

**THE UNITED BENEFICE OF ST MARY'S ASHWELL,  
ST NICHOLAS HINXWORTH AND ST VINCENT'S NEWNHAM  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019 - 1st Sunday of Lent**

**9:15am Parish Eucharist (St Nicholas)**

**10:45am Parish Eucharist (St Mary's)**  
 Hymns: 121, 628, 748, 460, 702 Psalm: 91.1-11  
 Anthems: Nolo Mortem - Morley; Gaelic Blessing - Rutter  
 1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Mark E  
 2nd Reading: Romans 10.8b-13; Anne Gospel: Luke 4.1-13  
 Intercessions: Bernard Churchwarden: Jo  
 Offertory: Frances Coffee: Shirley W.  
 Chalice: Gaye & Caroline Sound: John P

**5:00pm Choral Evensong (St Mary's)**  
 Psalm: 119.73-88 1st Reading: Jonah 3; Sam W  
 2nd Reading: Luke 18.9-14; Christine Pickett  
 Intercessions: Revd. Robert CW: Robert



Please join the Mothers' Union **this Thursday at 10:30am** in the **Parish Room** for the **Lady Day Eucharist**. All warmly welcome!

**Sunday 17th: 2nd Sunday of Lent**

9:15am Parish Eucharist (St Nicholas)  
 10:45am Parish Eucharist (St Mary's)  
 1:00pm Baptism - Reuben Acaster (St Mary's)  
 5:00pm Deanery Choral Evensong (St Mary's)

**For your Prayers this week:**

Please pray for those who are sick including:

**Lucinda Feast, Justin Coldstream, Anna, Catherine Byrne, Heidi Thuli, Martyn Ford, Mary Critchley**

And pray for the family and friends of those who have recently died:

**Michael Green, Dylan Mills, Reg Lacey**



**This Week!**



**Flea Market - Help Needed**

Karen Rogers needs help setting up for the Flea market on Thursday 14 March from 9.30 until 5.00pm and Friday 15 March from 10.00am until 5.00pm and on Saturday 16 March 9.30 until 1.00pm for manning the stalls and 1.00pm -2.00pm for clearing up and taking the leftovers to charity shops or the dump. The Flea Market is an important fund raising event for the church so **please** offer to help is you can by signing the list at the back of the church. Thank you!

**Don't miss!**

**Our Lent Course is starting this Thurs., 8:00pm for 5 consecutive weeks in the Parish Room.**

*Week 1 - Change - helping us see and understand the change that Jesus brings to our lives and our communities.*

*Come and join us*

**PRAYER MEETING**

*Why not come along to an informal Prayer meeting, where a small group of people will meet together for a short time of prayer.*

*We have a choice of dates and venues for this new initiative, and you are very welcome to join us at:*

- **8pm, Wed. 13th March at Lavender House, 2 Moules Yard.**
- **8pm, Sun. 24th March at 48 Ashwell St.**

**Altar Servers**

Are you interested in exploring the possibility of becoming an altar server? Male or female and any age, Bernard and Gaye would love to have one or two more people to serve with them. It is a real privilege to serve and we want to keep this tradition going.

To find out more, speak to Robert, Bernard or Gaye.

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who made the Shrove Tuesday supper such an enjoyable event. So taking my cue from The Oscars but in no order of merit thank you to those had the idea of gathering in the chancel, who moved the altar, carried tables and chairs, laid the tables, lit candles, helped people to their seats, lead the singing of the Grace, printed the welcome cards, collected the rubbish, and at the end of the evening put the church back in order and locked up.

These things only look seamless because so many people help.  
*Melanie Dawson-Dew*

**- Charity of the Month -**

**Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust**

This month we are inviting donations to Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust which makes grants to churches in our Diocese who need support for critical re-ordering and restoration work. St Mary has benefited considerably from such grants over the years and we feel it is important to give something back as a mark of our gratitude. The PCC has made regular donations to the Trust in the past The Trust's main fund fundraising event is the annual Bike 'n Hike around churches in the Diocese which has been admirably supported by Guy, Stewart and Andrew in recent years. The need to support churches to sustain their buildings is growing and the Trust needs funds to continue to support as many churches as possible in this endeavour. Please place donations in the yellow envelopes and place in the collection.

Please take this sheet home with you, and use it in your prayers during the week.