	Holy Eucharist,	(St. Simon's)
11.00am.	Parish Eucharist	(St. Paul's)
11.00am.	Parish Eucharist	(St. Peter's)

Next Sunday's Readings:

Genesis 9: 8-17; Psalm 25: 1-9; 1 Peter 3: 18-end; Mark 1: 9-15

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The parish clergy are not usually available in the parish on a Friday, generally their rest day.