

CHRIST CHURCH, BRAY



Family Service

The Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday 28th February 2021

Available to join live or download later via our website www.christchurchbray.ie

The Bells of Christ Church Bray

The Animals Went in Two by Two Jonathan Stanley (see page 9)

The Gathering of God's People

Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:

That it is not we who chose Christ,

but Christ who chose us,

That we are not here because of our goodness

but because of Christ's grace,

That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

but to allow Christ to enlighten us,

That we have not come to be entertained

but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.

Hymn 25: All Things Bright and Beautiful

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.*

1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colours,
he made their tiny wings:

2 The purple headed-mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky:

3 The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
he made them every one:

4 He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God almighty,
who has made all things well.

Cecil Frances (Fanny) Alexander (1818-95)

The Collect of the Day

**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. Amen**

**Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Penitence

Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy, and confess that we need forgiveness.
Lord God, you created the world, and made us in your own image. Forgive us when we turn away from you.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death. Rescue us from slavery to sin.
Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy.

Lord God, by your Spirit you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another. Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love ; in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

Reading (Genesis 6: 9-22)

Rain, Rain, Rain

Noah was building a boat - an enormous boat.

Big enough for all his family

Big enough to save two of every kind

of animal and bird when the great flood came.

God was very sad about his world. It was all spoiled now. The people were so nasty and unkind. All except Noah.

Noah was nice. Noah was good. Noah was friends with God.

'I have to get rid of all this nastiness,' God said to Noah one day. 'The beautiful world I made is all spoiled. There's going to be a great flood. Enough water to take away everything that is bad. But you will be safe.'

Then God told Noah to build a boat - *The Ark* . Noah did as God said. He always did as God said.

Bang! Bang! Bang! went the hammer.

At last *The Ark* was finished.

The animals were *so* excited.

'Quack! Quack!' said the ducks.

'Moo! Moo! said the cows.
'Hurry! Hurry!' said the geese
'Cheep! Cheep!' chirped the sparrows
'Don't leave us behind.'

'All aboard!' said Noah. And God shut the door of *The Ark* behind them.

A Collect of the Word

God of all times and places,
in Jesus Christ, who was lifted up on the cross,
you opened for us the path to eternal life:
grant that we, being born again of water and the Holy Spirit,
may joyfully serve you in newness of life
and faithfully walk in your holy ways;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

Talk

<i>The Response to God's Word</i>
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**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever.
Amen**

Happy Birthdays



...Happy Birthday to you

Going Out as God's People

In the Ark of this church, we are one family of faith.

**Be with us Lord,
as we go out into the world.
May the lips that have sung your praise
always speak the truth;
may the ears which have heard your Word
listen only to what is good
and may our lives as well as our worship
be always pleasing in your sight,
for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Our service of worship has ended, our worship through service continues.
Thanks be to God

Hymn 581: I, the Lord of sea and sky

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord,
if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Daniel L. Schutte (b.1947)

Mr Noah Built An Ark (see words page 9) *Jonathan Stanley*

Next Sunday 7th March

11am Holy Communion

Until further notice all services are available to view online only (livestream or watch a recording later) via our website www.christchurchbray.ie

Announcements

Zoom for Lent

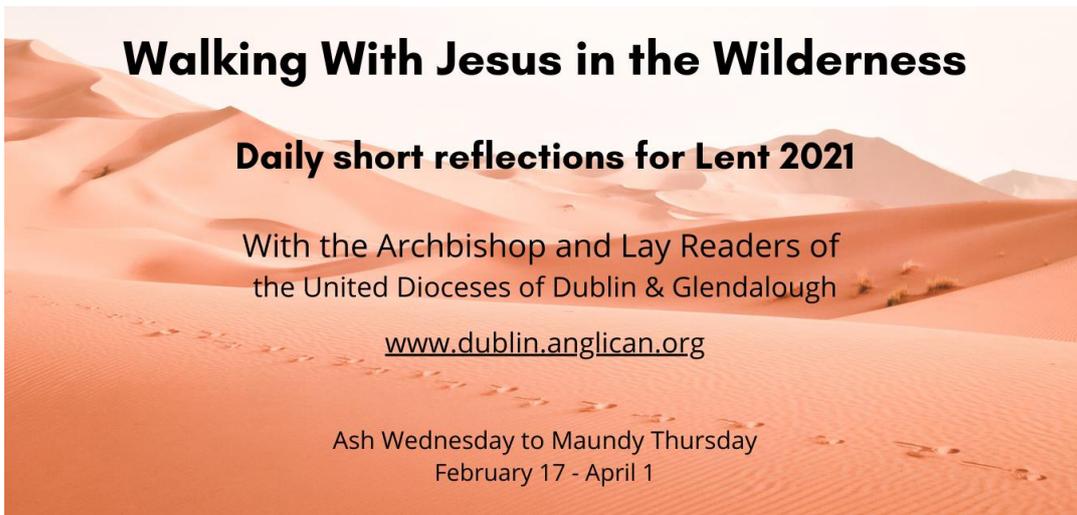
Pondering Life in time of Covid. *Can the Psalms help us to respond?*

Tuesdays at 7:30pm, 60 minutes max. Let us pray together, share thoughts, and chat. Each one based around a particular psalm, with the chance for you to look at a short YouTube video beforehand, if you wish.

Please contact David or Baden to sign up and get updated week by week. We'll also post the information in advance each week.

Women's World Day of Prayer 2021

The Women's World Day of Prayer service for 2021 has been prepared by the women of Vanuatu. This is a South Pacific Island Nation made up of some 80 separate islands with a population of approximately 300,000 people. As we are obviously unable to hold our normal service in Bray (or indeed anywhere in Ireland) this year on Friday or Saturday 5th or 6th March, RTE have agreed to televise the service on Sunday 28th February at 11am. I hope those of you who have always supported us as we've celebrated this annual service around all the different churches in Bray will be able to watch it. Thank you, Fran



Walking With Jesus in the Wilderness

Daily short reflections for Lent 2021

With the Archbishop and Lay Readers of
the United Dioceses of Dublin & Glendalough

www.dublin.anglican.org

Ash Wednesday to Maundy Thursday
February 17 - April 1

The easiest way to get each day's reflection is to subscribe to the Diocesan YouTube channel "The United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough". David Reynolds will take part on 8th March and 26th March.

Annual Register of Vestry Persons 2021

Every year we revise our register of Parishioners. If you are new to the Parish, or have reached the age of 18, you are entitled to become a registered member of the parish. (This entitles you to vote at the annual Easter Vestry meeting and is quite different from being a member of the Select Vestry!) To register, please fill out the form below and return via email. If you would like to check if you are on the Parish Register, please contact the Parish Office christchurchbray@gmail.com

Revision of Parish Register

Declaration Form for New Registered Vestry Members
To be returned to the Church Wardens

I (Name): _____

Of (Address)

Solemnly swear that I am member of the Church of Ireland and that I am a resident/accustomed member (delete as applicable) of the congregation of Christ Church, Bray, that I am over 18 years of age and that I am not now registered elsewhere as a resident/accustomed member of a congregation of the Church of Ireland.

Signature _____

Date _____

Rev. Baden Stanley

As Baden continues his recovery please do contact him on 087 948 4407 for pastoral emergencies. Alternatively contact David Reynolds at 087 918 7792.

(Baden's days off are Tuesday and Friday).

Tracey is currently working from home; for general queries please email christchurchbray@gmail.com or leave a message on the parish office landline

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The animals went in two by two

The animals went in two by two
Hoorah! Hoorah!

The animals went in two by two
Hoorah! Hoorah!

The animals went in two by two
The elephant and the kangaroo
And they all went into the ark
For to get out of the rain.

Mr Noah built an ark

Mr Noah built an ark
The people thought it was a lark
Mr Noah pleaded so
Into the ark they would not go

Down came the rain in torrents
Down came the rain in torrents
Down came the rain in torrents
But only eight were saved

The animals went in two by two
The elephants, bears and kangaroos
All were safely stored away
On that great and awful day

Down came the rain in torrents
Down came the rain in torrents
Down came the rain in torrents
But only eight were saved