

**Christian Aid Loose Change Collection**

There will be a collecting tin at the back of church for your loose change for Christian Aid for the next three Sundays - 10th, 17th and 24th February.

**PARISH LUNCH - LAST CHANCE!**

Sunday, 24th February at 12.15pm in St Nicolas Hall  
Adults £8, accompanied children free.  
Sign up on the list in church.

Remember if you sign up you are booking a meal.

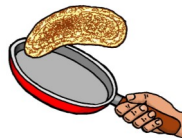
**The World Day of Prayer Service**

Will be held on Friday, 1st March at 10.30am at the Methodist Church. All are welcome.

**Please return last years Palm Crosses ready for Ash Wednesday. Thank you.**

Soup and Pancake lunch made and served by The Sundaes

No charge but donations please for Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage & Mary's Meals



**Flippin' Marvellous Pancakes**

**Coach trips to London**

Our choir will be singing Evensong at St. Paul's Cathedral on Bank Holiday Monday, 27th May, and at Westminster Abbey on Tuesday 13th August. We are hoping to run an extra coach for parishioners on each of these dates. Further details will follow, but if you are interested in joining us, or having a day in London, please phone Val on 422317 or 07756 317648 - as places may be limited. Provisional times: Leave from the Vista at 10am; Arrive back by 9pm. The cost for each seat is £20, but please do not send any money at the moment - just contact Val to reserve the seats required.

**Ordination of Revd Evan McWilliams**

A coach is being arranged to Lincoln Cathedral on Saturday 29th June for Evan's Ordination. If you would like to go please email val.fairbanks@btinternet.com or call her on 01775 422317 / 07756 317648, Times and cost tbc.

**The Parish Office is open  
Monday to Friday  
between 9.30am - 12.30pm**

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**17th February 2019  
Third Sunday before Lent**

Coffee is served in the church between the 9.30am and 11am services.  
Interest bags for pre-school children are available.

**8.00am  
Holy  
Communion**

Celebrant & Preacher:  
The Revd John Bennett

**9.30am  
Family  
Communion**

Celebrant: The Revd Aileen Workman  
Preacher: The Revd Evan McWilliams  
Readers: Marion Brassington & Jean Hill

<b>Singers</b>	360	In the Lord I'll be forever thankful
<b>Hymn</b>	75	Blessed Assurance
<b>Hymn</b>	219	Give thanks with a graceful heart (sing twice)
<b>Hymn</b>	79	Blest are the pure in heart
<b>Comm</b>	67	Beauty for brokenness (vs 1,2&5)
<b>Hymn</b>	32	Alleluia, alleluia, hearts to heaven and voices raise

**11.00am  
Sung  
Eucharist**

Celebrant: The Revd John Bennett  
Preacher: The Revd Evan McWilliams  
Reader: Kathleen Price

<b>Service</b>		<i>Nicholson in G</i>
<b>Entry</b>	202	Holy Holy Holy
<b>Gradual</b>	391	Blest are the pure in heart
<b>Offertory</b>	395	Christ is our cornerstone
<b>Comm Anthem</b>	31	Holy Holy Holy
<b>Comm Hymn</b>	411	Dear Lord and Father
<b>Post Comm</b>	543	O Praise ye the Lord

**6.30pm  
Evensong**

Officiant: The Revd Aileen Workman  
Preacher: Dr Peter Gorton  
Readings: Hosea 10.1-8, 12 & Galatians 4.8-20

<b>Entry</b>	474	Immortal invisible
<b>Introit</b>	31	Holy Holy Holy
<b>Responses</b>		Smith/Ferial
<b>Psalm</b>	8	Chant 36
<b>Office Hymn</b>	577	Stand up and bless the Lord
<b>Magnificat</b>		Chant by Atwood (A)
<b>Nunc Dimittis</b>		Chant 342
<b>Anthem</b>		Dear Lord and Father (Parry)
<b>Hymn</b>	455	Guide me O Thou great redeemer
<b>Hymn</b>	392	Bright the vision

**The Week Ahead**

**WEDNESDAY, 20th February**

10.00am Eucharist - The Revd Alan Fiddymont

**THURSDAY, 21st February**

2.00pm Funeral - Mudice Saikovska

**SATURDAY, 23rd February**

11am-12pm Choir Training

**SUNDAY, 24th February - St Matthias**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Family Communion

11.00am Parish Eucharist & Parish Lunch

Readings: Acts 1.15-26 & John 15.9-17

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Readings: 1 Samuel 2.27-35 & Acts 2.37-47

*Please take this sheet home with you as a reminder of when things are happening and for your prayers.*

## 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 for ever.

## Reading: I Corinthians 15.12-20

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.

## Gospel: Luke 6.17-26

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 on 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.

## Prayer after Communion

Merciful Father,  
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,  
that those who come to him should never hunger:  
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,  
that we may eat and drink with him  
at his table in the kingdom,  
where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## For your prayers

We hold before God those who are ill, especially,  
**Charlotte Morris, Jack Sellars, Sylvia  
Beaumont, Michael Duffill & Jack Grogan.**

We hold before God those who have died,  
amongst them **Lorraine Capes, Peter Rawding,  
Rosemarie Dakin, Gwendoline Doades, Sylvia  
Greeves, Mudice Saikovska, Clive Wood, Rex  
Simpson, Betty Hollingsworth, Colin Howard  
& Jean Young.**

## Psalm 8

1. O Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world: thou that has set thy glory above the heavens!
2. Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies: that thou mightest still the enemy, and the avenger.
3. For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers: the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained.
4. What is man, that thou art mindful of him: and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
5. Thou madest him lower than angels: to crown him with glory and worship.
6. Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands: and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet.
7. All sheep and oxen: yea, and the beasts of the field;
8. The fowl of the air, and fishes of the sea: and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.
9. O Lord our Governor: how excellent is thy Name in all the world!