

28th February 2021 2nd Sunday of Lent

St Michael & All Angels Felton, Northumberland

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A Lenten song to help us enter into God's presence

O how high would I climb mountains
If the mountains were where You hide
O how far I'd scale the valleys
If You graced the other side
O how long have I chased rivers
From lowly seas to where they rise
Against the rush of grace descending
From the source of its supply
'Cause in the highlands and the heartache
You're neither more or less inclined
I would search and stop at nothing
You're just not that hard to find

Outrageous women - Monday evening 7:45pm to 9pm
Join the growing group as they look at what it might mean to be spiritually fit
Zoom details: Meeting ID: 993 0165 4124 Passcode: 7BfHHb
More information contact Eileen on 07802 267263 or email eileen@actonhouseuk.com

Zoom-errang....

To support our children and families in the best way possible we are running a 30 minute activity based session each Sunday from 4.30pm - 5.00pm on zoom. All families are welcome!

Use this link - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81570988710?pwd=SIF6SIZ3NE1tZXV5S0E4OWRjWnE5UT09
or use the following details: ID - 815 7098 8710. Passcode - 217029

Helen and Thomas Robson would like to share some news with their friends and church family - it has been hard decision for us but as some of you are aware we have decided it's time for us to move, to be nearer bus routes & shops, so we will be leaving Old Swarland on Friday 26th February and moving to Pegswood where our new journey begins. We have so much to be thankful for at St Michael's - we have also made some wonderful friends who we will miss and also we will miss coming to church on Sunday mornings but as were only down the road we will be back from time to time once lockdown is over.

Love & Blessing to all at St Michael's. From Helen & Thomas

Lent course - each Tuesday 23rd February 7.45pm on zoom.

As is usual in Lent, we plan to come together as a church to chat, share, learn and pray.

Yes, it will be different on Zoom but we're getting used to this by now. Over 5 weeks, we'll be using the videos, readings, interviews and chat from the Prayer Course II -all about Unanswered Prayer by Pete Greig and 24/7 Prayer. Each Tuesday we'll start at 7.45pm with for coffee and chat ready to start our discussions at 8pm.

The details are Meeting ID - 838 3601 9615 Passcode - 857708. Ruth Harvey and Liz Rowark will be running the evenings and will be conscious of those who would prefer to just listen, those who don't want to have their camera on and making sure we have smaller groups to chat in. Let's join together our Lent journey.

Any queries or for the link emailed to you - ruth.harvey@live.com

Vicar's details: Rev. James Harvey: 01670 787263 james.harvey@live.com

COLLECT

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

Genesis 17: 1-7

17 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him,
'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ² And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' ³ Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him,
⁴ 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations.
⁵ No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

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¹⁵ God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.
¹⁶ I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Romans 4:13-end

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.
¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.
¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.'

Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

M & M's cafe - (after service 'zoom coffee') - each Sunday 12.00pm - 12.30pm

Think coffee after the service and this is what we do - except you provide the coffee!

A chance to get to check in with others, get to know people and support each other.

Use this link - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89425842277?pwd=ekYyRDMxODQrMW9vZnlmNWo0Z3gzZz09
or put www.zoom.us into Google and then click 'Join a Meeting' where you can put in the ID and passcode.

Meeting ID: 894 2584 2277 Passcode: 351233 Or access via our websites.

POST COMMUNION:

Almighty God,

you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen