

# St Nicholas, Ingrave

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## Lent 3

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March. 9:30am. Holy Communion

**Sidesmen:** Beryl White & Wendy Fleming **Reader:** **Intersessions:** John Targett

**Offertory:** **Eucharistic Minister:** KirstenMcMillan

**Sunday School:** **Refreshments;** Christine Hamilton & Kathy Baker

**Reading:** Isaiah 55: 1-9 Psalm 63:1-9 Luke 13; 1-9

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## This week:

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**, 10.00am Holy Communion

**Lent group** 7.30pm, 75 The Meadows.

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Mothering Sunday. 9:30am. Holy Communion

**Sidesmen:** Peggy Hill & Pat Kettle **Reader:** **Intersessions:** Lynn Studd

**Offertory:** Beryl White & children **Eucharistic Minister:** Lynn Studd

**Sunday School:** **Refreshments;** Christine Hamilton & Lorraine Foskett

**Reading:** Luke 2. 33-35

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**We are praying for:** Malcolm Benson, Geoffrey Pimblott, Daniel Shultz, Len Ellaway, Brian Smith, Joyce Block, Alex Mansfield

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**From the Book of Remembrance:** Samuel George Forsyth, Wendy Phyllis Thomas

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Please inform Pat (810123) about people to add to our prayer list, and let Paul know about any parishioners who would appreciate him visiting.

**Hard of hearing:** An induction loop is fitted. Please use the setting on your hearing aid.

**Taking Communion:** All confirmed members of the Church of England, children who have attended our preparation course and baptised visitors who are full members of their own church are invited to take Communion. If you are not a communicant, please come forward for a blessing.

**Visitors' Book:** If you are a visitor, or new to our church, we warmly welcome you. Please sign our Visitors' Book on the table in the porch.

**Foodbank:** We urgently need tins of hot meat and instant mash, also tins of meat pies, cold meat (not corned beef), potatoes, rice & sponge puddings and custard; pasta sauce, jams & spreads; sugar; squash; juice; coffee; tomato & brown sauces; washing powder & liquid; kitchen, bathroom & toilet cleaners; toilet rolls; shaving products; shampoo & conditioner; deodorant; shower gel,

**Easter is approaching so we would be pleased to receive Easter fare and goodies in the next few weeks.**

**Church email list** for up to date information. To add your address please email [rectorspa@btinternet.com](mailto:rectorspa@btinternet.com)

**Communion Wine** - We would be grateful to receive donations of fortified wine for our Communion Services. QC or other fortified wine is perfect for our usage.

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## Future Events

**A message from Bishop Stephen:** Dear sisters and brothers in Christ I want to first thank you for your generosity in supporting the 2018 Lent Appeal, We raised a record amount of money - in excess of £60,000 - which enabled us to purchase a Water Bowser for our brothers and sisters in Marsabit Diocese, This vehicle has already been purchased, and is now being used to bless the people of the north with the gift of water. The 2019 Lent Appeal will be supporting the work of our long-term friends at St Andrew's College of Theology and Development in Kabarc. which is located in the foothills of Mount Kenya. We want to partner with them as they seek to develop vocational courses for the people of their region, enabling them to fulfil their potential and flourish in the way God desires for them. There are a number of barriers in their way that prevent them from doing this at the moment. With your help, these will be broken down. At this time when we remember that Christ died and rose again in order that we might have life in all its fullness. I invite you to join me in walking with the staff at Kabarc and raising much needed funds for the work they • and we - believe God has called them to accomplish. So please pray, and please give in order that the Kingdom of God may be brought nearer to the people of the Mount Kenya region,

Rt Rev Stephen Cottrell Bishop of Chelmsford

**Lent group:** 'Being Christian beyond church' Wednesdays from 13<sup>th</sup> March to 17<sup>th</sup> April for 4 weeks (missing 20<sup>th</sup> March). 8.00pm at 75 The Meadows. All welcome.

**Singing group:** Next meeting Tuesday March 26<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm in Church. If you enjoy singing come and join us. All welcome.

**Brentwood Deanery Synod:** Congregation and PCC Members are warmly invited to attend the next Deanery Synod Meeting, should they wish to do so.

**The Meeting will be at St Nicholas Church, Ingrave on Tuesday, 9th April, 2019 at 7.45pm**, for a prompt start at 8pm. The Main topic of the Meeting is a talk by Neville Barnes, Youth Evangelist with the Church Army. He will give us information about the work of the Church Army. There will be an opportunity for questions. If you require further information, please email the secretary:

Gill Strachan gillstrax@netscape.net. We hope you will be able to attend, it promises to be an interesting talk."

**We are looking for 2 volunteers** to join the refreshments rota for the 5th Sundays. This will only involve doing coffee for 4 Sundays a year, the 3 left for this year would be 30th June, 29th September and 29th December. Please speak to Christine or Paul if you can help.

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## Today's Readings

### Isaiah 55: 1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup> See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. <sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. <sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

### Luke 13; 1-9

13 At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? <sup>3</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." <sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup> So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' <sup>8</sup> He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"