

**FIRST READING****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.  
 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
 and your labour for that which does not satisfy?  
 Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
 and delight yourselves in rich food.  
 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.  
 See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
 a leader and commander for the peoples.  
 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.  
 Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
 call upon him while he is near;  
 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.  
 For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
 nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.  
 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
 so are my ways higher than your ways  
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**Reader: This is the word of the Lord****All: Thanks be to God****THE GOSPEL READING****Luke 13: 1-9****All: Glory to Christ our Saviour**

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. 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? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

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. 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?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

**Reader: This is the Gospel of Christ****All: Praise to Christ our Lord****INTERCESSION*****Please continue to pray for all who are sick and in our hearts especially:***

Jackie Morley, Logan Matthews, Sheila Gilbert, Louise Osborne, Mark West, Peggy O'Neill, Dawn Tavener, Shirley Foster, Sue Vaness, Iris White, Chris McGrath, Gregory Thomas, Valerie Pratt, Cathy Cox, Alan Gaywood, Susan Gaywood, Betty Hunt, Jane Taylor

***Please pray for these church members at home:*** Gwen Wells, Joyce Dyson, Joan Hopkins, Chloe Attwell, Betty Horniblew, Eileen Pidgeon***We remember before God those who have died:***

Erica Swallow, Mary Johnson, Tony Foster, Gwen Lewis, Gwen Harris, Eileen Abrahams, Mabel Darbin, Joan Jackson, Wendy Butler, Peggy James, Mary Neasham, Cynthia Ward, Pamela Tillett, Doreen Crouch, Roy McArdy

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday Lent 3	28 <sup>th</sup> February	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 6.30pm	BCP Communion Parish Communion Parish Centre Service Youth Club Club night
Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup> March	10.15am	Buggy Group
Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	10.15am	Parish Centre Communion
Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	10.00am 8.00 pm	Coffee morning –Parish Centre PCC meeting
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am	Lent Group – Parish Centre
Sunday Mothering Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am 11.15am 6.30pm	Parish Communion Family service: In Church Youth Club

## NOTICES

**Church Coffee** during January, February and March 2016 will support the local Happy days out Childrens charity providing respite breaks, residential trips, days out, and theatre trips for some of the most vulnerable children

**March Dates** – 6<sup>th</sup> – Mothering Sunday – 12<sup>th</sup> – Crafty Church – 17<sup>th</sup> – ACPM **Marie Currie Daffodil's** will be on sale in the cross aisle during March

**Easter Flowers 27 March** – If you could do an arrangement to decorate the church for Easter please sign up on the list in the cross aisle or see Brenda.

**Vicar** – Steve Wood 01525 876197 Mob 07704922984 (Day off Monday)  
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Welcome to St Margaret's Church, Streatley

**Lent 3**  
**Leader Teresa Dales**

**28<sup>th</sup> February 2016**  
**Preacher Teresa Dales**

We extend a very warm welcome to all visitors and those new to the Church. Please make yourselves known to the vicar Steve Wood, reader Teresa Dales or our Churchwardens John Weedon and John Farrent. After the service we serve coffee and we invite you to join us. We welcome all ages and for the very young there is also a children's area.

 There is a loop system and large print hymn books are available from the sidesmen.

You are all invited to come to the altar at the time of the Communion. Members of other churches who would receive at their own church are welcome to take the bread and wine with us. If you do not receive communion, please come up to receive a blessing keeping your hands down. If you would like communion brought to you please tell one of the sidesmen.

**Hymns Old and New 227 – 117 – 188 – 33 - 55**

## COLLECT

**Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy  
but first he suffered pain  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
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**