

## Grouville Church

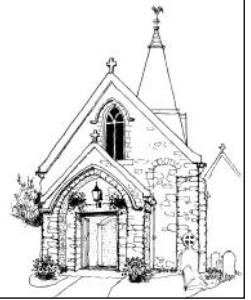
people of God who long to

*Welcome everyone*

*Grow together and*

*Serve the community.*

*Join us on the journey!*



18 February 2018

1st Sunday of Lent

### **Services Today**

8.30 Holy Communion (p207)

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| Leader    | Eira Wykes                             |
| Celebrant | Mike Lange-Smith                       |
| Preacher  | Mike Lange-Smith                       |
| Server    | Eira Wykes                             |
| Readers   | Jemma Jelley, John Wadman              |
| Prayers   | Eira Wykes                             |
| Welcomers | Eira Wykes<br>Ian Bravery, John Wadman |

### **The Collect**

Heavenly Father,  
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
and grew closer to you in the desert:  
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom  
and prayer  
that we may witness to your saving love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

9.30 Messy Sunday

**Grouville Church welcomes you  
very warmly to Messy Sunday!**



### **This week**

|           |         |                        |
|-----------|---------|------------------------|
| Wednesday | 10.00am | Holy Communion         |
|           | 10.45am | Lent discussion group  |
| Thursday  | 10.30am | Funeral of Shep Mallet |
| Saturday  | 12.00pm | Lent lunch             |

### **Services next Sunday**

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| 8.30am  | Holy Communion                       |
| 9.30am  | Holy Communion at St Peter La Rocque |
| 10.30am | Holy Communion                       |

### **Other Events**

#### **Cause of the Quarter**

#### **Family Nursing & Home Care**

**You Matter** (the new name for "Love Matters")

**Open Doors** (supporting the persecuted church)

#### **The Brooke Hospital for Animals**

Information on these four will be provided as the year goes by, along with any updates about their activities. Please consider giving to these causes in addition to your regular Church giving and complete a tax reclaim form for any donation larger than £50.

### **Pray for.....**

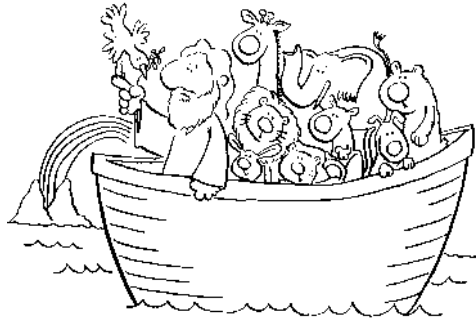
- ◇ Val Wood, after having surgery on her hip.
- ◇ Jill Le Maistre, Helen Oppenheimer, Jane Le Cocq, Berna Fontaine, John Hobbs and Denise Ibbotson.
- ◇ Suzy Vivian, settling in as Church Administrator.
- ◇ The establishment of a Toddlers Group.
- ◇ Margaret Mallet and her family in their bereavement after the death of Shep.
- ◇ The work of Open Doors (one of our chosen charities for this year)
- ◇ All persecuted Christians.

### **Cinnamon Faith Action Audit**

We understand that all the churches and faith groups in Jersey (74 of them) are taking part in this audit and have received their questionnaires. When analysed by the Cinnamon Network they will reveal just how much is being done, for the benefit of our communities, by people from these churches. We have been given this prayer to use during the month of February, please.

*Heavenly Father, we pray for the Faith Action Audit and especially for those groups taking part in it and completing their questionnaires during this month. Thank you for the opportunity it offers to evaluate the breadth and depth of social action via faith groups in our communities. We pray that the audit would run*

## ***Readings for first Sunday of Lent***



### **Genesis 9.8-17** (page 10)

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you – the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you – every living creature on earth. I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be cut off by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth."

And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."

So God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth."

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **1 Peter 3.18-22** (page 1219)

Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolises baptism that now saves you also – not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience towards God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand – with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **Mark 1.9-15** (page 1002)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven:

"You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

At once the Spirit sent him out into the desert, and he was in the desert for forty days, being tempted by Satan.

He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"



This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**