Confirmation at Candlemas
4pm Sunday 2nd February
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Dear Friends,

A few months ago, in the pages of this magazine, I recalled with gratitude the excellent education I had received at George Heriot’s School in Edinburgh. When the time came for me to go up to University at the age of 18, I didn’t have far to go – a few hundred yards from school to Edinburgh University, to read English Literature. Among my fellow students in my first year was my father, then in the final year of his degree course, as part of his progress towards the late achievement of his long-cherished ambition of becoming a teacher. But that’s another story – one which I can recall having shared at least once from the pulpit.

My own university career began in 1953, at the dawn of a new Elizabethan era, and only 8 years after the end of World War II. It was a very different world from that of today, and one of its key features, certainly in Scotland, was a desperate shortage of teachers, which had led to my father’s being recruited to a teacher training scheme. There were many such schemes, several of them aimed at the many ex-service men aspiring to become teachers. I seemed to be surrounded by such fellow-students, whose experience of life and of war put to shame my teenage naïve innocence.

Inevitably, my father had become friendly with several of these veterans, whose age and outlook were closer to his own than those of the more conventional students of my generation. Among these ex-service friends was Bob Clarkson, whom I had met occasionally before coming into much closer contact when we both embarked on summertime vacation jobs in the office of a firm of wool brokers in Leith. Indeed, it was a very different world; anyone requiring detailed knowledge of the workings of the British Wool Marketing Board in the early 1950’s should let me know - I spent three summers in that office, and very smelly it became in warm weather!

Like many veterans of World War II, Bob said very little about his army experiences, and it took me all that first summer, and several years of our subsequent lengthy friendship, to piece together the facts of his service in the Anzio beachhead prior to the capture of Rome, and the final progress with the 8th Army in North Africa, on the slopes of Monte Cassino and across Northern Europe and into Germany. However, Bob was much less reticent about his other main preoccupation during his progress through
Italy, Germany and Austria. For in that time he had acquired a deep love and an encyclopaedic knowledge of opera, which he was only too happy to pass on to me, as I came to share that love and some of his knowledge. Perhaps the highlight of our shared enthusiasm for opera came when together we saw and heard the great soprano Maria Callas perform at the Edinburgh Festival.

Bob died many years ago now, having long achieved fulfilment and happiness as head of a small country school near Duns, in Berwickshire (no opera houses there!). As well as opera and Maria Callas, he introduced me to the delights of Archie and Mehitabel. For those not acquainted with them, these two exotic creatures were created by Don Marquis, a brilliant New York journalist of the 1920’s-30’s. Archie is a cockroach, Mehitabel an alley-cat, and together they roam the back streets of New York, exchanging brilliantly witty dialogue, in which Archie (almost) always has the last word. Bob had discovered them when, during a period of his army service, the writings of Don Marquis were the only reading matter he could find.

So I have much for which to be grateful to Bob, in terms of lasting friendship and sharing of life-enhancing enthusiasms. I trust you will forgive me this stroll down memory lane, for it has served to remind me that the most seemingly unlikely circumstances and encounters can lend untold enrichment to our lives, if we will only remain open to their influence.

Jim Pringle

Prayer Group

It is good to come together regularly to share in each other’s prayers as we have all been through times when we have been unable to offer up our own prayers or have felt them to be inadequate. Having others to pray on our behalf at such a time can be enormously healing. We meet in Church at 10am on the first Monday of the month and spend around half an hour praying for issues close to our hearts; the appointment of our new Rector; the plight of the homeless; the decisions facing our elected representatives are usually high on our list. We also pray for those known to us in any kind of trouble and we offer up prayer for people who have left petitions for us on the prayer tree, using the prayer slips in the bowl on the back shelf. All prayers are offered up in total confidentiality and written prayers are burnt at the conclusion of the meeting and the ashes scattered in the churchyard.

Please join us on Monday 3rd February if you can - everyone is welcome.
Lent Addresses with Compline

During Lent we will be following our well-established pattern of having services every Sunday evening at 6pm which will consist of a series of themed addresses followed by the office of compline. This year our theme is discipleship and we will be exploring this by looking at how Jesus made disciples of his followers during his three year ministry and how they then went on to found the early church. The individual addresses will look at the following aspects of the topic:

March 1st The Great Commission:
Matthew 28: 19 “Go and make disciples of all nations”

March 8th Prayer:
Jesus’s own prayer life and his teaching on prayer.

March 15th Teaching/Parables:
Jesus’s interpretation of the scriptures and his use of parables in teaching.

March 22nd Healing:
The way Jesus often used healing to reach out to people and make them into followers.

March 29th Early Church Discipleship:
How the first disciples formed themselves into a church and brought others into the fold.

April 5th Our Discipleship:
In the light of the previous week’s sessions what can we learn about our own discipleship and how can we put it into practice in our daily lives.

We usually sit fairly informally in the baptistery which allows us the opportunity to have a discussion following the address and then finish with the said office of compline. While there is a developmental thread running through the six weeks you do not need to commit to attending all the sessions, as each one is independent and will be led by a different member of the ministry team.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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At the time of writing the speaker for this month’s meeting waits confirmation but rest assured we will have a speaker and the talk/activity will be different and very interesting. Look out for details in the newsletter and put the date and time, Thursday 20th February at 7.30pm, in your diaries.

The December meeting was the usual mix of the sacred and the secular with a service of carols and readings including an unusual variant of the Magnificat at the start of the evening. The members decided that they couldn’t possibly embark on Kate’s quizzes without refreshment so cups of tea were given out and people helped themselves to the plentiful and varied refreshments provided by the committee. Two quizzes followed, a reprise of last year’s popular feely-bag quiz and a Christmas film quiz. The feely-bags contained a selection of items loosely associated with the season; despite some good natured grumbling about the impossibility of distinguishing one soft animal from another (I thought the reindeer’s antlers, though floppy, were easy to distinguish from the sheep’s ears!) the teams generally got enough guesses correct to feel they had enjoyed the test. The film quiz involved matching the film title to their synopses. It became clear that some members had little knowledge more recent than the sixties but most teams possessed at least one inspired guesser so scores were fairly high.

There was an amazing collection of warm clothing and toiletries donated to the clients of the Soup Kitchen. Kevin Dawson took an enormous bag along to one of the regular January runs and everything was quickly and gratefully snapped up. Many thanks to those who donated.

The AGM in January, chaired by our cluster chaplain, Revd Canon David Staples, took place with the customary efficiency, and I remain your branch leader. Thank you all for your support. We were delighted to see David back in harness (or whatever the clerical equivalent is) after a prolonged recovery from a broken ankle sustained last summer.

As always our meetings are open to all, members and non-members alike so please just turn up to any meeting that takes your fancy; you will receive a warm welcome.

Kate Brown 01778 343981; kabstg@btinternet.com
The Feast of the Presentation in the Temple:

Candlemas, this year with Confirmation

Candlemas marks the presentation of Jesus to God in the Temple at Jerusalem. The Gospel of Luke says that Jesus was met by Anna and Simeon, when Simeon held the baby Jesus and called him a Light to the World. It would also have been the time of the ritual purification of Mary, 40 days after the birth of her son.

The rite of purification was a Jewish tradition, necessary since women were considered unclean after the birth of a child. For 40 days for a boy, and 60 days for a girl, women weren't allowed to worship in the temple. For that time, women were brought to the Temple or Synagogue to be purified. After the ceremony women were allowed to take part in religious services again.

The rite of purification was also celebrated on January 2nd, the day the Gospel of Luke says that Jesus was met by Anna and Simeon in the Temple. The rite of purification was a Jewish tradition, necessary since women were considered unclean after the birth of a child. For 40 days for a boy, and 60 days for a girl, women weren't allowed to worship in the temple. For that time, women were brought to the Temple or Synagogue to be purified. After the ceremony women were allowed to take part in religious services again.

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If Candlemas Day be fair and bright
Winter will have another fight.
If Candlemas Day brings cloud and rain,
Winter won't come again.

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So we hope you will join us at St Guthlac’s on Sunday 2nd February at 4pm for this great feast, at which Right Reverend Dr Nicholas Chamberlain, Suffragan Bishop of Grantham, will preside and confirm in the faith ten candidates. Bishop Nicholas will lay his hands on their heads and ask God’s Holy Spirit to give them the strength and commitment to live God’s way for the rest of their lives. We ask you to pray for these candidates as they begin a new phase of their Christian journey. Their names are:

Emily Denton; Keith Fowler; Stephanie Howard; Mandy Johnson; Angela McKenna; Grace McKenna; Andrew Todd; Elinga ("El") Trofimova; Gabriele ("Gabs") Trofimova; Edgaras ("Ed") Trofimovas

It will be a joyful celebration followed by delicious refreshments, so please do join us.

Kay Roberts

Kathy Davies

It was with sadness that we heard of the death on New Year’s Day of Kathy Davies, wife of the late Revd Canon David Davies who was rector here in Market Deeping from 1962 to 1986.

Many people in Market Deeping will have memories of the time when Kathy Davies was the driving force behind projects in the Old Rectory, which was in a considerable state of disrepair when she and David took up their ministry here. Funds were raised through her efforts to renovate as much as possible of the building, both to make a family home and to offer hospitality to others. This included the annual Garden Fete, still held on the Lawn of the present Rectory.

Kathy saw the need for a group to cater for young women in the area and so St Guthlac’s Ladies Guild was formed, with the aid of Mavis Garvey. Welcoming women of all faiths and none as is written in their aims, the group grew from small beginnings to a membership of 70 at one time!

Kathy was a woman of many talents and lived a very varied life, a fuller account of which would make such interesting reading. What many may not know is that she saw service with the Royal Navy and was decorated, which entitles her to have her coffin draped with a flag at her funeral.

Kay Roberts
**Ladies Guild**

Well Christmas 2019 is gone, Happy New Year wishes have been said many times and so Ladies Guild moves into another year of activities. At our meeting on Tuesday 25th February we have a talk which is entitled ‘An Abundance of Riches - The Spice Trade’, given by Chris Carr.

What's it all about? Join us if you can at 8pm on the 25th and you’ll find out!

Our Christmas meeting was enjoyed by all the members as we had the opportunity to craft a wreath (as in the photograph), and two types of tree decoration, with some members trying all three!

Thanks go to Anne Guthrie, Jean Jones and June Bird for demonstrating the crafts.

All that work gave us a good appetite for the delicious refreshments provided by members of the committee - our thanks go to them for this meeting and the hard work they put in all year round.

We welcome all ladies, whether members of a church or not, to join us in the Green School for an 8pm start. Refreshments will be served.

*Any queries please contact Kay Roberts, 01778 349021.*

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**Book now**

Ladies Guild Fun Quiz
Saturday 7th March
7pm for 7.30pm
Green School

Make up your own team - up to six members
or give in your name to join a team we will assemble
£8 per person
Supper served - ploughman’s and dessert
bring your own drinks

*This is always a fun evening and very popular so book your team/place with Julie Bacon, tel 01778 342737 as soon as possible.*
Churchwardens’ Notes

We are looking forward to the Confirmation Service Sunday on 2nd February, when Bishop Nicholas will confirm ten candidates from our congregation. Please pray for them ahead of the day, then continue to do so afterwards as their Christian journey unfolds.

The process of appointing our new Rector continues, following on from the interviews that took place in December. Unfortunately, we aren’t able to provide many updates while the process is worked through. All we are able to say is that the process is progressing and we will provide the information as and when we can. We appreciate that it is frustrating that we aren’t able to make an announcement, but we do promise to keep you as fully informed as we are able.

Many of you may have noticed that the Church hasn’t been as warm as we would like. This is due to a fault with one of the boilers (we have two). We are working with our Heating Contractor to get this issue resolved. Hopefully the fault will have been rectified by the time you read these notes. As a minimum we hope to have a temporary solution in place.

The next major item on the list of buildings related work is our Quinquennial Inspection. This takes place every five years and provides a report on the fabric of the building and highlights any work that needs to be done. The report is prepared by a Diocesan approved architect and the inspection is scheduled for early February.

As ever, if you have any questions on matters regarding the vacancy or anything else, please speak with either of us.

Nigel Bacon        Pete Hilton

Jokes for the Whole Family!

Why did Noah have to punish and discipline the chickens on the Ark? 
They were using fowl language.

Who was the first tennis player in the bible? 
Joseph because he served in Pharaoh’s court.

Why couldn’t Jonah trust the ocean? 
He just knew there was something fishy about it.
Flowers

After over thirty years in the role, Pam Pearson is stepping down from organising the flower arrangers, guiding and designing/making the displays for church events, weddings and the weekly arrangements. She has worked tirelessly and quietly, ordering supplies, watering and carrying out much of the work.

In 2019 Pam created the big church festival displays and the majority of the weekly ones due to a combination of people moving away, people physically frailer and lack of new recruits. Pam has built a loyal band of helpers but we would like to encourage more people to offer to become involved in creating the flower displays or offering to sponsor flowers in memory or celebration.

I love flowers and Pam has been an inspiration and support over the years so I will try to continue the work she has so ably established, illustrated by this selection of photographs.

Please look at the flyer in church and offer your suggestions, time, enthusiasm or money. I am organising the rota for this year and I am very grateful for the continuing support from the dedicated band of flower arrangers but there is plenty of room for more.
In conversation, and from early replies to my survey, people have suggested the use of artificial flowers; that we should think about climate change and flower sources; how to link into the eco church ethos and workshop events to improve skills.

‘Friends, community and congregation lend me your talents and hands’, to coin a phrase! Let us give thanks for Pam’s dedicated service and carry her work forward so that flowers and foliage continue to brighten and bring pleasure to worshippers and visitors to St Guthlac’s.

Anne Guthrie
Talks at Teatime

This month’s talk at teatime will be hosted by Dorothy Harriss at 1 The Orchard on Sunday 16th February at 4pm. A small group, usually between 6 and 10 meet to listen to a talk recorded at last year’s Greenbelt Christian festival and to discuss the issues raised (although we do tend to go off-piste occasionally) cups of tea, scones and cake are provided.

This month’s talk is by Jamie Bartlett who describes himself as the poor man’s Russell Brand. I heard him speak at the festival and he is most entertaining and nowhere near as dishevelled as his photograph suggests. For two years, he went undercover with some of our most radical political outsiders.

Immersed with the likes of Tommy Robinson, green militants, radical futurists and free love advocates (among others), he wanted to get behind the theories about radicalisation and understand the individuals caught up in and leading these new movements. What did he learn?

A best-selling writer, Jamie founded the Centre for the Analysis of Social Media at the think-tank Demos and specialises in online social movements and the impact of technology on society.

The schedule of talks to come later in the year is as follows:

March 29th: The is no planet B: Mike Berners-Lee

April 19th: Poet, prophet, protester: Mark Oakley

May 3rd: Green economics: Grace Blakeley

June 7th: Beyond the two state solution—Sami Awad

July 5th: Is Church history? a panel discussion chaired by Martin Wroe

So, something to intrigue everyone there! Please join us on whichever occasion you can. Choose something which might take you out of your comfort zone, or stick to what you know you will like - the choice is yours. Venues will be announced in succeeding issues of this magazine and on the weekly newsletter.

Everyone welcome.
Garden Fete
The Social Events group will meet this month to begin planning for the Garden Fete, which will take place on Saturday 11th July, to make it an even greater success than last year.
We would like everyone to think of the best way they can become involved and to extend a request for help to the wider community, to family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues.
If you can offer support and/or new ideas please contact Julie Bacon (01778 342737) or Kate Brown (01778 343981).

What do we need?
Ideas and contacts for entertaining the crowds ....do you or someone you know dance, play an instrument, do magic tricks, sing, run a dog agility team?
People who have Green Fingers could grow plants and seedlings for the Plant Stall then sell them on the day.
Media and communication savvy people can come up with innovative ways to advertise the Fete.
Are you skilled at persuading businesses or individuals to donate prizes?
Can you bake for the Fete Cafe and/or the cake stall?
Our Church, an ancient landmark in the town, needs constant maintenance for which we need funds, and costs rise annually.

The Fete is the single biggest fund Raiser of the year.
There is a role for everyone so please consider how best you might help then get in touch!

Fun Quiz Night for Macmillan Cancer Support
Saturday 15th February  7pm
Coronation Hall
Teams of 4-6
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Isaac and Jacob (a quiz for grown-ups).
See how many of these you can answer before you look them up in your Bible.

1. Isaac’s wife was called
   a. Rahab  
   b. Rebekah  
   c. Rachel  
   d. Ruth

2. True or false: Jacob was his father’s favourite and his twin Esau was his mother’s favourite.

3. What did Esau give Jacob in return for a bowl of pottage?
   a. Venison  
   b. A coat of skins  
   c. His birthright  
   d. A bow and arrows

4. Whose idea was it for Jacob to steal Isaac’s blessing from Esau?

5. Since Isaac’s eyesight was poor how could he tell the difference between his sons, Jacob and Esau?

6. How did Jacob disguise himself to fool Isaac?

7. Why did Jacob have to flee to his uncle Laban?

8. Choose A or B: When Jacob came to a certain place he used stones to make A. an altar or B. a pillow.

9. Jacob had a dream of what reaching from earth to heaven?

10. Jacob changed the name of the place from Luz to
    a. Bethanath  
    b. Bethel  
    c. Bethany  
    d. Bethlehem

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| Sun  | 2\textsuperscript{nd} | **Candlemas: Presentation of Christ in the Temple, with Confirmation**  
**Bishop Nicholas Presiding**  
Malachi 3.1-5; Hebrews 2.14-18; Luke 2.22-40  
8.00am Said Eucharist  
9.50am Guthlac’s Young Explorers & Vestry Group, Green School  
10.00am Service of the Word  
4.00pm Confirmation with Sung Eucharist |
| Mon  | 3\textsuperscript{rd} | 10.00am Prayer Meeting in Church - see page 4 |
| Wed  | 5\textsuperscript{th} | 10.30am Holy Communion |
| Thu  | 6\textsuperscript{th} | 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice |
| Fri  | 7\textsuperscript{th} | 6.30pm Choir Practice |
| Sat  | 8\textsuperscript{th} | 10.30am Coffee Morning, Green School |
| Sun  | 9\textsuperscript{th} | **3\textsuperscript{rd} Sunday before Lent**  
8.00am Morning Prayer: Jeremiah 26.1-16; Acts 3.1-10  
9.50am Guthlac’s Young Explorers & Vestry Group, Green School  
10.00am Parish Eucharist: Isaiah 58.1-12; Matthew 5.13-20  
6.00pm Evensong: Amos 2.4-end; Ephesians 4.17-32 |
| Wed  | 12\textsuperscript{th} | 10.30am Holy Communion |
| Thu  | 13\textsuperscript{th} | 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice |
| Fri  | 14\textsuperscript{th} | 6.30pm Choir Practice |
| Sat  | 15\textsuperscript{th} | 7.00pm Di & Pete’s Fun Quiz Night - see page 15 |
| Sun  | 16\textsuperscript{th} | **2\textsuperscript{nd} Sunday before Lent**  
Genesis 1.1 - 2.3; Matthew 6.25-34  
8.00am Said Eucharist  
9.50am Guthlac’s Young Explorers & Vestry Group, Green School  
10.00am Parish Eucharist  
4.00pm Talks at Teatime - see page 14 |
| Wed  | 19\textsuperscript{th} | 10.30am Holy Communion |
| Thu  | 20\textsuperscript{th} | 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice |
| Fri  | 21\textsuperscript{st} | 6.30pm Choir Practice |
| Sat  | 22\textsuperscript{nd} | 12noon Soup & Social Lunch, Green School |
**Sunday next before Lent**

- **8.00am** Morning Prayer: Exodus 34.29-35; 2 Corinthians 4.3-6
- **10.00am** All Age Eucharist: Matthew 17.1-9
- **6.00pm** Evensong: 2 Kings 2.1-12; Matthew 17.1-23

**Tue 25th**

- **8.00pm** Ladies Guild, Green School

**Wed 26th**

- **Ash Wednesday**
  - **10.30am** Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes
  - **7.30pm** Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

**Thu 27th**

- **7.30pm** Bell Ringing Practice

**Fri 28th**

- **6.30pm** Choir Practice

**Sat 29th**

- **10am -** Jazz Breakfast with the Deeping Dixielanders
- **12noon** in the Green School
- **12noon** Churches Together Lent Lunch
  - Priory Church, DSJ

**Dates for your Diary**

- **Friday 6th March:** World Day of Prayer
  - **2pm,** *church venue to be confirmed*

- **Saturday 7th March:** Ladies Guild Fun Quiz
  - **7pm for 7.30 pm,** Green School

**Churches Together Lent Lunches**

- **12noon - 1.30pm**
  - **Saturday 7th March:** Our Lady and St Guthlac Catholic Church, DSJ
  - **Saturday 14th March:** Methodist Church, DSJ
  - **Saturday 21st March:** Open Door Baptist Church, DSJ
  - **Saturday 28th March:** St Guthlac’s Church

- **Saturday 11th July:** Annual Church Garden Fete
  - **2pm Rectory Garden**

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**March Magazine:** Copy for the March magazine needs to be with the editors by Tuesday 4th February as we need to deliver it to the printer on Monday 17th February.

Please submit photographs to:- Caron: caroneromaine@gmail.com; rotas/articles/reports to Dorothy: dorothy@harriss.me.uk Many thanks.

Heartfelt thanks go to all who contributed to our collection over Christmas for WaterAid. We are delighted to announce that so far we have raised a total of £340, which includes tax recovery made through Gift Aid. If you meant to give a donation but haven’t yet done so, please use one of the envelopes on the back shelf and put it in the collection plate. To assist our treasurer, please donate by cheque made payable to Water Aid so it can be sent directly to them.

The money will be put to good use by the charity; to learn more about their work and how they go about it by visiting their website: www.wateraid.org where you’ll also find details of ways to further support them during Lent.

*We belong to the 90% of the world’s population blessed with access to clean water and proper sanitation. Let's do what we can to bring the same advantage to the other 10%.*
The Parish Registers

**Baptisms**
Harry Mark-Peter Smith
Oliver Christopher Midwood

**Funerals**
Pauline Cassidy
Leslie Salt
Duncan McFarlane

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Answers to Bible Quiz

1. (b)   2. False, (it was the other way round)
3. (c)   4. His mother’s
5. By touch since Esau was hairy and Jacob was smooth skinned
6. He borrowed Esau’s clothes and put goat skins on his hands and neck
7. Esau was threatening to kill him
8. (B)   9. A ladder   10. (b)

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Rotas

**Servers:**
Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>  G Bacon, A Bowell, J Bowell, N Bacon
Feb 9<sup>th</sup>  A Bowell, J Bowell, G Edwards
Feb 16<sup>th</sup> L Hughes, J Johnson, C Gaughan
Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>  A Bowell, G Edwards, D Fowler
Feb 26<sup>th</sup> L Hughes, A Bowell, J Bowell
Mar 1<sup>st</sup>  N Bacon, D Fowler, E Denton

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**Offertory:**
Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>  Keith & Chris Warren
Feb 9<sup>th</sup>  Kay Roberts & a.n.other
Feb 16<sup>th</sup> Nettie Mitchell & Joan Meadows
Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>  Dorothy Harriss & Di Wheatley
Mar 1<sup>st</sup>  Susanne Denton & Angela McKenna

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**Coffee:**
Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>  Kay Roberts & Chris Gaughan
Feb 9<sup>th</sup>  Dorothy Harriss & Kay Bunn
Feb 16<sup>th</sup> Linda Bates & Chris Warren
Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>  Mothers’ Union
Mar 1<sup>st</sup>  Stephen & Sandra Rouse

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**Flowers:**
Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>  Jean Jones
Feb 9<sup>th</sup>  Jean Jones
Feb 16<sup>th</sup>  Gerry Smith
Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>  Anne Sargeson
Mar 1<sup>st</sup>  LENT

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**Cleaning:** the week beginning Monday
Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>  Carol Harrold & Kay Roberts
Feb 10<sup>th</sup>  The Stokoe Family
Feb 17<sup>th</sup>  Joan Callaghan & Susan Muspratt
Feb 24<sup>th</sup>  Joan Meadows & Pam Woods
Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>  Carol Harrold & Kay Roberts

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**Remembrance Garden**
the 2 weeks beginning Monday
Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>  Peter Newson
Feb 17<sup>th</sup>  Joan & Brian Meadows
Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>  Sandra & Tony Eberle

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Prayer of the Month

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 your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Ash Wednesday.

Sunday Services

8.00am Holy Communion: Traditional or
Morning Prayer: Traditional
(as announced on calendar page 18)

9.50am Guthlac’s Young Explorers & Vestry
Group (start in Green School then
to Church except 4th Sunday)

10.00am Parish Eucharist
(Modern, Sung: except 4th Sunday)

10.00am All Age Eucharist
(4th Sunday: with/without baptism)

3.00pm Holy Baptism
(3rd Sunday, as arranged)

6.00pm Evensong: Traditional
(2nd & 4th Sundays)

6.00pm Special Evening Service
(as announced on calendar page 18)

Snowdrops are out in the churchyard - well worth a look.

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For the next magazine, during the first week of the month please contact
caroneromaine@gmail.com with articles/photos;
dorothy@harriss.me.uk with rota and reports. Thanks.