

**Next Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Sunday before Lent**

8.30am Holy Eucharist at St Basil's ~ EK  
9.25am *Choir Rehearsal at St Basil's*  
9.30am Family Eucharist at St Anne's ~ HP  
10.00am Family Eucharist at St Basil's ~ EK  
10.45am Family Eucharist at St John's ~ HP  
11.30am Time For God

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

**Anniversaries:**

**St Basil's**, Doris Steele, Cyril Knowles Smith, Elsie Morris, Nell Counsel, Winifred Skuse, Bryn Williams, Kay Coslett, Phil Lloyd, Maelgwyn Jones, John Powell, Violet Hopkins, Geoffrey Edmonds, Kay Coslett,

**St John's**, Margaret Thomas, Margaret Nicholas, Bernard Beddow, Charles Howe, Sophie Hopkins, Doris Smith, Olga Goodwin, Gladys Griffin, Douglas Brookes,

**St Anne's**, Winifred Dawes, Fred Goodwin, Bob Deer,

**Annual reports** could all group leaders send their reports for 2017 to vicchris78@sky.com by the last Sunday in February (25<sup>th</sup>)

**Ash Wednesday** – 14<sup>th</sup> February. Services at St. John's 10am. St Basil's 11am and 7.30pm

**St Basil's Committee** - 12<sup>th</sup> February 8pm

**Safeguarding Training** The Church in Wales requires anyone who works with children or vulnerable adults to attend a safeguarding course. We have arranged for a course to be held in the Parish on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 6.30 – 9.30pm. Please let Helen Carey or Chris know if you can attend. PCC members are encouraged to attend.  
**Please make this a priority.**

**St Basil St John the Baptist St Anne**

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**11<sup>th</sup> February – Sunday before Lent**

8.30am Holy Eucharist at St Basil's ~ EK  
9.25am *Choir Rehearsal at St Basil's*  
9.30am Holy Eucharist at St Anne's ~ HP  
10.00am Holy Eucharist at St Basil's ~ EK  
10.45am Holy Eucharist at St John's ~ CS  
11.30am Time For God



***what's on this week***

<b>Monday</b>	18.30 Diary Night 19.30 Holy Eucharist at St Basil's – CS
<b>Tuesday</b>	10.00 Holy Eucharist at St. John's - EK 14.00 St. John's Mothers Union AGM and Eucharist
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00 Ash Wednesday Eucharist at St. John's - EK 11.00 Ash Wednesday Eucharist at St. Basil's - HP 19.30 Ash Wednesday sung Eucharist at St. Basil's - CS
<b>Thursday</b>	10.00 Holy Eucharist at St. Anne's - EK 10.30 Community Coffee at St Basil's Hall 15.15 Coffee and Gaming at St Basil's Hall
<b>Friday</b>	8.00 Holy Eucharist at St. Basil's - CS

## THE SUNDAY BEFORE LENT – 11<sup>th</sup> February

### **The Collect**

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. **Amen.**

### **The First Reading**

**2 Kings 2:1–12 (REB)**

A reading from the second book of Kings.

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha had set out from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Bethel." Elisha replied, "As the LORD lives, your life upon it, I shall not leave you." They went down country to Bethel, and there a company of prophets came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your lord and master from you today?" "I do know," he replied; "say nothing." Elijah said to him, "Stay here Elisha; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." He replied, "As the LORD lives, your life upon it, I shall not leave you." So they went to Jericho, and there a company of prophets came up to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your lord and master from you today?" "I do know," he replied; "say nothing." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." The other replied, "As the LORD lives, your life upon it, I shall not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty of the prophets followed, and stood watching from a distance as the two of them stopped by the Jordan. Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up, and struck the water with it. The water divided to right and left, and both crossed over on dry ground. While they were crossing, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I can do for you before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Let me inherit a double share of your spirit." "You have asked a hard thing," said Elijah. "If you see me taken from you, your wish will be granted; if you do not, it will not be granted." They went on, talking as they went, and suddenly there appeared a chariot of fire and horses of fire, which separated them from one another, and Elijah was carried up to heaven in a whirlwind. At the sight Elisha cried out, "My father, my father, the chariot and horseman of Israel!" and he saw him no more.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalm**

**50:1-6**

Call upon the Lord and he will hear you.

**Response: Call upon the Lord and he will hear you.**

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. **Response**

Consuming fire goes / out be/fore him:  
and a mighty tempest / stirs a/bout him.

He calls the hea/ven a/bove:

and the earth, that he may / judge his / people: **Response**

"Gather to / me my / faithful:

who have sealed my cove/nant with / sacrifice."

Let the heavens de/clare his / righteousness:

for God him/self is / judge. **Response**

### **The Second Reading**

**2 Corinthians 4:3–6 (CEV)**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

If there is anything hidden about our message, it is hidden only to someone who is lost. The god who rules this world has blinded the minds of unbelievers. They cannot see the light, which is the good news about our glorious Christ, who shows what God is like. We are not preaching about ourselves. Our message is that Jesus Christ is Lord. He also sent us to be your servants. The Scriptures say, "God commanded light to shine in the dark." Now God is shining in our hearts to let you know that his glory is seen in Jesus Christ.

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### **The Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia! **Alleluia!** Speak, Lord, for your ser/vant is / listening.

You have the words of e/ternal / life. **Alleluia!**

### **The Gospel Reading**

**Mark 9:2–9 (TNIV)**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters — one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**