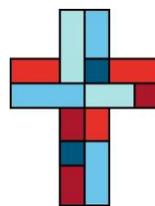


**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

- 08.00 BCP Holy Communion – *St Andrew's*  
9.15 All Age Eucharist with parish breakfast –  
*St Mark's*  
11.00 Morning Worship with baptism –  
*St Andrew's*  
18.00 Choral Evensong with The Hollyfield  
School choir –*St Andrew's*



**St Andrew  
& St Mark  
Surbiton**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
Second Sunday of Lent**

**Today** we continue with our series of Lent teaching, an exploration into the Christian faith and gender today. This will be at the 11am service at St Andrew's and will consist of either a lecture style talk in the church or a discussion type format in the glass room. If you are upset or particularly affected by today's talk, please note that there are telephone helplines and websites in the brochure "God made them male and female", with copies around at the back of church. Also feel free to talk to a member of the clergy.

**Lent lunches** continue on **Wednesday 27th February**, Glass room at St Andrew's at 12 noon, a soup lunch with suggested donation of £4 in aid of the Bishops' Lent appeal.

**Bishops' Lent appeal** charities this year can be summed up by three areas: the Holy Land, Zimbabwe, and south London. Areas of support in particular in the Holy Land are supporting inclusive education and hospitals for people with disabilities; in Zimbabwe, many of the projects involve education or accommodation; in south London, the most significant project is about mental health and wellbeing.

**Thinking ahead: day pilgrimage to Westminster Abbey.**

On Sat June 16<sup>th</sup>, we will be taking a coach up to Westminster Abbey. There will be activities and a tour for children as well as a tour for adults. Last year, for our trip to Chichester, we had 47 people, aged 2 to 92. Let's have even more this year!

**Nightshelter:** the winter night shelter is going well. It is very well attended (alarmingly so, in many ways). One of the new features this year is that we are catering for women as well as men, which is new. This also means we are looking for extra female volunteers, especially during the night. We are going for three more Sunday nights including tonight. See Jane Kosa if you would like to/ are able to volunteer.

**Women's World Day of Prayer** is on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** at 10.15am at St Paul's church Hook. All are welcome.

**Easter Flowers:** If you would like to buy a lily in memory of a loved one the cost of lilies this year will be £3.50 each. Any other donations towards the cost of decorating both churches with flowers for Easter would be much appreciated. Contributions should be given to either Anne Barker/Jackie Page or the Church Wardens.

**For your prayer:** Requests for Healing Prayer to be made to the parish office; names will remain on the list for one month unless a new request is made.

**For healing:** Sue Paine Rosa Panton Iain Jones  
Mary Rice Matthew Woods Jo Norman Theodore Shah  
Keith Kirby Tracy Calviou Michael Naylor Nancy Vlasto  
Gail Reed Daniel White Lucy-May Watson  
Stefka Dimitrova John Whelan Moira Frau Bob Brooks

**Years mind:** Barbara Wollaston

**Birthdays:** Moira Greenfield Ian Wilson Richard Weir

**Services Today**

- 08.00 BCP Holy Communion – *St Mark's*  
9.15 Family worship– *St Mark's*  
11.00 Choral Eucharist with Sunday club–  
*St Andrew's*  
18.00 Evening Prayer – *St Andrew's*

*Parish office is closed on Monday  
Monday*

*Tuesday 08.50 Morning Prayer – St Mark's*

*Wednesday 08.30 Morning Prayer – St Andrew's  
10.00 Sunbeams –St Mark's*

*Thursday 08.30 Morning Prayer – St. Mark's  
10.30 Holy Communion– St Mark's  
Followed by coffee*

*Friday 08.30 Eucharist – St Andrew's  
10.00 Friday Coffee for Charity- St  
Andrew's*

*Saturday*

*Sunday*

***A very warm welcome to our church today. We hope that you will find something of the presence of God in our worship and among those you meet.***

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*There is an induction loop in both churches - please turn your aid to the 'T' setting.  
You can follow the service in the Liturgy Service Booklet;  
this pew sheet will give you information about the readings and hymns; you will also need a New English Hymnal*

## Hymns NEH

**Music Setting**                      **Missa Ave Jesu –OLDROYD**  
**Introit hymn**                        **440** Praise to the Lord, the almighty

## Collect

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted  
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things  
that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Today's Themes

As with last week, the first reading relates to our theme, "God made them male and female." This week, we are looking at #metoo. As the Old Testament story makes clear, this is not a new phenomenon. What from this is contextual to the time? What feels contemporary?  
The Mark reading is part of traditional Lent readings: it makes clear that the journey Jesus is now on, is the journey that will take him to the cross. Even discipleship will be costly. After all, Peter will be martyred too.

**First Reading**                      **2 Samuel 13.1-14 [15-23]**  
Reader                                Bethany Easton

Some time passed. David's son Absalom had a beautiful sister whose name was Tamar; and David's son Amnon fell in love with her. Amnon was so tormented that he made himself ill because of his sister Tamar, for she was a virgin and it seemed impossible to Amnon to do anything to her. But Amnon had a friend whose name was Jonadab, the son of David's brother Shimeah; and Jonadab was a very crafty man. He said to him, 'O son of the king, why are you so haggard morning after morning? Will you not tell me?' Amnon said to him, 'I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister.' Jonadab said to him, 'Lie down on your bed, and pretend to be ill; and when your father comes to see you, say to him, "Let my sister Tamar come and give me something to eat, and prepare the food in my sight, so that I may see it and eat it from her hand."' So Amnon lay down, and pretended to be ill; and when the king came to see him, Amnon said to the king, 'Please let my sister Tamar come and make a couple of cakes in my sight, so that I may eat from her hand.' Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, 'Go to your brother Amnon's house, and prepare food for him.' So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house, where he was lying down. She took dough, kneaded it, made cakes in his sight, and baked the cakes. Then she took the pan and set them out before him, but he refused to eat. Amnon said, 'Send out everyone from me.' So everyone went out from him. Then Amnon said to Tamar, 'Bring the food into the chamber, so that I may eat from your hand.' So Tamar took the cakes she had made, and brought them into the chamber to Amnon her brother. But when she brought them near him to eat, he took hold of her, and said to her, 'Come, lie with me, my sister. 'She answered him, 'No, my brother, do not force me; for such a thing is not done in Israel; do not do anything so vile! As for me, where could I carry my shame? And as for you, you would be as one of the scoundrels in Israel. Now therefore, I beg you, speak to the king; for he will not withhold me from you.' But he would not listen to her; and being stronger than she was, he forced her and lay with her.

[Then Amnon was seized with a very great loathing for her; indeed, his loathing was even greater than the lust he had felt for her. Amnon said to her, 'Get out!' But she said to him, 'No, my brother; for this wrong in sending me away is greater than the other that you did to me.' But he would not listen to her. He called the young man who served him and said, 'Put this woman out of my presence, and bolt the door after her.' (Now she was wearing a long robe with sleeves; for this is how the virgin daughters of the king were clothed in earlier times.) So his servant put her out, and bolted the door after her. But Tamar put ashes on her head, and tore the long robe that she was wearing; she put her hand on her head, and went away, crying aloud as she went. Her brother Absalom said to her, 'Has Amnon your brother been with you? Be quiet for now, my sister; he is your brother; do not take this to heart.' So Tamar remained, a desolate woman, in her brother Absalom's house. When King David heard of all these things, he became very angry, but he would not punish his son Amnon, because he loved him, for he was his firstborn. But Absalom spoke to Amnon neither good nor bad; for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had raped his sister Tamar.]

**Gospel**                                      **Mark 8.31 - end**

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Today is the second of our special **Lent Teaching**  
**How relevant is #metoo to us?**

Please stay in the church if you want a lecture style teaching led by Carole. Please go to the Glass Room if you would like a more discussion type style of teaching with Robert. Please go to the Blue Room for an activity aimed at children.

**Intercessions**                              Anne Barker

**Offertory Hymn**                        **375** I danced in the morning

During the offertory hymn a collection is taken for the work of the church: please give generously. If you are moved to do so, please ask for info about planned giving, if you do not do so currently.

**Communion Anthem**                      **View me Lord-LLOYD**

**Communion Hymn**                        **382** Jesu, grant me this, I pray

Please come forward for Communion if it is your custom, or for a blessing, as directed by the Churchwardens. We will receive in two lines, as usual.

## Notices and banns

**At the dismissal**                        **76** Take up thy cross, the saviour said

**Next week's readings**                      Titus 2.1-10, John 2.13-22

