

NOTICES

Welcome to **Rosalind Louise Sabisky!** Born just after midnight on Saturday March 7th.

Today at St John's: 12.30pm **APCM** and brief pcc.

Mondays at St John's: 8.30am Morning Prayer, cleaning, 10.30am Mass, and 11am coffee.

Wednesday at St Laurence: 9-9.30am Bible Study, 9.30am-12.30pm Welcome Space in church, and tidying the churchyard outside.

Do join the **Lent Course** on *Friday evenings* 7.30pm in Lent (13 and 27 March) at 66 Norreys.

Next Sunday, Mothering Sunday, all are warmly invited to **Evensong** followed by refreshments at St Laurence for 4pm. Want to join our **pop-up choir** for the occasion? Chat to Fr Thomas.

At the Westgate Library 12-30 March: **exhibition** on South Oxford soldiers who died in WWII.

The PCC is looking to appoint **sidespersons** at St John's for Sundays to help with welcome, fire safety, and counting the collection. Subject to references and interview. Please talk to Fr Thomas or Church Wardens if willing to help.

For the diary (do pick up Holy Week flyers!):

-**Pop-up Cafe** on 18 March from 11.30am-2pm.

-**Catechism** on 21 March 4pm at the Vicarage,

-followed by the **veiling** of St John's at 5pm.

-**Easter school assembly** Wed 25th 2.30pm.

-**Messy Church** Sat 28 March 11am-1pm

-**Chrism Mass** in Lichfield on Monday 30th.

-**Tenebrae** at St Laurence, 8pm on Tuesday 31/3

-St John's **Easter cleaning:** Sat 4th April 9am-12.

-St Laurence **Easter cleaning:** 10am-12 on 4/4.

Want to join the **choir** for any of the St John's **Triduum** (2-5 April)? More info: Fr Thomas.

Easter flowers? Chat to Miriam please.

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THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S:

-Mon-Sat 8.30am Morning Prayer

-Mon 10.30am Low Mass

-Wed 7pm Low Mass

-Sunday 10.45am Solemn Mass

NEXT SERVICES AT ST LAURENCE:

-Sun 15 March - 9.15am Holy Communion

-Sunday 15 March - 4pm Evensong

-Sunday 22 March - 9.15am Holy Communion



Donations:

In the offering plate, card machine, or by BACS:

Name: PCC of South with
New Hinksey
Sort code: 52-21-31
Account nr: 1665 8450

(We warmly encourage regular giving. Do discuss options with the Treasurer, including the Parish Giving Scheme: treasurer@hinkseychurch.org.)

or by scanning this QR code:



A very warm welcome to Church!



The Third Sunday in Lent

8 March 2026 AD



The Israelites Passing through the Wilderness, Preceded by the Pillar of Light (detail), William West, 1845

*Therefore be imitators of God,
as beloved children [...]
At one time you were darkness,
but now you are light in the Lord.
Walk as children of light.*

Ephesians 5:1, 8

Today Fr Thomas Fink-Jensen is the Celebrant and preacher.
The Sunday School will meet in the Lady Chapel.

Processional Hymn: 374

The Collects: We beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Epistle: Ephesians 5:1-14

A reading from the epistle of St Paul to the Ephesians.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

Therefore do not become partners with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore it says,
“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn: 507, v. 3

The Gospel: Luke 11:14-28

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**
Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marvelled. But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons”, while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven.

But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armour in which he trusted and divides his spoil. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

“When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest,

and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.”

As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!” But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Offertory hymn: 445

Communion hymn: 376

Post Communion Prayer: Lord, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Recessional hymn: 434

This Week’s Daily Bible Readings

The Week of Lent III – March 9 to 14

	<i>Morning Prayer</i>		<i>Evening Prayer</i>	
<i>Mon</i>	Exodus 12:37-end	John 4:27-end	Exodus 13:1-16	Ephesians 3
<i>Tue</i>	Exodus 13:17-14:14	John 5:1-23	Exodus 14:15-end	Ephesians 4:1-16
<i>Wed</i>	Exodus 15:1-26	John 5:24-end	Exodus 15:27-16:35	Ephesians 4:17-30
<i>Thu</i>	Exodus 17	John 6:1-21	Exodus 18	Ephesians 4:31-5:21
<i>Fri</i>	Exodus 19	John 6:22-40	Exodus 20:1-21	Ephesians 5:22-6:9
<i>Sat</i>	Exodus 22:20-23:17	John 6:41-end	Exodus 23:18-end	Ephesians 6:10-end