

Parish Press

Sunday March 1, 2026

Second Sunday in Lent

Sentence

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. John 3.16

Prayer of the Day

God of mercy,
you are full of tenderness and compassion,
slow to anger, rich in mercy,
and always ready to forgive:
grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ,
that in every way we may prove to be your loving children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings

Genesis 12.1-4a	Page (OT) 7
Psalms 121	Page (OT) 443
Romans 4.1-5 (6-12) 13-17	Page 118
John 3.1-17	Page 71

Today's services are

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Family Communion Service followed by morning tea

5pm Evensong

This week we pray for all who live in Kinloch Avenue, Mont Albert

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."
(John 16.33)

Mark's Reflection

Psalm 121 is one of the “Songs of Ascents” — pilgrim songs sung by God’s people as they journeyed up to Jerusalem for worship. It is a travelling psalm, a walking psalm, a trusting psalm.

It begins with a question:

“I lift up my eyes to the hills — from where will my help come?”

For the pilgrim, the hills were both hopeful and uncertain. Jerusalem lay ahead — the place of God’s presence — but so did danger and the unknown. The question is honest and deeply human:

Where does my help come from?

The answer is clear and confident:

“My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”

Our help does not come from our own strength, or success, or security. It comes from the Lord — the Creator of all things, the faithful covenant God.

The psalm repeats a beautiful word again and again: keep.

“The Lord will keep you... The Lord is your keeper...”

Unlike the imagined gods of the ancient world, the Lord “neither slumbers nor sleeps.” God’s care is constant. He is not distracted. He does not grow weary. He does not forget his people.

We are also told:

“The Lord is your shade at your right hand.”

In a hot climate, shade means protection and relief. To be at someone’s right hand means to be close. This is not a distant God, but One who stands beside us — in ordinary days and difficult seasons alike.

The psalm concludes with a promise for daily life:

“The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.”

God’s care is not limited to Sunday worship. It extends into every part of our week — our work, our family life, our service, our rest. He watches over our “going out” and our “coming in.”

As we live and serve in our local community, Psalm 121 invites us to lift our eyes in trust. Whatever lies ahead, we walk under the faithful care of the Lord.

Our help comes from the Lord.

God bless. Mark

Lent Studies

This year we have two options for people to join us for our Lent Study, as we look together at 'Walking in the Way of Love'.

Option 1 - following our Wednesday morning services.

Option 2 - Garry and Maureen Ireland have kindly offered to host us on a Tuesday evening starting at 7.30 pm. Please let me know if you would like to join us at the Irelands. Looking forward to seeing you at one of our studies

Thank you

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Music Festival yesterday!

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group is back for 2026 with a bang on the 15th of March! The theme of the night is 'Let's Get Creative'. Join us for a great night of games and creativity!

Working Bee - Thursday March 26, at 11 am

Can you spare an hour or two to help us clean the church? Easter is often a time for newcomers or irregular churchgoers to come to Holy Trinity. So help us show off our beautiful church with a good cleaning.

Food for Asylum Seekers

At Holy Trinity, we are collecting food for the Migrant Resource Centre in partnership with the Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre. So this Lent, instead of giving up something, why not show an act of care and compassion and donate each week to our food collection?

Every bit helps, and our generosity reflects our faith and trust in Jesus

Parish Prayer List

Helen Burston, Stephen Binns, Thelma Fiddymont, Bruce Knox, Helen Morris, John and Sally James, Edith Jenkins, Ann Constable, Gwen Jackson, Verna Hubert, Paul Carver, Bruce Murray, Mark.

We remember

We give you thanks for your servants in every age. Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of your kingdom. Mary Cochrane, Lillian Pringle, Keith Goodes, Peter Crozier, Wilhelmina Soderstrom.

This Week at Holy Trinity

Wednesday

10am Service of
Thanksgiving and healing
followed by morning tea

Thursday

10am Parish Prayer Service
7-10pm Choir Practice

Sunday

8am Holy Communion
9.30am Sung Holy
Communion followed by
morning tea

Readings this week

Monday Luke 6.36-38
Tuesday Matthew 23.1-12
Wednesday Matthew 20.17-28
Thursday Luke 16.19-31
Friday Matthew 21.33-46
Saturday Luke 15.1-3, 11-32
Sunday

Exodus 17.1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5.1-11

John 4.5-42

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