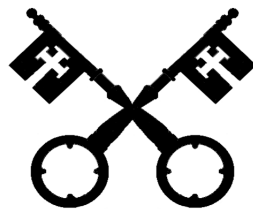




The Parish Church of
**ST PETER,
ARKLEY**



Part of the
Chipping Barnet Team Ministry

St John the Baptist, Chipping Barnet; St Peter, Arkley; St Stephen, Bells Hill; St Mark, Barnet Vale

SUNDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2024
SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

A warm welcome to everyone worshipping at St Peter's Church



Today's Service

10.30am Parish Eucharist,
followed by refreshments
Officiant: Revd Cindy Kent, MBE



Ash Wednesday 14th February

No service at St Peter's

11am Service of Penitence with imposition of Ashes
at St Stephen's, Bells Hill

7.30pm Sung Eucharist with ashing *at St John the Baptist*

Next Sunday 18th February FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

10.30am Family Eucharist

Readings: Genesis 9.8–17 1 Peter 3.18–22 Mark 1.9–15

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING 2 KINGS 2: 1-12

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

PSALM 50: 1-6 *(to be read by the Celebrant)*

**Response ~ Let the heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge;**

The Lord, the most mighty God, has spoken
and called the world from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth;
our God comes and will not keep silence. **R**

Consuming fire goes out before him and a mighty tempest stirs about him.
He calls the heaven above,
and the earth, that he may judge his people:
'Gather to me my faithful, who have sealed my covenant with sacrifice.' **R**

SECOND READING

2 CORINTHIANS 4: 3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL

MARK 9: 2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

International Prayers: The Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

Notices

"The Arkley Church & Community News" for February to mid March has been published online at stpetersarkley.com/arkley-magazine .
Printed copies will be delivered to homes in the village.

Lent 2024. Please find on our FB page: chippingbarnetparish Lent services and Study groups across the Parish.

Parish Team Magazine February-March 2024 edition is available for collection in the Church. Full colour version is available on the SJB website.

Invitation to everybody to a talk about Swifts followed by tea, coffee & cake on **Saturday, 2nd March**, at 3pm in *St. Mark's Hall, Woodville Road*. Entrance £2.50 *in aid of The Children's Society*.



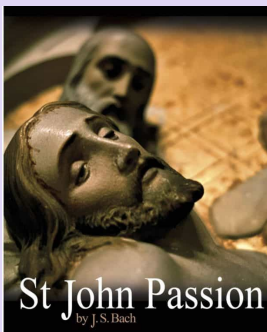
MUSIC AT ST PETER'S, ARKLEY:

"Mozart in 1778"

two sonatas for piano and violin on Friday

23rd February at 11am.

A free Lunchtime concert, followed by a soup lunch.



On Palm Sunday
24th March at 5.30pm,
St John the Baptist Church, Barnet
is honoured to be hosting a
performance of
J.S. Bach's masterpiece,
ST JOHN PASSION



Four choirs with International soloists & professional orchestra,
conducted by Jonathan Gregory.

Tickets are available: from the vergers at the SJB Church (cash) or online on
www.ticketsource.co.uk.